

Thorncombe, St. Mary's CE Primary Academy



Living, Learning and Growing Together



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MONDAY 6TH JULY
9.00AM

We understand many of our children will want to enjoy the next World Cup England match, and that parents may feel uncertain how to handle the 1.00am kick off.

In order to ensure our children are enabled to be in school, bright-eyed and busy-tailed, we will invite those who would like to, to a special replay in our school hall from 9.00am!

Alternative fun activities will be held in classrooms for children who choose not to watch, so everyone can enjoy the morning in a way that suits them.

Please keep the results a secret from your child so they can enjoy it in school, with us!

THORNCOMBE
ST MARY'S
Primary School

TOP SECRET

Icons: Family, TV, Soccer ball, Film clapperboard, Puzzle pieces, Bricks

Our core value this term is:

Endurance

Our golden apple winners for this week.



The winning house this week:

Silver Birch

W/B 06/07/26

Monday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30
Beaminster Transition day (Y6)
PE Lessons
Lego/games: ASC 3.15-4.30

Tuesday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30
Beaminster Transition day (Y6)
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

Friday

Breakfast club: 8-8.30
Film 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.



"Being challenged in life is inevitable; being defeated is optional."



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Class News from this Week!

Little Acorns - Claire Stockford

This week Little Acorn's have enjoyed cutting and sticking activities. They have all shown great skills and control when holding the scissors and I have seen so much progress in gaining more control as they hold the paper and cut around different shapes. Little Acorn's have created some lovely penguin art work, they cut out the each part of the penguin then had to stick it together. This linked in with our story of the week 'Lost and Found', this is about a boy who finds a penguin at his door, they go on an adventure and form a friendship - It is a wonderful story! Little Acorn's very much enjoyed our favourite Forest school session this week, roasting marshmallows on the fire. We always look forward to this session!

Hope you all enjoy the sunshine and have a wonderful weekend.

Pippin Class - Mrs Wheaton

The children have been writing the most fantastic biographies all about Mary Anning this week. I have been blown away by how much they remember about her and how they have been able to write about her life in chronological order.

In PSHE this week children in Year 1/2 identified the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and use the correct names for them. There were a few giggles as we shared the names but it is an important that the children know these terms to stay safe.

In Science, we explored the eatwell plate and learned about the different food groups and their importance. We sorted foods into the correct food groups.

The children have made great progress with their word processing skills across Year 1-3. Year 3 made their own google slides, importing text and images. Reception have developed their mouse skills through fun games!

Orchard Class - Miss Taylor

Orchard Class have been working hard completing their writing assessments this week in English. Years 5 and 6 have written an explanation text about natural selection, while Years 3 and 4 have been writing about the water cycle.

In Science, Years 3 and 4 explored the melting points of different materials. They had great fun melting chocolate, butter and ice, then using thermometers to measure the temperature. In Years 5 and 6, the children researched how scientists and fossils have helped us to understand evolution. The children also enjoyed learning another golf skill in PE this week. They learnt how to chip the ball into the target area before gentle shots to get it into the "hole".

It was also lovely to welcome the Pippin children into Orchard on Thursday as part of our transition morning. We had a wonderful time getting to know one another and enjoyed lots of monster-themed creativity together.

All the children have been fantastic during play rehearsals this week! The songs are great fun, and they are singing them beautifully. We are all looking forward to the hall rehearsals next week!

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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We had a lovely transition morning in Orchard on Thursday - the children created 'Pass the pen Monsters' which was a lot of fun and showed great team work and creativity!



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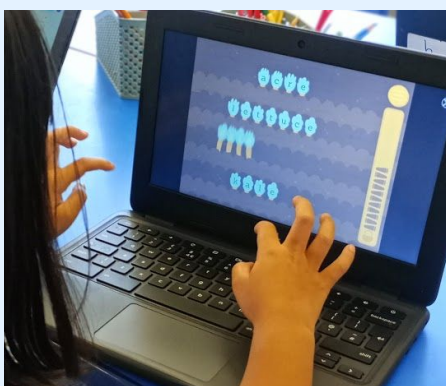
It was wonderful for Mrs Wheaton to work alongside Little Acorns as part of our transition process. They enjoyed a variety of activities such as creating self portraits, It was great to learn about their interests and to see them starting to build those strong relationships ahead of September.



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Additional Information

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and easy to access, but it can show content that isn't suitable for children, such as violence, scary scenes or strong language.



HIGH VISIBILITY

Anyone can upload videos for the world to see. Some content can go viral quickly and children may see things meant for older audiences.



CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

Users can like, comment and message others. Strangers online may try to build a connection, which can put children at risk.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube features trends and challenges that can be exciting but may encourage unsafe or harmful behaviour.



SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Scammers may use influencers or fake videos to trick users into clicking links, sharing information or spending money.



PARENT TIPS

- ✓ Use Restricted Mode
- ✓ Try Google Family
- ✓ Check Privacy Settings
- ✓ Check other platforms
- ✓ Monitor engagement
- ✓ Limit spending



TALK • WATCH TOGETHER • SET LIMITS

Open conversations help keep children safe online.



Find more tips and guides at www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Safeguarding Information

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Safeguarding Lead



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