



# TIMBERSCOMBE C OF E FIRST SCHOOL

Nurturing our unique acorns, for the infinite possibilities of the mighty oaks they shall become.

Inspired by John 10:10, Gideon 6:11 and Corinthians 13:4



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### Head Teacher's Blog

Dear Parents and Carers

As a little bit of housekeeping: We have agreed our holiday dates as part of the WSEP this week. As a maintained school we have to adhere to the term dates set out by County. Therefore our calendar has to align with these dates and then from that we identify the INSET days. Academies and VA schools are not beholden to adhering to county and so there may be a difference between schools—please do check the websites. Our Moorland Federation INSET days in Sept are on the 6th and 7th September and our first day back for pupils is Wednesday the 8th Sept. Please check our website for our calendar. The calendar for 2022-2023 has also been agreed and is published.

Transition has started for year 4s this week, with visits from the Middle school, ours being on Monday. It is tricky with the expectations on schools with regard to COVID—19 risk assessments during this time to get this process as we would all want it. The Middle School team would like me to pass on that they care passionately about a personal response for the children and have tailored their meetings at school and the sharing of information with this in mind, as they are unable to undertake some of the other key events in the usual way. It is move up day for us next week and we are really excited about all the pupils spending time in their next phase of classroom with their new teachers. Please reassure them this is going to be a really fun day, and as always our priorities are: safety, happiness and then the learning comes along.

We are welcoming back volunteers, thank you to all of you who have begun to return to us, and joined us for reading, swimming, or a trip and visit. If you are keen to help please do let us know so we can undertake any necessary safeguarding aspects.

The beach day was a really lovely event this week as well—so nice for the children to spend the time in the natural local environment learning through play.

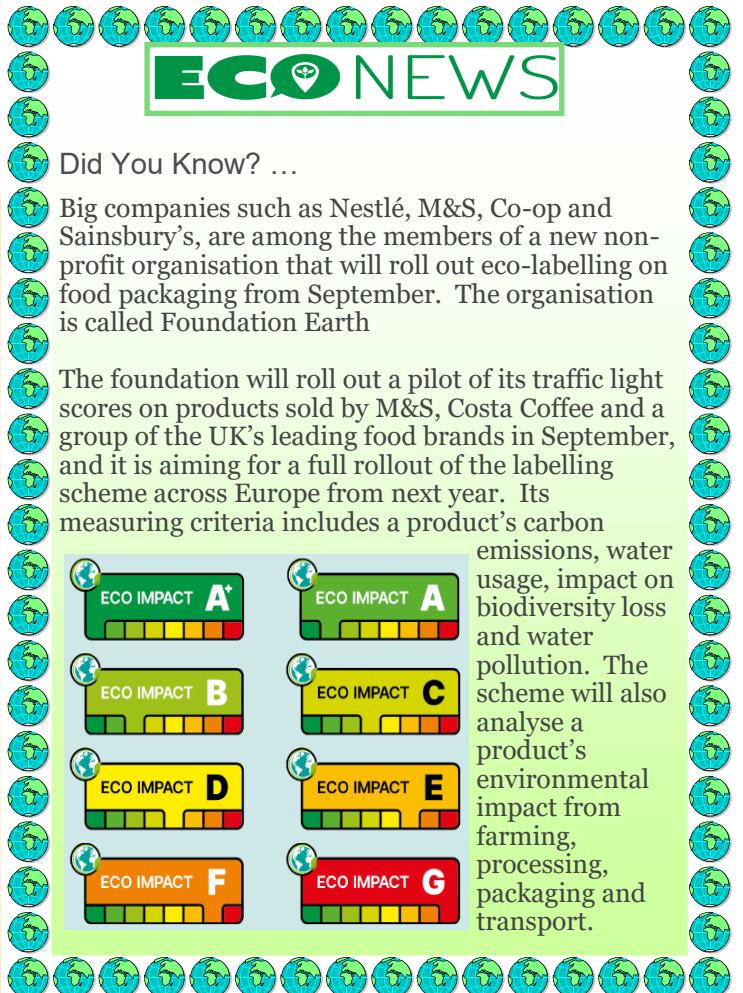
On the 16th July in the afternoon we have a photographer in for new photos for our school website and new prospectus. These are not sellable photos sadly, but ones we will use to capture our school ethos and values. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Naomi Philp

*Our school is about kindness, caring for others, ourselves, and our world.*

*Our school values our faith, our location, our community and most of all each other.*

### Little Oaks News

We have continued our theme of our local area by focusing on the coast this week. The children have enjoyed our seaside themed activities, including searching for shells and pebbles in the sand and finding out about lighthouses. We have also been investigating floating and sinking. Our trip to the beach was an exciting first hand experience and we all enjoyed building lots of sandcastles!





## Key Dates—*subject to the government road map*

07.07.21—Whole School Move Up Day (Y4 now at school)  
 14.07.21—Teddy Bear's Picnic  
 15.07.21—Sports Day (now at school—no parents, sorry)  
 19.07.21—Revised date, road map step 4  
 23.07.21—Leavers Service (Parents of Y4 and Little Oaks graduates only)  
 06.09.21 & 07.09.21 INSET Days  
 08.09.21—Back to School

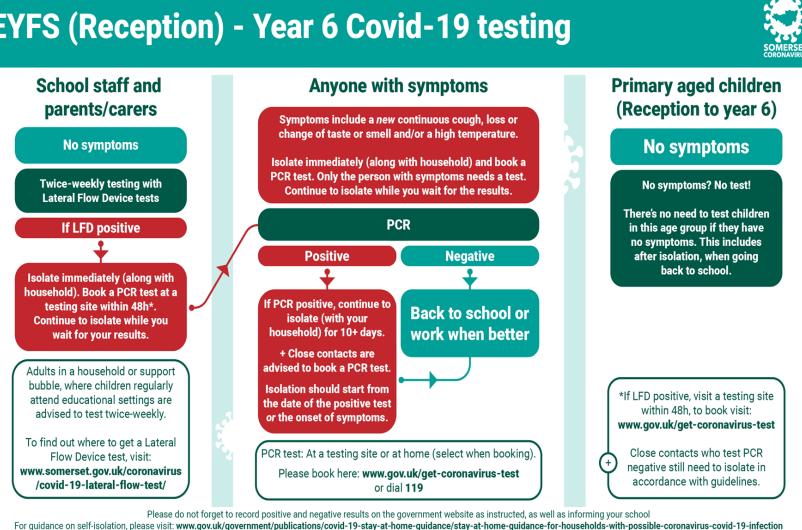
**Please see Term Dates 2021-2022 on Page 4**

## GREAT NEWS!!

Are you looking for a way to keep your children happy, active and fed over the summer holidays? There are a number of activity clubs running throughout the summer holidays and the good news is they are now **FREE TO ALL CHILDREN** in our school. There is a central online booking system available from 5th July at 10.00am:  
<https://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays>  
 Or you can call 01823 653992 10-2pm Monday – Wednesday  
 To book, you will need a **unique** code and these were sent out via ParentMail on Thursday but call us if you need a reminder.



## EYFS (Reception) - Year 6 Covid-19 testing



## An Extract from Thought for the Week

*Ed Gregory  
 Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells*

Your help needed! Please can you help us hear the voice of children and young people as we seek a new Bishop for the diocese of Bath and Wells. There is a video, some activities and a short online questionnaire aimed specifically at children and young people – you can find it here: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/children-and-young-people-consultation>

Thank you for your help with this! (There is also an opportunity for adults to join in the conversation so please, your voice is important as well – including, in particular, your thoughts if you are not a Church of England regular.)



*Living the story. Telling the story.*

## Safeguarding

### **What are the signs of child abuse?**

The signs of child abuse aren't always obvious, and a child might not feel able to tell anyone what's happening to them. Sometimes, children don't even realise that what's happening to them is abuse.

Some common signs that there may be something concerning happening in a child's life include:

- unexplained changes in behaviour or personality
- becoming withdrawn
- seeming anxious
- becoming uncharacteristically aggressive
- lacks social skills and has few friends, if any
- poor bond or relationship with a parent
- knowledge of adult issues inappropriate for age
- running away or going missing
- always choosing to wear clothes which cover their body.

### Worried about a child?

You can contact:

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead at school (NP)  
 Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224**

**NSPCC Helpline 0808 800500**

**Children can contact CHILDLINE at any time to get support for themselves: 0800 1111**

**Don't think, "What if I'm wrong?"**

**Think, "What if I'm right!"**



**Our Star of the week** is Noah, for really outstanding effort and growth mindset with his handwriting

**Class 1** Edward gets a Kindness Award for being a good friend to other children in the playground. Aurora has done some fantastic work in Geography this week and gets the Achievement Award.

**Class 2** The Kindness Award goes to Hudson for looking after the younger children on the beach trip. Harry receives the Achievement Award for his brilliant writing about dragons!



# Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss



## Summer Wellbeing



We celebrated the Summer Solstice last week in our Mindful groups, we talked about what summer means to us, what we love to do in the summer and what we are grateful for. Most of the children shared that they are grateful for their lives which was just beautiful!



Summer is the perfect time for us to work on our mental health as it's warm and we can get out and about much easier.

This is a great time to connect with the people around you: family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. Taking time to broaden relationships is good for your wellbeing, and good for the wellbeing of others.

You don't even need to go the gym to be active- you can take a walk, go cycling or play a game of football or tennis. Find the activity you enjoy to do as a family and enjoy that free time with each other!



It's a great time to have some fun in the garden or at the park, Children are never too old to play with bubbles and you could make them an obstacle course to complete around the garden.

Make a wet play area and add cups and pourers, you can even add some fresh herbs and citrus fruits.

Of course, there is so much fun to be had with a few super soakers or some wet sponges to cool us all down!

Some of the children have enjoyed a mindful and relaxing activity this week making suncatchers. They look lovely hanging in a tree or in a window, the beads don't need to be expensive, you can pick them up for very little in town or recycle some old jewellery!

Have fun in the sun!!



# Somerset School Terms and Holidays – WSEP/ Moorland/ KT 2021/2022 Academic Year

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### Key:

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### Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 22 October 2021 (35 days)  
 Term 2: 01 November – 17 December 2021 (35 days)  
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)  
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)  
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)  
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

**TOTAL = 195**

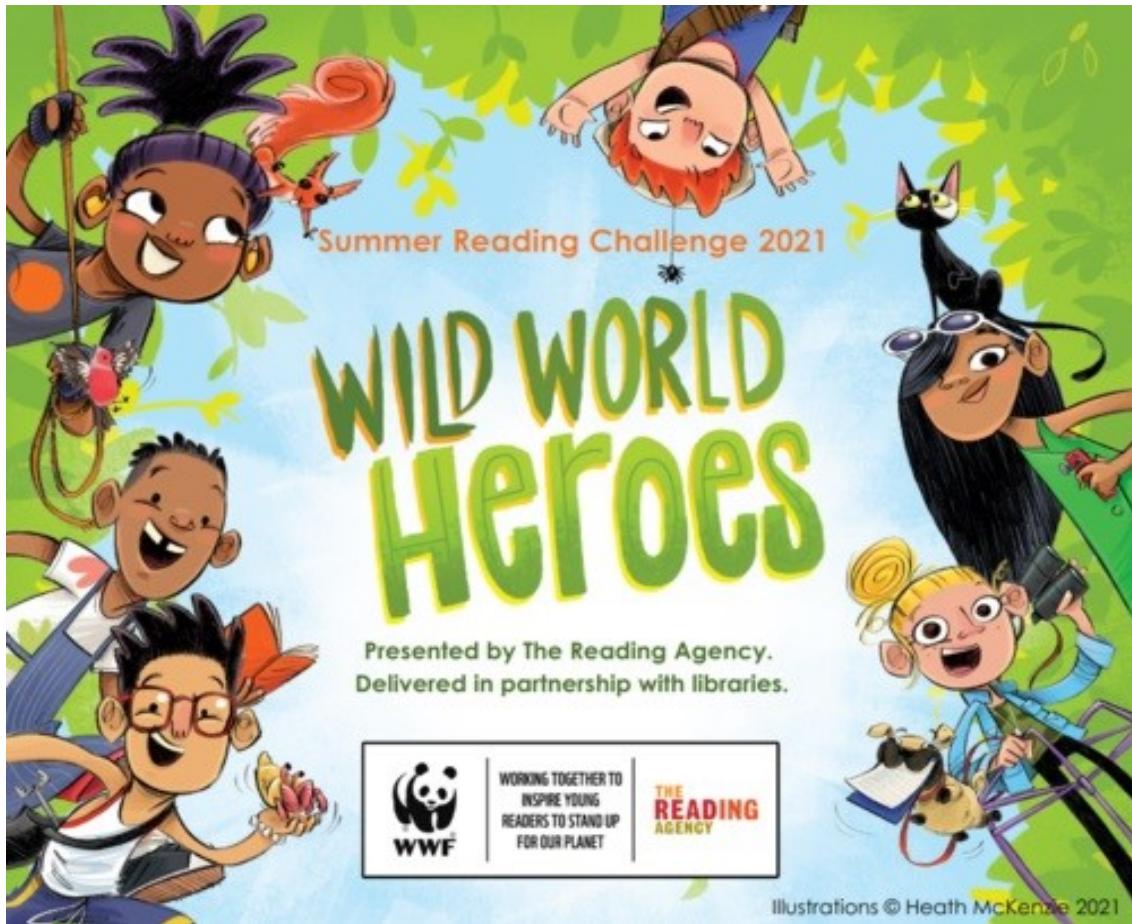
### Bank and public holidays 2021/22 – Revised to include the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2021*	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2021*	Early May Day Bank Holiday	02 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Spring Bank Holiday	02 June 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Platinum Jubilee	03 June 2022
		Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

\*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with individual schools for their term dates

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



## We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville!

It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

Join the Wild World Heroes for the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

We're teaming up with WWF for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Are you excited to join the #WildWorldHeroes this summer?

Keep an eye on our [blog](#) for all the latest Summer Reading Challenge news

**On the Summer Reading Challenge website you can find:**

**Find a Read - Book Sorter - Reading Club  
Chat - Activities - News - Games**