



Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

Belief, Fellowship, Harmony
Matthew 31:32 - 33



Spring 1, Week 3 Newsletter



Dear Families,

This week has seen some of year 6 cohort starting to attend weekly after school sessions to help them prepare for SATS. We have also been thrilled to welcome Max the golden retriever into school at the Lulworth site. Giles (Max's owner) and Max will be listening to readers once a week and I know lots of our key stage 2 children are very keen to practise their literacy skills in this way! Thank you to all those of you who have completed the permissions associated with Max on Arbor.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you are doing at home to support your child with their home learning. Teaching staff have seen pupils who are reading daily to an adult at home making progress, and it is also great to see so many children completing the home learning tasks which have been set. As parents/carers, you play a vital role in your child's educational journey. We are often asked how mathematical learning can be supported at home and I therefore thought I would share a few ways that you can encourage you child and help them thrive in maths at home.

Practising Arithmetic and Number Facts

Incorporating maths into daily routines can be both fun and beneficial. Encourage your child to practise arithmetic by involving them in cooking (e.g. asking them to measure ingredients, doubling or halving recipes), which reinforces addition and multiplication skills. Additionally, you can create simple number facts game. For example, write down different questions on pieces of paper and challenge your child to solve them in a timed setting. Climbing steps whilst calling out multiplication facts or playing games like Dominoes or Monopoly. You might also consider using apps like TT Rockstars, which make practising times tables engaging and interactive. Always celebrate their successes, no matter how small, to build their confidence.

Maths in the Real World

Real-life applications of maths can significantly enhance understanding. When shopping, do involve your child in calculating totals, comparing prices or working out change. This not only helps with addition and subtraction but also teaches them about budgeting. You can also explore patterns and shapes in your surroundings, such as counting the number of windows in your house or identifying geometric shapes in architecture. These activities help to highlight the relevance of maths in everyday life.

Maths Through Play for Younger Children

For younger children, integrating maths into play is a wonderful way to learn. Use building blocks to explore concepts of counting, addition, and subtraction. Encourage them to create structures while discussing the number of blocks used. Board games that involve counting spaces or money management can also be excellent tools for learning. Additionally, apps such as Numberblocks can provide fun and interactive ways for younger children to engage with maths. Remember, the key is to keep the atmosphere light and enjoyable, allowing your child to explore maths without pressure.

By incorporating these strategies into your daily life, you can support your child's mathematical development in a positive and engaging way. Showing children that it doesn't matter if they make a mistake, and to keep persevering because it is all part of the learning process is also important. Your encouragement and involvement will make a significant difference in their confidence and skills - thank you.

If you want to find out more about our maths curriculum, including the calculation strategies children are taught in school, please do look at our school website.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Griffiths

Job Vacancies

We are continuing to advertise for a **Casual Minibus Driver** to join our staff team. Please do get in touch if you are interested in finding out more about wither of these roles. Refer to links for details:

For Casual Minibus Driver: [1C6B5F4D2D3D98E0140A41D048DFA36A.pdf](#)

Parent/Teacher Consultations

The booking for your child/ren's Parent/Teacher consultations is live on Arbor. Please do look to your parent app to book as soon as you can.

Pets as Therapy

On Wednesday, we had our first visit from Max, our Therapy Dog with his human, Giles. The children loved having Max in and both he and Giles enjoyed listening to the children read. We look forward to their next visit in February!



PTFA

During the Autumn term, we invited parents to share their ideas at the PTFA meeting, and it was so helpful to hear your thoughts. This led to some brilliant support for the Halloween Disco at Lulworth Village Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped, donated, and came along, we were able to cover the costs and create a fantastic event.

Over the term, we also raised a small amount through the sale of pre-loved uniform and the children's own-designed Christmas cards and gifts. A big thank you to everyone who supported these, every little helps.

We also worked together with Winfrith Playing Field to organise a village-wide Big Breakfast. It was very popular and we took 50% of the proceedings, thank you for coming along to support it!

Our biggest event of the term was the Christmas Fayre. Thank you to all the parents who helped run stalls and make sure everyone had fun. And we're pleased the token system worked well too!

We're now working closely with the school to plan some exciting outdoor activities for all key stage groups, and we can't wait to share more details with you soon.

As a small school and PTFA supporting two sites, we really appreciate your continued support and for giving your time.

Worbarrow Class

Year 6 have had a fantastic start back to the new year. The Spring term gets considerably busier as we are on the build up to the SATs test in May and writing moderations in June. Currently the children are just finishing writing their first non-chronological reports based on their own legendary island. We've had all sorts of wonderful ideas from cities of Atlantis to abandoned prison islands to advance paradises. I look forward to seeing the children bring their writing together next week and completing their reports.

As we are on the build up to SATs, each week we are completing parts or whole tests to give the children the best opportunity and confidence they need to complete them. However, as I've said to the children, the tests are just a snapshot of their ability and all we ever ask is that they just try their best. Although some pressure is to be expected it should not be to the detriment of their wellbeing. I will be running a SATs parent session on the 27th February after school to answer any questions you may have and give tips and ideas on how to support your child at home.

Times Table Rockstars Battle

From 3.30pm today, Bindon and Hambury Classes will be able to battle it out amongst themselves on TT Rockstars. This "Battle" will be running until Thursday 29th January 09.00am. Please do encourage your children to access their TTRS app, practice their times tables and attempt to beat their peers!!

Certificates and Achievements

Lily Chadwick for demonstrating our school value of **KINDNESS** each and every day. We are lucky to have you in Tadnoll class!

Tim Lumbres for demonstrating our school value of **RESILIENCE** because he never lets anything get in the way of his learning

Tomos Kurutuba for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for his fantastic and imaginative writing

Olivia Davison for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for being an amazing role model in her reading

Flynn Hanna for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for his fantastic effort and resilience

Dylan Hewish earned himself the Star Reader Award. He has chosen a new book to read at his leisure

A huge congratulations to all students who have earned themselves an award this week!!

Science Corner

A question to ask and discuss with your children. The Answer will be issued next week!!

Where does plastic come from? Why can too much plastic be a problem?

Upcoming Dates

JANUARY 2026

Monday 26 th	SEND Family Drop In: WINFRITH	08.30 - 09.30
	BINDON CLASS: Music at Wool	09.30 - 11.30
	Free Friendly Food Club Fruit Smoothies LULWORTH	15.15 - 15.45
Tuesday 27 th	SEND Family Drop In: LULWORTH	15.15 - 17.00

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 4 th	SEND: Parent/Teacher Consultations: LULWORTH	08.30 - 15.30
Thursday 5 th	SEND: Parent/Teacher Consultations: WINFRITH	08.30 - 15.30
Monday 9 th	SEND Family Drop In: WINFRITH	15.00 - 16.00
Tuesday 10 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations: Both Sites	15.00 - 17.30
Wednesday 11 th	SEND: Parent/Teacher Consultations: LULWORTH	12.30 - 15.30
	Year 6 ONLY: Trees for Dorset	
Thursday 12 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations: Both Sites	15.30 - 17.30
Friday 13 th	Community Science Show. LULWORTH	15.30 - 16.30
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th	Spring Half Term	
Friday 27 th	Year 6 ONLY: SATS Parent Information Evening	15.00 - 15.30

MARCH

Thursday 5 th	Curriculum Day: World Book Day. (Dressing Up for Everyone)	
Friday 13 th	Year 4 ONLY: MTC Parent Information Afternoon: LULWORTH	15.00 - 15.15
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday	

APRIL

Monday 13 th	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	
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