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Dear Parents and Carers,

Greetings from a very quiet school this week—many of our older children are away on their residential trip, and while their absence is certainly felt, we're thrilled they set off with such enthusiasm! Residentials offer fantastic opportunities to build independence, teamwork, and lifelong memories, and we can't wait to hear all about their adventures when they return.

This week, I've had the pleasure of spending time with our younger children. I popped into Pre-School earlier in the week and ended up reading poetry and exploring Where's Wally—a moment filled with curiosity, laughter, and brilliant conversation.

In Triscombe Class, our brand new furniture and resources are almost now in place, and it's been so lovely to see the children showing such respect and care for these beautiful new additions. The indoor and outdoor classroom is full of energy, learning, and exciting things to explore—every corner invites discovery and engagement.

And a final bit of personal excitement from me: our brand new construction shed for Triscombe has arrived, and I must admit, I can't wait to have a go myself! It's another brilliant resource that will support creative, hands-on learning for our pupils.

Wishing you all the very best for the week ahead.

Warm Regards

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### **Beacon and Alfoxton**

Whilst Alfoxton and Beacon have been away on their residential, we had lots of fun in school. We helped with the school production by making masks and stage props on Wednesday.

On Thursday we impressed Miss Day with our incredible sewing skills when we made teddy bears and clothing for our teddy bears whilst others impressed Miss Day with their sculpting skills as some of us chose to develop our artistic skills with clay.

On Friday, Mrs Prowse kindly brought in some card making materials so we could make Fathers' Day cards. We also baked some cakes, iced them and stuck sweets on top - yummy! Mr T did a really fun PE lesson with us too!

Throughout the week, we were joined by our teddies from home - some better behaved than others!





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'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge.'



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### **Triscombe**

This week has been a fantastic one, filled with exciting learning opportunities and impressive achievements across the class. One of the highlights has been retelling the story *Lila and the Secret of Rain*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed diving into the narrative, exploring the emotions of the characters, and thinking about the importance of rain in different parts of the world. As part of our literacy focus, we have also been working on prosody in reading—practising reading aloud with expression, rhythm, and intonation to bring stories like Lila's to life.

In Mathematics, Year 2 pupils have been working hard to learn their times tables. Their focus and determination have been excellent, and it's been lovely to see their confidence grow as they start to recall multiplication facts more fluently. Meanwhile, our Year 1s completed their phonics screening test this week. I was incredibly impressed with their resilience and determination—each child approached the challenge with a positive attitude and gave it their best effort.

Our foundation subjects have also been full of hands-on, engaging activities. In our topic on weather, we've been learning how to observe and measure different weather conditions. The children made their own wind vanes and rain gauges, which sparked lots of curiosity and conversation. We also took learning outdoors for a den-building activity, where the children worked together to build shelters and use maps. This was a wonderful opportunity for teamwork and for developing their map-reading skills in a fun and practical way.



#### **Preschool**

This week at preschool we have started our new topic for the rest of the term - 'The weather'. We talked about our favourite type of weather with some of the children saying they like the snow, so they can build a snowman and kick it down and others, liking it cloudy, so they can see a rainbow. We have made some suncatchers and have watched a daily weather forecast to see what weather each day will bring!

On Monday afternoon, Ashley and the children joined Adventurers where they made some delicious cottage cheese bagels. On Tuesday afternoon, Ashley took them into the hall, where they had to pair up their shoes, which had been taken and hidden around the hall by a 'shoe eating monster!' Wednesday afternoon the children joined the rest of the school to listen to Rev Alison talking about Pentecost and Thursday morning, we had a visit from the Big Brush Co-Ordinator for our Quality Assurance Assessment. Sarah the co-ordinator was very impressed with how engaged the children were when brushing their teeth and how well they followed hygiene guidance, and we passed with flying colours! The children were each given a sticker and a colouring sheet from Sarah, which they were very happy to receive!

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**Preschool Pictures** 



### Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



Beacon

#### Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



#### Important Dates

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Reception 26/27 Parents Meeting at 3.45pm Parents Meeting at 4.00pm Last swimming Sports Day 9.00am-12.00pm Move Up Morning Sports Day (Back up-weather dependant) School Production at 2.00pm Village Hall School Production at 6.00pm Village Hall Leavers Service at the Church at 2.00pm Last day of Term First Day Back

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