

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that already we are on the last day of January already? We have started to see some signs of Spring, and already the days are getting longer.

What's been happening in and around school?

Wessex Archaeology

We had the pleasure of having Wessex Archaeology in again!

Our Year 1 and 2 children explored artefacts and learned about chronology from the 1800s to now. They really enjoyed getting hands-on with historical items, sparking their curiosity and wonder about the past.

The Year 3 and 4 classes had a blast delving into the Stone Age to Iron Age. They even dug through mud to find their own artefacts. Plus, they ventured into a virtual reality Stone Age house, which was a brilliant way to explore history.

Year 5 and 6 took a journey into the Roman era. They had a chance to use virtual reality to explore a Roman house and ground their own flour with traditional tools used by the Romans.

Lacie – I really loved the VR. It was the best!

Holly – I liked using wax to write.

Isla – I liked seeing the daggers!

Archie – I thought Sam gave us a real treat with all the cool artefacts.



Gym Festival at Danebury School

Some children from Beech and Willow went to Danebury School and took part in a gymnastics festival run by Personal Best Education. Both teams had a great time, trying new activities and learning different skills. Well done everyone.

Ros and Ann's Leaving party and celebration assembly.

We had a lovely celebration with old friends, family and the current pupils and parents. Ros and Ann have asked me to put this message in the newsletter.

"We would both like to thank all the staff, children, PTA, governors and parents for all the work put into our wonderful tea party and assembly. It was very special for us both. The amazing children singing songs was brilliant, and they were all so confident, and the words were so appropriate for the occasion, which was very clever.

Also thank you to everyone that gave us gifts, plants, flowers, cards, and vouchers. It was very much appreciated, thank you for all your kindness to us both.

We will miss each and every one of you from the school. We will be very sad to say goodbye to you, as it's been years of pleasure for us preparing the lunches for the children."

With Kind regards from Ros and Ann xxx (School Kitchen).

We are sending all our love and best wishes back to them for a happy future in their new ventures and free- time.

Thank You Twinkle Toes.

Our parent and toddler group gave each class some money at the end of last term- here's what they bought with the money ..

Beech Class would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for Twinkle Toes' generous donation of money. Their support has enabled Beech class to acquire new Brio construction building pieces, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed using. They have displayed remarkable creativity by constructing various vehicles and robots, showcasing their imaginative skills.

The possibilities for play and learning are indeed endless with these new resources, fostering both collaboration and problem-solving among the students. Twinkle Toes' contribution has made a significant difference in our classroom, and we truly appreciate their kindness and generosity.

Chestnut Class are putting the money towards Maths resources for independent exploration of maths in the outdoor area. This will allow them to have more resources when applying their mathematical knowledge.

Willow Class have used / will use the Twinkle Toes money to:

Make puff pastries back in Autumn 2 which aligned with our Art/DT topic.

Make stone age tools using materials and outdoor resources to help re-enact the time of the stone age.

Oak Class have used the Twinkle Toe money to increase the number of Guided Reading texts in the class. With more copies of Beetle Boy, all children can have eyes on the text, making it easier for them to follow the story and complete tasks using the text to help justify answers.



What's coming up....

Children's mental health week and wear your SCARF day

Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February

We are excited that this is a week where we explore strategies to support our mental well-being. The following is a snapshot of what will be going on.



This year's Wear Your SCARF Day will be taking place on Friday 7th February 2025, during Children's Mental Health Week (3-9 February 2025). We're inviting everyone to wear a scarf on this day as a symbol of support for children's mental wellbeing, while celebrating the values of SCARF - Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. We will be providing activities relating to the theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week - 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and will use our well-being wheel to support these activities within school.

Day	Segment of the wheel	SCARF mental health activities:
Mindful Monday	Mindful Moment	Breathing techniques Yoga Mindful colouring Relaxation music Lying down and breathing
Try it out Tuesday	Create/ Learn something	Set goals for your self Learn a new breathing technique or meditation with your class Follow an origami challenge on you tube – help a friend complete the origami.
Work out Wednesday	Be Active	Mood boost - https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cj5plneqr71t Set up an obstacle course Race down the field Speed walk 10 minute Dance disco – free dance fun
Thinking of others Thursday	Connect with others	Shared reading with another class Board games Connect with nature – bug hunt – bird watching Plan to do something with family – cook together etc
Friendship Friday	kindness – wear your SCARF	Kindness book marks Kindness rocks around school Secret notes of kindness – pulling names from a hat Kindness class story

Candlemas Celebrations- St Paters Church 2pm Friday 7th February

Next week's celebration assembly will form part of our Candlemas celebration at St Peters Church. Please join us for songs, reflections and prayers to end the week.

Inset Days

Please don't forget that we have 2 INSET days coming up- Friday 14th February and Monday 24th February.

World Book Day

Please look out for a letter about our plans to celebrate this event, which will be e-mailed and in paper copy before half-term

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bag2School event. We collected a total of 57 bags.

Oak - 20

Willow - 12

Chestnut - 7

Beech - 10

Unmarked - 8

So the winners for the non-school uniform day were Oak.

The total raised £45.80



End of Half- Term celebration assembly- Thursday 13th February 10.30am

At this assembly we will be celebrating the half-terms achievements, including the awarding of the Thorngate and Bentley cups. If your child received this at the end of last term, please can you make sure that they are returned to school next week.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Awards

We are celebrating the achievements of the following children

Friday 24th January 2025

Beech	Memphis	for exceptional teamwork, creativity, and the unwavering courage to persist despite challenges
Chestnut	Holly	for showing kindness and compassion with her peers at the gymnastics festival
Willow	Zac	for writing beautifully in English, using a variety of fronted adverbials, conjunctions and adjectives to describe his amazing ideas.
Oak	Alex	for fantastic perseverance when practicing tumbling in cheerleading

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Beech	Thomas	For your fabulous writing this week. Well for using your sounds
Chestnut	Fraser	For your independent Maths, working hard to estimate, measure and compare different objects
Willow	Sienna	For showing dedication in her work and displaying her knowledge successfully during lessons
Oak	Isla	For working hard in both in class and with Mrs Payne to develop her reading skills

Last weeks merits

Singer = 71

Budden = 71

Pragnell = 69



This weeks winners are: **Budden and Singer**

The individual merit winners are:

Arthur, Fraser, Robyn and Isla

Well done everyone!

This weeks merits

Singer = 128

Budden = 158

Pragnell = 66



This weeks winners are: **Budden**

The individual merit winners are:

Poppy, Alex, Sienna and Henry

Well done everyone!

Thought for the Week

This week we thought about Justice (and Injustice) – what is fair and what is not. We can pray: Lord God, whose son Jesus taught us to love one another, help us to care about people and help them. Help us also to know what the truth is and to be ready to speak it at all times. Amen

Vicar James

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17TH - 21ST FEB

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Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd Feb 2025
0930-1130, 1200-1400, 1430-1630

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Half term fun ~ 17th - 21 Feb

Join us in the Museum over the February half term for fun code cracking and secret agent themed crafts

from 10.00 to 12.30 each week day

Coded themed trail available from the 10th Feb

18th Feb
Jigsaw
Journey

19th Feb
Wessex
Archaeology
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20th Feb
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15th
and 20th Feb
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years**

17TH FEBRUARY - 21ST FEBRUARY

WHERE?

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Kimpton (SP11 8NT)

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	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£27.00	£121.50
Extended Club (15:00 - 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00

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SCAN ME



06/01/2025	Start of Spring Term		8.45a.m. – 3.15pm
07/02/2025	Wear your SCARF Day	Whole School	More information to follow
07/02/2025	Candlemas	Whole School	2pm at St Peter's Church
13/02/2025	Half-term celebration assembly	Whole School	10.30am
14/02/2025	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils
17/02/2025 – 21/02/2025	Half-term holiday	Whole School	School Closed to pupils
24/02/2025	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed to pupils

25/02/2024	Start of Spring term 2		
28/02/2025	Oak Class Swimming	9.30 –10.15	Farleigh School
03/03/2025	Tag Rugby Competition	12 children from Yr.5/6	10am – 12pm at Wallop Primary School
06/03/2025	World Book Day	Whole School	
07/03/2025	Oak Class Swimming	9.30 –10.15	Farleigh School
10/03/2025	Year R (Beech) Parents Evening	Beech parents	4pm – 6.30pm
14/03/2025	Oak Class Swimming	9.30 –10.15	Farleigh School
18/03/2025	Cluster Netball Competition	10 children from Yr.5/6	4pm – 5.30pm at Danebury School
21/03/2025	Comic Relief	Whole school	More details to follow
21/03/2025	Oak Class Swimming	9.30 –10.15	Farleigh School
23/01/2025	Bag 2 School Fundraiser	All	See poster
26/03/2025	Outdoor Learning Festival	8 Children from Year 3	9.30am – 11.30am at West Tytherley Primary School
28/03/2025	Oak Class Swimming	9.30 –10.15	Farleigh School
31/03/2025	KS1 and KS2 Reports out to parents	Chestnut, Willow and Oak	
03/04/2025	Annual Egg Rolling Championship	Whole School	(pm)
04/04/2025	End of term celebration assembly	Whole school	10.30 am at St Peter's Church
04/04/2025	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Whole School	(pm)
07/04/2025 – 18/04/2025	Easter holidays		School closed to pupils
21/04/2025	Bank Holiday		School Closed to pupils

22/04/2025	Start of Summer Term		8.45a.m. – 3.15pm
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