

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

We have had a lovely week leading up to superhero day, Linda Brooks visited bringing the police car and uniform for us to all have with. The staff in particular enjoyed making some arrests of their own. In all seriousness, given the pandemic and other recent events locally, our superhero day meant even more than usual. A chance for us to recognise our key worker heroes as things have continued to be challenging for so many.

We say a very fond farewell to Kate McEntee today, 21 years working at Dunster First School and now several years at Timberscombe too, frequently the first one in to make sure everything is in order for the day. We cannot thank Kate enough for all she has done for the school over the years, all the dedication and commitment Kate has shown is extraordinary and she will be greatly missed. But we also know Kate is already enjoying changes and wish her well in her pastures new.

Have a lovely half term everyone, hopefully the weather will allow for bright spells so we can all get out in the fresh air.

Parents meetings are after the half term, and we look forward to getting back stuck in with you all.

Stay safe and well,
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.

We aim to instill a life long love of learning.

Little Oaks News

We had an exciting day on Wednesday when the children came dressed in their superhero costumes. We had a lovely selection of imaginative costumes. Also, our local PCSO Linda, came to visit us with her police car and uniforms for the children to try on. The children enjoyed sitting in the driver's and passenger seat and seeing the blue lights flashing. They were particularly drawn to the cell section of the car where the arrested person would sit whilst being taken to the police station!

We hope you all have a restful half term



Have fun this Halloween but to make sure it is fun for everybody and to stay safe, here is some advice for parents and children from Avon and Somerset Police:

- Always go trick or treating with an adult.
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents.
- Don't knock on doors where there is a sign saying 'no trick or treat here'.
- Stay in areas that are lit with streetlights and take a torch just in case.
- Stay with your friends – don't split into smaller groups
- Don't talk to strangers on the street and never enter any house
- Although Halloween is supposed to be spooky, be considerate to those who don't take part and be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- Remember road safety, always look carefully before crossing the road and be visible.

Don't forget parents' evening!

**Tuesday 2nd and
Wednesday 3rd November**

Don't forget to make your Parents' Evening appointment on Parentmail. The meetings will take place in school. Thank you



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Key Dates

22.10.21—School Holiday for the Platinum Jubilee (in lieu of the extra bank holiday in June 2022)

01.11.21—Back to school

Please see Term Dates 2021-2022 on Page 4

An Extract from Thought for the Week

Ed Gregory

Director of Education, Diocese of Bath and Wells

Why not have a go at finding some native tree seeds (acorns, beech mast, conkers etc) and growing your own?

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/grow-from-seed/>

Rob Walrond, the diocesan rural advisor, understands from a local tree specialist that there may be a shortage of native tree saplings for planting out in a year or two, so he encourages schools and church communities to help out this autumn.

Bishop Ruth, who was also recently tree planting at the new King Ina CE School site, is offering a challenge to young people to find and plant some native tree seeds in order to grow some saplings ready to plant out in the coming years. This will get you outside and not simply engaging with nature, enhancing it too!

Well being tip for the week:

1. Enjoy the half term break! 2. Hug a tree. Yes, seriously! Give it a go. You can check that nobody is watching! (Recommended by Bill Bailey, last year's winner of Strictly Come Dancing!) At least find a tree and take time to look at it, to listen, to touch the bark, to simply stop and focus your busy mind on the natural world, perhaps say a prayer of thanks and hope for our natural world.



Safeguarding

As a school, we regularly give information on what you should do if you are concerned about a child's welfare. But what would you do if you were concerned for the welfare of an adult in our community: an elderly resident; a new mum; someone who you fear may be a victim of domestic violence?

If you do have concerns about the well-being or safety of a child or an adult in our community, for advice and information, call Somerset Direct on 0300 123222, pressing 1 for Children's services and 2 for Adult Social Care.



**SOMERSET
SAFEGUARDING
ADULTS BOARD**



Today we say goodbye to Miss McEntee, who is moving on to pastures new, allowing her more time to spend with her family. Kate has worked at Timberscombe for 3 years and at Dunster for 21 years. Not only has she painstakingly managed the school finances but has also been our on site school nurse, dealing with a plethora of playground injuries.

She will leave a huge gap, not only of knowledge but also as a friend and mentor to many of us.



Thank you for your years of dedicated service to our school community and lots of luck in your new job.

We are going to miss you very, very much Kate xxx



Star of the Week is, of course, Miss McEntee—nominated by many and unanimously agreed—for her support, friendship and professional dedication to our school.

Class 1—An Achievement Award this week for Archie, for some very neat handwriting. A Kindness Award for Heidi for helping Mrs Hall with an important job.

Class 2 —The Achievement Award goes to McCartney for working hard with his writing. Oscar C gets the Kindness Award for lovely manners and team work

Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss



Half Term Activity ideas to enjoy with Family & Friends

Half Term Family Activities
Free or nearly free!!
A great way to get into the autumn spirit is to go on the hunt for some beautiful leaves and enjoy some mindful leaf rubbing, using crayons or chalks, making pictures out of different coloured and shaped leaves

MAKE UP A FLASK OF HOT CHOCOLATE ADD SOME CREAM AND MARSHMELLOWS AND GO FOR AN AUTUMNAL WALK IN THE FORSET
JUMP IN A PILE OF LEAVES TAKE LOTS OF PHOTOS'S
BUILD A DEN AND SNUGGLE UP AND ENJOY YOUR HOT CHOCOLATE !
GO APPLE PICKING AND FORAGE FOR BLACKBERRIES
BAKE PUMPKIN PIE, PUMPKIN BREAD OR APPLE CRUMBLE

MAKE BIRD FEEDERS FOR THE GARDEN AND ENJOY WATCHING THE BIRDS FLY INTO THE GARDEN
FLY A KITE
WRAP UP AND STARGAZE FOR THE EVENING - HOW MANY CONSTELLATIONS CAN YOU SEE?
TOAST MARSHMELLOWS
THREAD SOME LEAVES AND DECORATE AN AUTUMN WINDOW AT HOME
MAKE AN AUTUMN WREATH FOR THE DOOR WITH ITEMS COLLECTED ON YOUR WALKS

Head to your local pumpkin patch in Selworthy this weekend and carve some pumpkins!

Activities for 8's and under

Diddy Dudes sessions

Diddy Dudes Halloween Party*

Scooter Academy*



Activities for over 8's

Mixed Skate sessions

Nerf Fun*

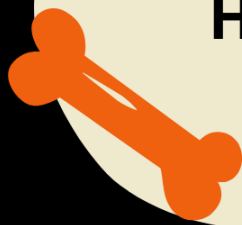
Have a Go Climbing

Street

Halloween Roller

Art*

Disco *



All the green * session are part of our
Special Events for our local community.

They include activities and buffet food for
£1 members or £2 for guests



Visit our facebook page for further information

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL PLEASE RING US
ON 01643 703155 TO SECURE YOUR SPACE**

the brewhouse

Half term Offer on some Fabulous Family shows at Taunton Brewhouse.

This October half term, keep the kids entertained by coming to see some fabulous family shows at Taunton Brewhouse! Take advantage of our special half term offer (runs from 17 – 29 Oct). Come to **TWO** or more shows and receive a discount of **20%** off the total cost! Offer restricted to Shark in the Park, Comedy Club, Jay Foreman's Disgusting Songs for Revolting Children (and grown-ups!) and The Selfish Giant. When contacting the Box Office please quote offer code WILDWOOD or RIVERBANK.

24 – 25 Oct Times vary

Shark in the Park (Suitable for All Ages)

Timothy Pope is looking through his telescope – but wait, is that a Shark, in the Park!?

From the creative team behind *The Hairy Maclary Show* – see all 3 of Nick Sharratt's *Shark in the Park* books live on Stage!



26 Oct 2pm

Comedy Club for Kids (Suitable for 6+)

Comedy Club 4 Kids brings the best stand-ups and sketch acts from the international circuit together for an audience of children and their families... but without the rude bits

29 October 2pm

Jay Foreman's Disgusting Songs for Revolting Children (and grown-ups!)(Suitable for 6+)

Laugh your way through this devilishly cheeky hour of songs, poems and comedy for children of all ages in this family friendly show which regularly sells out its entire runs at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

31 October 1pm and 3pm

The Selfish Giant (Suitable for 3+)

Inspired by the touching children's story *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde, Bristol's two leading family theatre experts are combining forces to explore an unusual friendship, and how even the grumpiest giant's heart can melt when Spring finally comes.

9 Dec – 2 Jan Times vary

Wind in the Willows (Suitable for All Ages)

For those schools coming to Wind in the Willows here is some more info about the show!

"There's nothing quite like messing around in boats."

Mole has never really left home before. But today, something is different. The world outside is calling, and he feels like it is time to answer...

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

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September 2021					October 2021					November 2021								
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24	F	1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26		
Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		
Su	5	12	19	26	Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		
December 2021					January 2022					February 2022								
M		6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu		1	8	15	22	
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W		2	9	16	23	
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F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F		4	11	18	25	
Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa		5	12	19	26		
Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su		6	13	20	27		
March 2022					April 2022					May 2022								
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M	2	9	16	23	30	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
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June 2022					July 2022					August 2022								
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31	
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

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