



# Sampford Peverell C of E Primary School

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## Dates for your diary:

Half Term - 16 - 20 February

Non Pupil Day - 23 February

Children return to school  
24 February

Ash Class Walk - 2 March

World Book Day - 6 March

KS2 'We the Curious' Trip  
11 March

STEM Week - 9 - 13 March

Parents Evenings - 12 & 16 March

Year 6 Culmstock Walk - 20 March

Music Concert - 24 March

Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk  
(Year 6) - 30 March

Easter Service - 1 April

End of Term - 2 April

Return to School - 20 April

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## Stars of the week

Ash: Harry  
Beech: Douglas  
Cedar: George M  
Oak: Elsie  
Willow: Naomi

## Golden Leaves

Ash: Bradley  
Beech: Agnes  
Cedar: Merryn  
Oak: Louie, Daniel & Toby B  
Willow: Faye I

## Stars of the week last week

Ash: Zeb  
Beech: Sydney  
Cedar: Florence  
Oak: Tommy  
Willow: Chloe

## Golden Leaves

Ash: William  
Beech: Freddie  
Cedar: Charlotte  
Oak: Esme  
Willow: Gus



## Message from Sarah Price

Despite the challenges of the recent weather, the children have shown great resilience and enthusiasm. We always aim to ensure that they can spend time outside whenever possible—even in light rain—as this gives them valuable space to move, play and enjoy a proper break at lunchtime. With this in mind, please could parents/carers ensure that children bring a waterproof coat with a hood to school each day. A huge thank you, as always, to our wonderful PTFA for their continued support. They now have a rail of second-hand uniform available in the foyer—please do feel free to come and help yourself. The PTFA have also organised a pub quiz on **Saturday 7th February**. We are also excited to share that a brand-new school website is on the way. More information about the launch will be shared with you shortly.

## Willow Class (Pre-school)

It has been a soggy but wonderfully busy week! We do not mind the rain at all though — it has given us plenty of chances for bubble puddles and floating boats. In class, we have been travelling somewhere much warmer with our mini topic on Australia. We have explored Australian animals and insects, learned about transport in the outback, and created some beautiful Aboriginal-inspired dot paintings.



G'day, mates — and have a lovely weekend!

## Oak Class (Reception)

Another fortnight of fantastic learning in Oak Class! We have been using the world map in our foyer to locate the UK and Australia. This helped us link our English text—based on animals in the Australian outback—to our geography focus on maps and symbols, and it certainly sparked lots of curious questions about our world. In maths, we have been exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8 using tens frames, counters, fingers and a range of other representations to show our understanding.



## Cedar Class (Year 1 and 2)

The past couple of weeks have been full of exciting learning opportunities for Cedar Class. In English, we have started a new class text called *Leo and the Octopus*. The children have been exploring what a character is and discussing how characters feel at different points in the story, using the text and illustrations to support their ideas. In Maths, we have been learning how to use base 10 to represent numbers and develop our understanding of place value. The children have been using practical resources to identify tens and ones, build numbers, and explain their thinking. In PE, the children have been practising their underarm throwing skills, focusing on improving control and accuracy, this has been a lot of fun! In Computing, we have started to learn how to take digital photographs and use devices safely.



## Beech Class (Years 3 and 4)

What a fantastic two weeks we have had at school! In English, the children have been busy planning and writing their very own sequels to *Winter's Child*, showing wonderful imagination and a growing confidence in their writing skills. Within maths, the children have been exploring multiplication using a range of practical resources. This hands-on approach has really helped deepen their understanding of multiplying 2- and 3-digit numbers. A highlight of the fortnight was our brilliant trip to Blundell's School, where the children took part in a thrilling *dodgeball extravaganza*! They represented our school superbly, playing with courage, resilience and determination. Well done to all the children for such an enthusiastic and positive start!



## Ash Class (Years 5 and 6)

Over the past two weeks the children have been completing their stories based on the book 'The Lost Thing'. They have been looking at 'showing - not telling' the reader characters feelings and using adventurous vocabulary. In maths we have moved onto looking at decimals - including how to compare and order them. In PE, the children have performed brilliantly in basketball by working on their movement and communication as a team. Our Code to the Future sessions have also begun, with the children being taught from over the Atlantic by coach Meredith who has introduced a new coding program for the children to get to grips with called [www.vr.vex.com](http://www.vr.vex.com). It is fantastic to see the children deepening their understanding of coding by completing tasks independently.

