

Thorncombe, St. Mary's CE Primary Academy



Living, Learning and Growing Together



Autumn Term 25-26 Newsletter Issue: 7 Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to our Parents & Friends Association (PFA) for organising such a wonderful Cake Sale. The treats looked delicious, and we're so grateful to everyone who baked, bought, and supported the event — your contributions help fund valuable school resources and experiences.

Looking ahead, the PFA's 'Big Breakfast' will take place on Sunday 16th November at Thorncombe Village Hall, raising funds for a new school cooker. Children have received art and colouring packs so their work can be displayed on menus and around the venue. Please return artwork to the school office or PFA.

As we reach the end of term, I'm proud of how well the children have stayed focused and given their best despite the busyness of the season.

During half term, if you have any concerns for a child's welfare, please contact:

- Dorset ChAD: 01305 228866
- Somerset MASH: 0300 123 2224
- In an emergency, call 999.

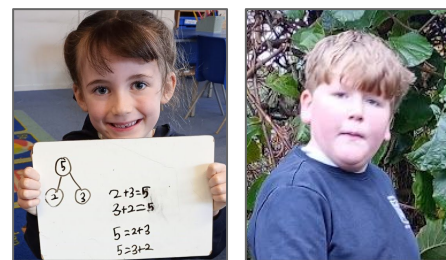
Wishing everyone a safe, happy half term. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3rd November.

Warm Wishes,
Sal Davies, Acting Head of School.

Our core value this term is:

Love and Compassion

Our golden apple winners this week are....



The winning house this week:

Copper Beech

W/B 03/11/25 At a glance:

ASC = After School Club

Monday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30

PE Lessons

Lego+Board games ASC: 3.15-4.30

Tuesday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30

Bikes+Trikes ASC: 3.15-4.30

Wednesday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30

PE Lessons

Sports Skills ASC: 3.15-4.30

Thursday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30

Creative ASC: 3.15-4.30

Friday

Breakfast Club: 8-8.30

Forest School Sessions

Chromebooks ASC: 3.15 - 4.30

Please like, comment and share on our social media posts to spread the word of our wonderful school!. Click below to be taken to them.



Thought of the Week:

"ALONE, WE
CAN DO SO
LITTLE;
TOGETHER,
WE CAN DO
SO MUCH"



Class News from this Week!

Little Acorns - Claire Stockford

This week Little Acorn's have fully embraced the wet weather. Dressed in their puddle suits and wellies, we set off on a puddle hunt. We were amazed to find so many different shape and sized puddles, including a very deep one, which the children thoroughly enjoyed jumping and even sitting in! They had so much fun! We have made the most of our wonderful apple tree this week.

Using the apples we picked for apple painting, this was such a fun activity and the children enjoyed seeing what shapes the apple made. For our cooking session this week we made chocolate apples! This was so fun and the children enjoyed melting and dipping their apples into the chocolate. We have such a fantastic term here in Little Acorns, we have welcomed new children who have settled in brilliantly. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have thrived over the course of this term. They are all amazing! I hope you all have a fantastic half term!

Pippin Class - Mrs Wheaton to be!

Year R/1/2 have started Drawing Club sessions this term. We have had so much fun coming up with creative ideas that link with our story of the week. This week our story has been 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' The children designed their own magic code and own button which made the caterpillar grow.

This term has been so wonderful. The children came back so well and have settled into their new routines, staff changes and year groups with ease. The term has absolutely flown by but the learning that has taken place this term is really worth celebrating.

Have a wonderful half term, thank you for all of your well wishes. One final sign off as Miss Chestney!

Orchard Class - Miss Taylor

This week Orchard class have been exploring Autumn by writing poems with imagery. They have used some wonderful literary devices such as onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors and personification. The children have really enjoyed using their five senses in their writing!

In Music, the children performed their River Music compositions, they used musical elements such as pitch to create waterfalls, dissonance to create spooky soundscapes and tempo for rapids! Their finished pieces were fabulous and showed great thought and imagination!

In maths, year 3 and 4 have been working hard on written methods of subtraction, I have been very proud of their focus and determination! Year 5 and 6 have started their next unit all about fractions, they have explored equivalent fractions and simplified fractions and are using their times tables with confidence!

Have a wonderful half term!



Over the next week...

- Hear your child read at least 3 times each week. Please record this in their reading records/BoomReader. Parents - children are never too old to have a story read to them. They gain so much from this special time with you.
- Practise your multiplication and division facts using TTRS or other resources.

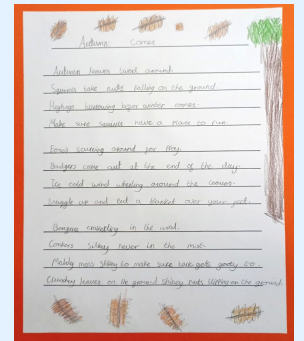
Year 1	2s, 5s, 10s
Year 2	2s, 5s, 10s
Year 3	3s, 4s, 8s
Year 4, 5 and 6	all multiplication tables up to 12x12

Children learn
4,000 to 12,000
words per year
through reading.

What a lovely week!



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Mental Health Support Services:

[Dorset Support](#)

[Somerset Support](#)

[Devon Support](#)

Safeguarding Information

Mrs Sal Davies
Acting Head of School
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Merryn Chestney
EYFS Lead and Pippin
Teacher
Deputy DSL



Our child protection policy can be found [here](#).