



23rd October 2025 Newsletter

Friday 24th October - Inset Day

Week Commencing 25th October - Oct Half Term

Diary Dates Week Commencing 3rd November

Mon 3rd November	- No Drama Afterschool Club KS2
	- Origami Afterschool Club
Tues 4th November	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Wed 5th November	- 9:00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2
	- Printing Afterschool Club
Thurs 6th November	- Visit from the Hedgehog Charity
	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Class
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club
Fri 7th November	- Celebration Assembly
	- Reception & Year 6 Heights and Weights
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 10th November

Mon 10th November	- Bristol Aerospace Museum Trip (Reception - Year 6)
Tues 11th November	- Sports Afterschool Club
	- Lego Afterschool Club
Wed 12th November	- 9:00 a.m. Morning Running Club KS2
	- Printing Afterschool Club
Thurs 13th November	- KS2 Sports Hall Athletics
	- Forest School for Merlin Year 1&2 and EYFS
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club
	- Spirograph & Stencil Afterschool Club
Fri 14th November	- Celebration Assembly
Children in Need Day	- Nasal Flu Vaccinations Reception - Year 6
	- Reception & Year 6 Heights and Weights
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a lovely start to the year, with a half term full of activities and learning. Children from year 1 to year 6 have visited the Cheltenham Literature Festival. These were very inspiring events and it was a pleasure to see the children engage with authors and illustrators, taking part in draw along sessions, listening to talks, Q&As and lots of supplementary activities such as the Mad Hatter's Storytelling.

Continuing with our literary theme, the Eagle class hiked the four miles to Hawkwood recently to attend a Hot Poets Poetry event in which a number of well-regarded poets from across the world joined together for their first performances of poems written with the theme of the environment, led by Michael Rosen. The children engaged with the poetry fantastically. On our walk over, we wrote our own poem, based on one by Michael Rosen, which the children performed at the end of the event. We brought the house down and the Hot Poets were so thrilled with this that they've offered to publish our poem in the book alongside the established poets' work. A huge well done and thanks to everyone involved.

This was the second year of our geometry based Maths puzzles workshops. The children responded to the challenges with determination and enthusiasm, creating a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Our harvest service was a great pleasure to take part in this year, many thanks to all the parents who came to support the school. Children performed poetry and songs which they had worked on as a class linked to the harvest theme. It was a great opportunity to see some of their harvest art and a lovely time for all. It was a lovely end to our apple day morning where children made flap-jacks, apple twists, pressed apple juice, created apple superheroes and bird feeders. Our year six pupils put on a great game of apple ball which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the start of the year FOSS organised our fete and art auction which was a huge success, enjoyed by children and parents alike. I'd like to thank everyone involved in organizing this event as well as anyone who came along and supported the school.

KS2 took part in a football event in which they showed great spirit and sportsmanship. Our year 1 and 2 have enjoyed their endball event, a wonderful opportunity to develop our skills in a fun and friendly environment with other schools. Next half term will begin with **tag rugby matches** for a year 3/4 and year 5/6 team on **Wednesday 5th Nov.** More information to follow soon.

Children have continued enjoying some of their Sheepscombe favourites including Garage Band music and Forest School. Just a reminder that now the weather is colder and wetter can all children have a change of suitable footwear including a second pair of socks if they are wearing wellies. Waterproof coats need to be in school not just for forest school but also for playtimes now the weather is wetter.

Attendance wise, please can I remind you that, should you need to take your child out of school for any exceptional circumstance, you need to fill in an absence request form in advance - these are available to download from the website or you can collect a paper version from the school office. A decision will then be made as to whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

Have a lovely half term,

Best Wishes
 Rob Gardner
 Interim Headteacher



Pictures From Apple Day, Maths Workshop, Chelt Festival & Football

