



26th June 2026

Dear Parents,

We would like to begin today's newsletter by thanking all our families for their patience and support during what has been a particularly challenging week. The children have shown remarkable resilience, managing the extreme temperatures with maturity and calm. They have adapted sensibly to the adjustments we put in place to keep everyone comfortable, and we are incredibly proud of how well they have coped.

The children have enjoyed regular hydration breaks, with fruit-infused water and iced water available throughout the day. Vicky has kindly provided watermelon and orange slices for all children at break time, which has been wonderfully refreshing and we have also offered ice pops to help keep everyone cool.

The older part of the school building has provided welcome relief from the heat, and we have moved classes into this area for teaching sessions. The children have really enjoyed working in different parts of the school.

My thanks go to the staff, who have worked hard to ensure that our children remain safe, comfortable, and well cared for.

Despite the heat, the children have had a great week. They have worked hard across the core areas of learning and have continued to show real effort and focus throughout their time in school.

It is times like these that we are reminded just how thoughtful and imaginative our pupils can be. Two of our students set up their own homemade lemonade stand, offering passing drivers a refreshing treat on warm days. Not to be outdone, our youngest children have been delighting the whole school with ice lollies they designed and made themselves, using fresh fruit and juice.

The children have worked well to support each other and to look out for each other during a different and challenging week and these are again examples of the children shining their lights and really living out our words of power.

I am sure we are all going to welcome a drop in the temperature over the next few days and some cooler nights. I do hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Hale

Photos of the week





Oak Class



Oak Class have well and truly shone this week! Despite the unprecedented weather and the changes to our usual routines, the children have shown fantastic resilience and a great deal of trust in the adults supporting them.

At the start of the week, when temperatures were cooler, the children stepped away from our current writing units to take part in Drawing Club activities focused on the upcoming heatwave. They also created thoughtful and informative posters about sun safety, approaching the task with maturity and a sensible

attitude.

As the temperatures increased, Oak Class found creative ways to stay cool. A highlight was planning and making fresh fruit lollies to “sell” to the rest of the school. This activity provided great learning opportunities: Reception children practised ways of making 10 (the price of their lollies), while Year 1 children explored recognising coins and notes and finding different ways to make 20p and other amounts of money. Year 1 then had to ensure Elm and Sycamore were handing over the correct amounts and giving any change if needed!

The children particularly enjoyed the adaptations to learning this week. Phonics took on a fun twist as they practised writing on ice, and there was an increased focus on water-based activities to help keep everyone cool and engaged.

In Science, which linked closely with our creative curriculum, the children designed and created their own boats. They carefully selected materials to ensure their boats would float, and thoroughly enjoyed testing them down a ramp into our ‘lake’!

It has been a fantastic week of adaptability, creativity and teamwork.

Sycamore Class



In English, children immersed themselves in a dramatic writing unit inspired by a powerful storm at sea. They used ambitious adjectives and carefully chosen vocabulary to describe towering waves, howling winds and a lonely lighthouse whose guiding light had mysteriously gone out. The children focused on creating suspense through descriptive language, carefully selecting words and phrases that painted vivid images for the reader and brought their stormy settings to life.

In Maths, children successfully completed their money unit and demonstrated a secure understanding of recognising, calculating and comparing amounts of money. They applied these skills to a variety of challenging problem-solving activities, explaining their reasoning and selecting efficient strategies to solve increasingly complex questions. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they tackled real-life mathematical scenarios with determination and resilience.

During Reading, children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the fascinating world of the Roman gods by taking part in a 'Roman Gods: Truth or Lie' game. After learning about the different gods and their unique powers, symbols and personalities, they worked collaboratively to create their own statements designed to challenge their classmates. This engaging activity encouraged careful reading, thoughtful questioning and lively discussion while helping to deepen their understanding of Roman mythology in an enjoyable and memorable way.

Elm Class

Elm have had an impressively productive week, even with the warm weather adding an extra challenge. In English, the children continued exploring the mysterious story *The Water Tower*, applying a range of grammar skills to strengthen their writing. In maths, Year 6 pushed on with their project work while Year 5 deepened their understanding of decimals, particularly adding and subtracting across the whole.

In Science, the class focused on how our bodies change during puberty and identified key ways to keep themselves healthy during these changes. The children approached this with maturity and curiosity. In RE, they continued exploring how Christians apply teachings from the Bible to their everyday lives, thinking carefully about how these ideas might guide people in real-life scenarios. It's been a thoughtful, hardworking and engaging week for Elm.

Elm Class and the Year 3 children from Sycamore have been hard at work rehearsing for their end-of-year production, and their excitement is really beginning to shine through. With the stage now up, the children have started to fully embrace their characters, bringing energy and personality to every rehearsal. They are doing a fantastic job learning their lines and songs, growing in confidence each day, and we're all looking forward to seeing them perform without scripts next week as their hard work truly comes together.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Key Dates

Friday 3rd July – Oak Class to Wardour Castle

Wednesday 8th July – Elm & Years 3&4 play (afternoon & evening performances)

Thursday 9th July – Spanish Theme Day

Parents evening – Review of the year with Mrs Hale and governors

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

Monday 2nd November - INSET day

Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Back to School

Half Term – 15th – 19th February

Thursday 25th March – Break up for Easter holidays

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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