



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

News From School

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start we have had to this term, made even more special as we welcomed the children in through the snow flurry on Tuesday morning. It was a good reminder of what a beautiful setting our school is in.

It is great to see that so many of the children have returned to school confidently and eager for all the new and exciting experiences that we have planned for them during this Spring term.

This week, Class 1 have shown off their writing skills by writing a recount of their Christmas news. It was a joy to read. The colder weather has been timely, as they have also been exploring the changes around us that the Winter brings.

Miss Sparks has been entertained by Class 2 and their joke telling, which she assures me is part of their poetry topic! I am looking forward to reading them.

As we start a new year, it has been a good time to remind the children about kindness. During our assembly times, we have spoken about the importance of kind words, kind hands and kind hearts, and how our actions affect the way that other people may see us.

Finally, it is an honour to be the head of such an amazing school. Staff, children, families and the community have made me feel so welcome and I am very much looking forward to all the blessings that this year will bring and beyond. We are looking forward to Mrs Philp coming to visit us as our new Executive Head and we are delighted that Miss Sparks is currently with us in Class 2, for 3 days a week, and wish to congratulate her on her new position as Head of School for St Dubricius.

Mrs Angela Hall

Star of the Week is Noah—he's come back to school on fire!



Class 1 Achievement Awards this week goes to Heidi for sounding her words out brilliantly in her writing; our Kindness Award is for Archie who has been helping his friends to do up their coats.

Class 2 An Achievement Award this week goes to Troy for great progress with reading; the Kindness Award goes to Stanley for showing great patience with others.

Little Oaks News

The children have come back refreshed and enthusiastic from the Christmas holiday. This week and next we have a theme of snow and ice, so it was lovely when the snow arrived right on cue Tuesday morning! This caused great excitement as some of our children hadn't seen snow before.

They have enjoyed playing with ice and talking about how and why it melts. They have also made their own ice; observing water change from a liquid to a solid.



Next week we welcome Miss Emme Hunter onto our staff at Little Oaks. Miss Hunter will be working on a Monday, alongside Mrs King, to replace Mrs Sparks who will be teaching class two.

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear God,

Thank you for new beginnings and for treasured memories of times gone past.

May we show kindness and love in all of our actions and let go of grudges that we may bare.

Bless us with new experiences and help us to be thankful for special times we have shared.

May we accept all changes with an open mind and welcome heart.

Bless our school, friends, families and homes.

Amen

Key Dates:

- 04.1.22 First Day of Spring Term 1
- 14.1.21 FOTS Meeting 2:15pm (See Parentmail for details)
- 18.2.22 Last day Term
- 28.02.22 INSET Day
- 01.03.22 First Day of Spring Term 2

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.



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CONGRATULATIONS!!

A huge congratulations to Ellie Bowden on the safe arrival of Arthur Frederick John Stone was born Tuesday 28th December at 7:35am weighing 8lb 12oz.

We all wish her and her new family every happiness and cannot wait to meet baby Arthur!



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child's well-being or safety you can talk to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Mrs Naomi Philp**

In her absence, **Hannah Sparks & Helen Hickman** are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Timberscombe Church of England First School fully recognises the responsibility it has under the Education Act 2002 and the contribution it can make to protect children and support pupils in school. All staff involved with children (teaching and non-teaching) have a responsibility to be mindful of issues related to children's safety and welfare and a duty to report and refer any concerns. Similarly parents and carers have a duty to report and refer any concerns.

Information about the Child Protection Procedures that are followed in Somerset and in our school can be found at: www.swcpp.org.uk

If you are concerned about the welfare or safety of a child or an adult in our community, for information and advice you can contact Somerset Direct on:

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Wellbeing

By Kelly Twiss

A KINDFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

How many of us begin with a list of New year's resolutions to lose weight, join the gym, read more, drink or eat less, start meditating, the list goes on. And what do we do? we begin with such positive gumption and energy, almost over doing it and burning out by week 2 of January sound familiar?

Let's be far gentler and kinder to ourselves this year, let's make realistic goals that are achievable and make us feel good on the inside

If you are starting a new habit, say moving your body more each day, this provides us with happy endorphins, show's a great example to our children and keeps us fit and healthy. some days it just won't happen, life will get in the way.



This is when we need to show ourselves self-compassion and just re-start the next day, its just a slip up that's all!

Once you feel the benefits, you won't want to miss the rewards!

make your new habit simple to begin with, for example if you want to begin meditating, start with just 1 minute a day, you will do more anyway as you have shown up!





Free Event

Come down to Minehead Eye and find out what West Somerset has to offer you and your family.

13th of January 1-3 pm

Free Activities

Food & drink

Live graffiti art

Bouncy castle

Climbing Wall taster

Eye Explorers party

Information stands

VR & Games room

And much more!



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	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		3	10	17	24	
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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