

Thorncombe, St. Mary's CE Primary Academy



Living, Learning and Growing Together



Summer Term 25-26 Newsletter Issue: 29 Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another really positive week in school, with lots to celebrate. We were pleased to welcome Harry back in to hear feedback about the Trout project that KS2 have been involved in - what a fantastic opportunity this has been for the children. We also enjoyed a visit from Catherine, one of our valued Trustees, who spent time seeing the school in action.

The sunshine made a welcome appearance, particularly for Paloma and Forest School, where the children made the most of being outdoors. We've also rounded off the week by celebrating the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, reflecting on his incredible contribution to our understanding of the natural world. To continue this theme, we'd love children to take photos of nature over the coming days and email them to the school office so we can share them on our display - I wonder what will capture their eye!

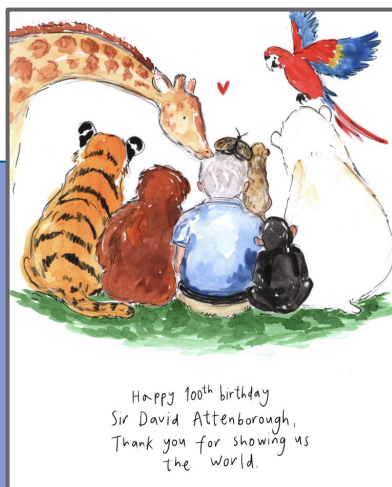
A reminder that next week is SATs week for our Year 6 pupils. They will be well supported throughout, and I'm incredibly proud of how they have approached their learning and preparation. Go smash it, Year 6!

Also next week, Reception to Year 2 will be visiting Lyme Regis on Thursday 14th May. If you have any questions, please do contact Mrs Wheaton.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,
Sal Davies

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Happy 100th birthday
Sir David Attenborough,
Thank you for showing us
the world.

Our core value this term is:

Forgiveness

Our golden apple winners for this week.

A child
in Pippin



The winning house this week:

Silver Birch

W/B 11/05/26:

ASC = after school club

Year 6 SATS

Monday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30
Forest School Sessions
Computing ASC: 3.15-4.30

Tuesday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30
Forest School Sessions
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

Pippin (R/1/2) Lyme Regis Trip

Friday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30
Film ASC: 3.15-4.30



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Class News from this Week!

Little Acorns - Claire Stockford

This week Little Acorns have thoroughly enjoyed our story of the week, 'Commotion in the Ocean'. They have enjoyed listening to the story throughout the week and have enjoyed exploring sea animals linked to the story. They have also been learning about whether these animals live in shallow water, deep water or both land and sea. Little Acorns had so much fun during our gross motor session this week, where they moved around like sea animals. They each all came up with their own interpretations and thinking about how these animals may move around in the water. The children have also enjoyed creating their own jellyfish craft using a variety of different materials including tissue paper and ribbon for tentacles. Little acorns really enjoy crafting activities and all of them take pride in what they make.

Pippin Class - Mrs Wheaton

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, including halves, thirds and quarters. The children have explored the importance of equal parts, as well as unit and non-unit fractions, and have been finding fractions of amounts (e.g. $\frac{1}{3}$ of 9 = 3).

In PE, we have been working in pairs and groups, developing our understanding of the 'ready' position and how to move quickly to meet the ball. These sessions also support social skills, such as showing respect and being honest when playing with others.

Each morning, the children enjoy choosing and sharing stories. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading, with one child even taking on the role of 'teacher' to read to others in the story corner.

Orchard Class - Miss Taylor

Year 3 and 4 have been working hard on fractions this week in Maths, focussing on fractions of an amount and using their times tables to help them! Year 5 and 6 have been continuing their learning on ratio and converting to fractions.

In DT this week, the children have been investigation nets and designing their own packaging, aimed at their target audience. They will then fold these into 3D shapes.

Harry visited us this week to teach the final trout lesson! The children loved making trout and competing in a game showing how challenging life is for river trout.

We celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday today by exploring creatures from different ecosystems. The whole school created fabulous living things for our mural, now on display in the corridor. It has been a wonderfully creative afternoon!

Year 6 have completed their 6-SATS programme in advance of SATS week next week! We are so, incredibly proud of their hard work and focus, they have blown us away with how brilliant they are! Good luck boys and enjoy your weekend!

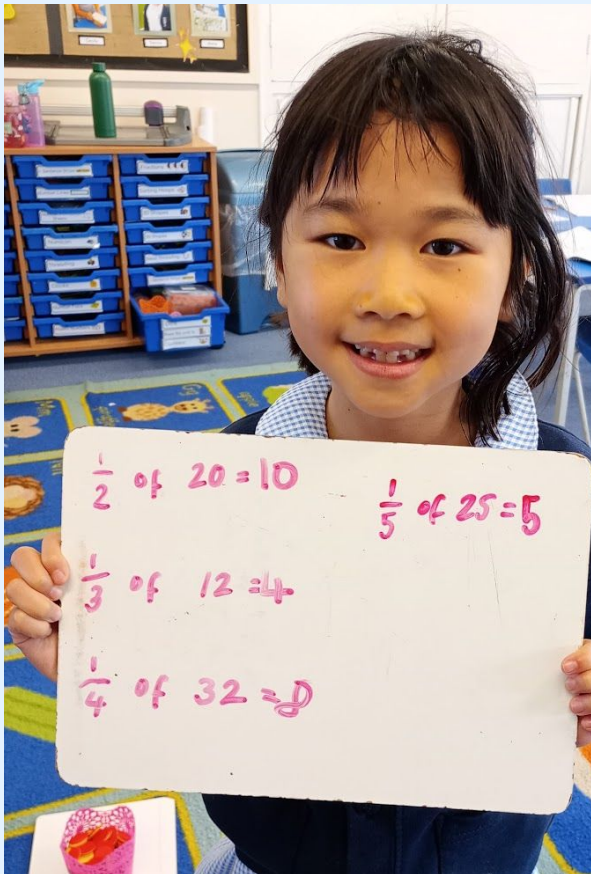
Over the next week...

- 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.

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Sir David Attenborough

The whole school came together to create fabulous paintings and drawings of all living things, inspired by the wonderful Sir David Attenborough! Little Acorns painted some colourful coral and Pippin and Orchard Class created amazing animals! We had a fantastic time!



Additional Information

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Thorncombe St Mary's CE Primary Academy PFA

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MARY'S CE
PRIMARY
ACADEMY

COOKED
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CROSSIANTS, FREE
TEA & COFFEE
REFILLS, RAFFLE
PRIZE DRAW

9-11AM SUNDAY

10TH MAY

THORNCOMBE VILLAGE HALL
CHARD STREET
TA20 4NE



FRIDAY 8TH MAY

8PM

THORNCOMBE
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



Raising funds in aid of
Thorncombe St Mary's CE
Primary Academy PFA



Mental Health Support Services:

[Dorset Support](#)

[Somerset Support](#)

[Devon Support](#)

Safeguarding Information

Mrs Sol Davies
Acting Head of School
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Merryn Wheaton
EYFS Lead and Pippin
Teacher
Deputy DSL



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