



10th July 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been another very warm week in school, and I would like to congratulate all of our children on the way they have managed the hot weather. They have shown great resilience, continued to work hard in their lessons and have taken sensible steps to stay safe and comfortable throughout the week.

As always, school life has been incredibly busy, with so many opportunities for our children to learn, achieve and grow. From successes in the classroom to sporting events, performances and special activities, the children have had countless chances to shine their lights. It has been a pleasure to see their enthusiasm, confidence and determination on display. What continues to make me most proud is the way our children support one another, embrace new challenges and demonstrate our school values each day. Their positive attitudes and willingness to give their very best are a credit to themselves, their families and our whole school community.

On Tuesday, the children spent the day with their new teachers. Our Year 6 pupils visited their new secondary schools and had a fantastic day familiarising themselves with their new environments, meeting their teachers and getting to know some of the children who will be joining from other schools. Back at school, our children enjoyed spending time with their new teachers and finding out more about what September will be like. Everyone is feeling excited and ready for the next stage of their learning journey.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 spent Wednesday afternoon and evening performing their production of 'Grimm'. They did an amazing job and coped admirably in extremely challenging conditions due to the heat. Despite the packed hall and soaring temperatures, neither the cast nor the audience were deterred, resulting in two fantastic performances. During the interval, the audience enjoyed ice creams and gingerbread and a wonderful time was had by all.

A special thank you goes to Nadder Valley Young Arts, whose generous funding enabled us to purchase props and costumes for the production. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the staff who contributed so much to making the show such a success. Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Chapman worked tirelessly throughout the process, dedicating countless hours to rehearsals, organisation and preparation. Their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm helped create a truly memorable production for everyone involved.

We would also like to thank a former pupil who recently returned to support our production. It was wonderful to welcome them back and have them share their time and experience within the arts. Their help was greatly appreciated and they played an important part in making the performances such a success.

Elm Class have also been celebrating success in sport. On Thursday, they attended a swimming gala hosted by Tisbury Pool, with other local schools taking part. I am delighted to share that our pupils did us proud, finishing in first place and bringing home the shield to celebrate their achievement. A huge thank you to Mr Martin and Mrs Hawkins for supporting and encouraging the children throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part.

Our Spanish-themed lunch was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the traditional Spanish cuisine prepared by Vicky. These events are always popular, but what makes them even more special is that they are inspired by our own pupil leadership team. We look forward to continuing to hold a variety of themed lunches next year, giving children the opportunity to explore different cultures and cuisines.

Today, we were treated to Oak Class's dance performance. They have been working incredibly hard all term with Wendy, developing their skills in both gymnastics and dance. It was wonderful to see their confidence shining through and the enjoyment they experienced while performing for others. We are very proud of all their hard work and dedication.

On Friday 17th July, we will say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils and wish them well as they take the next step on their journey. I do hope you will be able to join us at the church at 11:00am to celebrate and share this special occasion with them.

With the warm weather set to continue, I wish you all a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hale

Photos of the week





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Oak Class



It's been another busy week in Oak Class!

Year 1 have now completed their unit on multiplication and division. This has involved counting in multiples and grouping and sharing. Continuing to practise these skills over the summer will be hugely beneficial, as they will build on this knowledge in Year 2 when they begin learning the 2, 5 and 10 times.

In Reception, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their play-based maths activities, consolidating their understanding of 'how many more' and 'how many less'. They have also been exploring

rotating shapes, using shapes for a purpose, and creating their own 2D shape patterns, showing great creativity and enthusiasm.

Both year groups have loved taking part in the provision challenges this week. The children created some beautiful artwork with Mrs Gray, inspired by the story Ocean Meets Sky and by sunflowers. Their creativity and attention to detail have been wonderful to see. We also introduced a china tea set to the provision which has led to some beautiful role play and collaboration.

This afternoon, the children performed their final dance with Wendy to the rest of the school. This performance marked the culmination of all their hard work throughout the term. Every child should feel incredibly proud of what they have achieved—they performed with confidence, enthusiasm and big smiles!

A huge thank you to Wendy for all her hard work in teaching the children and for her patience and dedication, especially during the recent hot weather. We are so grateful for the time, energy and expertise she has shared with Oak Class this term.

Sycamore Class



This week in English, the children have been writing exciting eyewitness statements about a storm, focusing on using the past perfect tense to describe events that had happened before other actions took place. They have worked hard to include ambitious vocabulary, descriptive language and accurate punctuation to create realistic accounts from the perspective of someone who experienced the storm.

In Maths, we have been learning how to draw and interpret pictograms. The children have collected and organised data before presenting it clearly using pictograms with the correct key. They have also answered a range of reasoning and problem-solving questions, using the information displayed to explain their thinking.

Our History learning has focused on researching the impact of the Roman Empire. The children have explored how the Romans changed life in Britain, including the roads, buildings and systems they introduced. They have begun creating informative fact files, selecting key information and presenting it in an engaging and organised way.

In Science, we have explored different soil types, learning how soil is formed and identifying the characteristics of clay, sand, peat and loam. The children carried out a practical investigation to compare how quickly water drains through different soils, making predictions, recording their results and discussing whether their findings matched their expectations.

In Art, the children have begun creating their own maps using a range of different materials. They have explored texture, colour and pattern, carefully considering how different materials can be used to represent features of the landscape and laying the foundations for their finished pieces.

Elm Class

This week, Elm have maintained a can-do attitude to all aspects of school life – in lessons, on the stage and in the swimming pool.

On Tuesday, Year 6 children enjoyed their secondary school transition days. The Year 4 and 5 children met with Mr Martin and Mrs Hale to explore how they can continue to shine in the next academic year at the top of the school. Elm pupils worked hard to write newspaper reports, linked to our class text, and have applied their knowledge of cohesive devices. They enjoyed the opportunity to publish their writing once they had the benefit of peer editing conferences. The Year 5 children have been multiplying and dividing decimal numbers and all children stretched their mathematical brains to tackle a challenging palindromes investigation. In Science, we have compared gestation periods of different mammals and graphed our



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findings. Pupils followed up their learning with a chance to research this topic on our new Chromebooks. The Grimms Tales Musical performances were a real success and the children rose to the challenge. The children had super support from families and friends and the warmth of the audience matched temperature in the hall!! On Thursday the Year 4,5 and 6 pupils were able to demonstrate their swimming skills in a gala at Tisbury Pool.

Special mentions:

Florence – Kindness

Florence has shown kindness towards other members of the school community this week, outside of her class peers.

Helios – Resilience

Helios has shown resilience towards responding to feedback and challenge within learning areas this week.

Rowan-Respect

You always show a good awareness and understanding of yourself and others. You look after resources and act in a respectful way towards children and adults.

Charlie O-Love

You have developed a positive approach and attitude to your learning. You are becoming more involved in lessons and you're making positive contributions within class.

Phoebe – Love

Phoebe gave an impressive performance as Red-Riding Hood. She delivered her lines clearly with an awareness of comic timing, sang a solo and had a real stage presence.

Heidi – Resilience

Heidi showed super stickability when trying to search for patterns and a general rule in a palindrome maths investigation. In addition, she was very open-minded and accepting when her newspaper article work was used by the whole class in an editing task to improve it even more. This shows a real growth mindset.

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

Top Table



Joining me on the top table today were – Skye, Matilda, Phoebe, Hayley, Heidi, Sasha, Oscar & Bruno.

Well done to those children who have been shining their lights this week.

Key Dates



Friday 17th July – Leavers service at church 11am. Break up for summer holidays

Tuesday 1st September - INSET day

Wednesday 2nd September – Back to School

Half Term – 26th - 30th October

Friday 18th December – 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)



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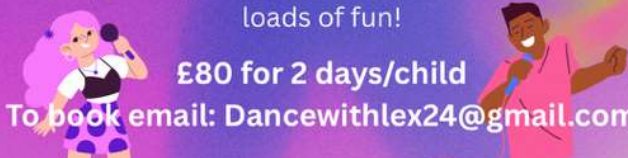
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30th July 9.30-14.00
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£37.50 per session
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