



CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

16th October 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been an exceptionally busy and successful week in school, with lots of exciting things taking place. We are delighted to celebrate some fantastic sporting achievements, a very positive review from the Local Authority and, as always, the great learning that continues to take place in classrooms every day. It has been wonderful to see our children living their words of power in all that they do, making our school such a positive and thriving place to learn.

We had a fantastic Open Morning last Saturday, welcoming both familiar families and many new faces into our school. The school was buzzing with excitement as visitors explored our learning environment and experienced the warm, inclusive atmosphere that makes our school so special. Families were given guided tours of the classrooms, where a range of engaging activities were on display and they had the opportunity to speak with staff about the children's learning and school life. My sincere thanks go to all of our staff who generously gave up their weekend to showcase what an amazing school we are. A huge thank you must also go to our pupils who volunteered their time to support the event. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and spoke proudly about their experiences, helping to make the morning such a memorable success.

We were also delighted to welcome the new Reverend Robert Church into school this week. During his visit, he spent time speaking with staff and learning more about our school community. We look forward to working with him in the future and continuing to strengthen the valued partnership we share with the church. Together, we hope to build upon the strong relationship that already exists between our school and church community.

Our football team took on a match against Wylve Valley Primary School yesterday and did amazingly well. They represented the school with great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the game and we are all extremely proud of their efforts and achievements. It was wonderful to see the children showing such resilience and enthusiasm, both on and off the pitch. Please see a report from Mr Martin below, who was full of praise for the team and their performance.

Wylve Valley 0–5 Chilmark

On Thursday, the school football team travelled to Wylve Valley School for our first match of the school year. With a team made up of children from Year 3 all the way through to Year 6, everyone arrived full of excitement and ready to get started!

Chilmark started the game strongly, enjoying plenty of possession and creating lots of chances in the opening 10 minutes. However, some fantastic defending and goalkeeping from Wylve Valley kept the scores level at 0–0. Eventually, Chilmark's attacking pressure paid off, with Eric breaking the deadlock! Two more goals followed before half-time, both scored by Bruno, giving Chilmark a 3–0 lead at the break.

After making a few substitutions at half-time, Chilmark picked up right where they left off, with Eric adding his second goal of the game to make it 4–0. The score remained the same for much of the second half before Harry scored his first goal for the school team, rounding off a fantastic 5–0 victory!

I was incredibly proud of every single member of the team. The children showed brilliant teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout, representing the school fantastically well. A big thank you to

Wylly Valley for hosting us, and we look forward to welcoming them to Chilmark later in the year for the return fixture!

As we enter the final week of the term, we are looking forward to another busy and exciting week in school. Elm Class will be heading off on their trip to Longleat on Thursday, which promises to be a fantastic learning experience for the children. We also look forward to welcoming many of you to our Harvest Service on Friday as we come together to celebrate and give thanks.

Finally, I would like to share that our Friends of the School team are busy preparing for the Christmas Market, which will be held at the end of November. For the event to be a success, we are looking for more volunteers who can help with the organisation and planning in the lead-up to the day. We are always incredibly grateful for the many people who generously give their time to help on the day itself, which is fantastic. However, the Friends team would greatly appreciate some additional support during the planning stages. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to help organise this wonderful community event, please contact the school office. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Mrs Hale

Photos of the week





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Oak



Oak have really enjoyed sharing the story *The Squirrels Who Squabbled* this week. Reception children have particularly loved taking part in their Drawing Club activities inspired by the book, using their imaginations to explore the characters, settings and adventures.

Oracy remains a key focus within our classroom, and it has been wonderful to hear the children becoming increasingly confident when sharing their ideas, discussing their learning and listening carefully to others.

In English, Year 1 and Year 2 have continued their fiction unit, where they have been creating reports about an exciting alien invasion! The children have worked hard to include facts, organise their ideas and develop their writing skills. In Mathematics, both Year 1 and Year 2 have now completed their Place Value units. We have been incredibly impressed by the resilience and

determination they have shown as they begin their new Addition and Subtraction learning. The children have approached new challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

Meanwhile, Reception have been developing their in-depth understanding of the number 3. They have all been wonderfully supportive of Maths Monkey, helping him with his mathematical challenges and demonstrating great mathematical thinking along the way.

Sycamore



This week, pupils in Sycamore have written newspaper reports and used speech punctuation to include quotes. We researched the folklore behind *The Mousehole Cat* and discovered how locals still celebrate the brave fisherman. This will be our focus for next week's newspaper report – the children are experts now as they are encouraged to be analytical and critical of their writing. We are immersed in our class novel and pupils' predictions for the next chapters were dramatic. I wonder if they will be right?

In Maths, pupils have worked systematically with column addition and subtraction calculations and are increasingly confident. In Geography we contrasted our knowledge of land use in the local area with New Delhi in India and enjoyed Google Maps. In Science, we followed up on the homework task and continued to understand the importance of a balanced diet. We learnt how to express feelings in French. Our rehearsals for the Salisbury Cathedral concert are coming along very well and, now that tunes are familiar, the children are trying hard to learn the words without song sheets.



Elm

It has been another busy week in Elm Class as we approach the end of term and begin wrapping up some of our learning topics. In Science, the children have been working hard to build on their knowledge of living things in preparation for our exciting trip to Longleat. In Maths, we have moved on to short and long division, taking some of our learning outside to combine physical activities with multiplication and division challenges! In Writing, we have been exploring how authors create suspense, which has linked brilliantly with our class

book, *The Curse of the Maya*, as we reach a particularly exciting part of the story. The children have been hooked by the storyline and continue to discover more about the Maya along the way.

We have also been busy rehearsing for our class assembly on Tuesday, preparing resources and practising how we will share our learning with the rest of the school. As we approach the end of term, it has been lovely to see the children maintaining such positive attitudes and enthusiasm towards their learning. I am incredibly proud of their hard work!

Special Mentions

Phoebe - Faith

For showing wonderful confidence during our Open Day, proudly sharing her knowledge of everything we have been learning this term with prospective parents. It was lovely to hear her speak with such enthusiasm!

Alex - Resilience

For showing fantastic focus and determination throughout the week, using their knowledge of the Maya to produce a brilliant piece of descriptive information writing.

Juniper – Faith

Juniper has settled into Oak class incredibly well. Juniper has shown continued faith in her own abilities and she has also shown kindness and encouragement towards others by demonstrating her faith in their abilities and celebrating their successes.

Skylar – Resilience

Skylar has had a great growth mindset towards forming letters and writing for a purpose this week. She has been working hard to hold her pencil using her three friends and to start and finish her letters in the correct position.

Mira – Faith

For believing in herself and settling back into Sycamore Class so smoothly after a long period away from school. Mira has such a 'can do' attitude and is willing to accept help to be even better.

Max – Love

Max has shown a super effort in his learning and is enthusiastic to contribute answers, opinions and ideas in our discussions and quizzes. He asks the right questions to deepen his understanding and is willing to make corrections and improvements. A mature approach Max – well done!



Congratulations to those who joined me on the top table this week – Alex, Felix, Bruno, Elodie, Violet, Harry Frankie and Heidi

These children have been shining their lights all week and have been demonstrating our words of power.

Key Dates

Tuesday 20th October – Elm Class Assembly - 2.30 pm

Thursday 22nd October – Halloween Disco

Friday 23rd October – Harvest Assembly 11am in the church

Half Term – 26th - 30th October

Friday 6th November – Non-uniform (please bring a bottle for the stall at the Christmas market)

Thursday 12th November - Sycamore Class attending signing event in Salisbury Cathedral (parents will be able to attend – details to follow)

Tuesday 17th November – Flu immunisation



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Friday 20th November – Wear your pyjamas to school (£1 - Friends Donation for Christmas Market)

Friends' Movie Night

Saturday 28th November – Friends' Christmas Market

Tuesday 1st December – Whole school trip to pantomime at Salisbury Playhouse

Wednesday 2nd December – Sycamore Class Assembly – 2.30 pm

Thursday 3rd December – Wreathmaking in the hall – 6-8pm

Friday 18th December – Christmas service 11.00 am at the church

Break up for Christmas Holidays

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Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Back to School

Half Term – 15th – 19th February

Thursday 25th March – Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 12th April – Back to School

Half Term – 31st May – 4th June

Friday 16th July – Break up for summer holidays (INSET days – 19th, 20th & 21st July)

SAFEGUARDING - We take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Hale and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss Murphy. Our safeguarding governor is Caroline Marking. If you have any concerns about a child, please speak directly to either Mrs Hale or Miss Murphy email – safeguarding@chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.sch.uk . Or you can ring MASH on 0300 456 010



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5.30 PM – 6.30PM

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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