

# Weekly Newsletter

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**Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Head Teacher's Award winners, and those who have achieved great accomplishments in their after school activities.**



## **Ready, Respectful and Safe**

A huge congratulations to our children who are great examples of being ready, respectful and safe in school. They are always ready to learn and help others, respectful towards staff and their friends and behave consistently well in the classroom and the playground. They enjoyed a hot chocolate and a biscuit with Mr Harvey and were given a special badge to wear today.



## **Celebration Assembly**

The following children received trust awards this week.



Foxes - Ozzy has been working exceptionally hard, particularly in his phonics.

Squirrels - Ben for being trustworthy and honest.

Otters - Oscar for being so dependable and can always be trusted to do his best.



## **Poems written by the Squirrels**

Squirrel Class have done a wonderful job crafting their narrative poems about the Journey of a Raindrop. Their poems were filled with thoughtful rhyming words, emotive language, and vivid descriptive vocabulary that truly brought the raindrop's adventure to life. Squirrel Class did brilliantly and produced work they can all be proud of!

Here are just a few examples of the excellent work.



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

LI: To redraft/edit a narrative poem

I was sunbathing on the surface of the sea,  
Relaxed and peaceful, but I suddenly started to rise,  
The sun warmed me as I flew,  
I met my friends and began to drift, ✓

I was going faster and faster still,  
We chatted excitedly as I was swept along,  
The cloud grew darker and we got cold,  
We waited and waited, ready to fall, ✓

We started to shout and scream from the clouds,  
The raincloud rained and shook violently,  
The cloud opened wide beneath us,  
Then we plummeted like bullets from above, ✓

We landed in a river and rushed away,  
We swam through the quick rushing water,  
We bashed roughly against the rocks,  
In an instant, I was swallowed underwater, I then couldn't breathe. ✓

I rose up before we saw the beach,  
Before long we were running across sand,  
We happily joined the sea,  
We were eager to go back, ✓

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

LI: To redraft/edit a narrative poem

I was bobbing along on the surface of the sea,  
A big glowing amber had caught my eye,  
I started to panic, I started to heat,  
Then all of a sudden I felt myself rise. ✓

I looked down at the sea I was still in the air,  
Above the highest mountain I flew,  
I saw a black shape, I knew what to do, so towards the black  
shape I flew,  
Sure enough it was my friends, so I floated over to join them. ✓

As soon as I'd said my Hello's we heard a tremendous roar,  
It felt like I was about to explode, everyone pushed and shoved not  
wanting to be on  
the outside, ✓

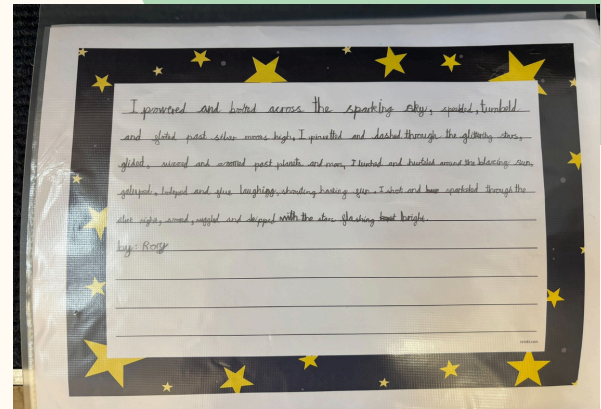
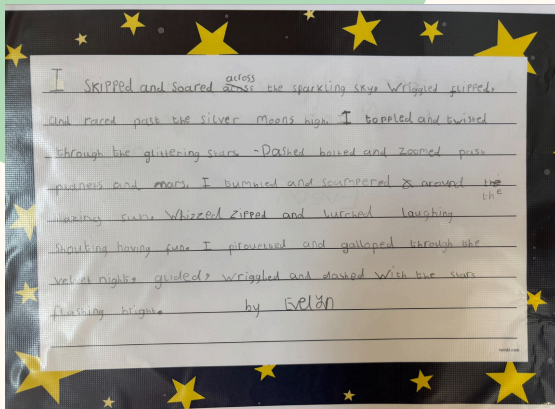
I was pushed to the edge then suddenly...  
It felt very cold, I had left the warmth of my friends and was  
falling down... ✓

I fell and fell and thought I would never stop but then I heard a  
trickling sound,  
I fell into a winding stream,  
Where I began my journey round the mountain once again this time going down.  
It was a long way and I got tired. ✓

## Foxes have written a poetry book!

They were inspired by the book, 'The Comet' by Joe Todd-Stanton. Their poems are jam-packed with fabulous, exciting past tense verbs. The children wrote up their poems using their very best handwriting and we now have a fabulous new book on our new bookcase. 😊

Additionally, in English this week, we have begun looking at a new book, 'Lubna and Pebble' by Wendy Meddour and Daniel Egneus. Yesterday, they all brought in a pebble of their own to describe. They all very much enjoyed sharing names and adjectives. The Foxes' have all made fabulous progress in developing their English skills already this year. We are very proud of them. 😊



## Introducing Sour Grapes Band!



We were lucky enough to be introduced to Sour Grapes, the band, during today's assembly, and wow, they were fantastic! Fynn, Willoughby, William, Indy, Theo and Barnaby did a remarkable job.

Mr Harvey praised them for their bravery and confidence.

## **Christmas Lunch 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Aspens have asked us to highlight two key dates where meals need to be (re)booked due to a change in menu options available.

Wednesday 10th December: Roast Turkey, chipolata and stuffing OR Roasted Vegetable, Cheese and Cranberry Puff Pastry Wreath. Both served with roast potatoes and vegetables. Followed by Rudolph Nose Cookie or Cinnamon Popcorn Chocolate Brownie.

(On this date ALL children having packed lunch or an Aspens dinner can come to school in a Christmas jumper with their usual grey trousers or skirt.)

Wednesday 17th December: Cheese, ham or tuna sandwich. Only cold options available as children will need to eat early ahead of the PTA Christmas Theatre Trip to the Tobacco Factory.

Even if you have previously booked a lunch on these dates we urge you to double check your orders.

Thank you





## Essential Dates

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Wreath making for adults 19:00 village hall

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November PTA Christmas Market 11:00 – 15:00 village hall

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations

3rd December – Key Stage 2 Mobile Library Visit

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Aspens Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 09:30 & 18:00 at the Church

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School PTA trip to Rapunzel at Tobacco Factory

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2 carols in the church 09:30

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term

**10TH DECEMBER 2025 FESTIVE LUNCH**



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Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Take part in concerts
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Make friends

## MUSIC CENTRES

Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all – from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:  
[wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres](http://wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres)



**THE HARPTREE RUNNERS**

# SANTA CHASE

Back for 2025

**A FREE FAMILY FUN RUN!  
FRIDAY 12TH DEC @ 5PM**

**STARTS & FINISHES OUTSIDE THE WALDEGRAVE ARMS**

Free certificate signed by Santa himself for all finishers!

FESTIVE OUTFITS ENCOURAGED! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

## COME TO THE ENVIRONMENT GROUP BRUNCH!

**ALL WELCOME**

- 📅 Sunday 30 November, 2025
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 📍 East Harptree Village Hall

The East Harptree Environment Group brunch returns with a fun family morning.

Learn more about the Environment Group and how we can all help wildlife in our parish in 2026.

- ✓ Parish wildlife exhibits
- ✓ Facepainting
- ✓ Wildlife games
- ✓ Craft fun
- ✓ Guess the skull
- ✓ Bacon butties, teas, coffee and cakes



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## Get Into The Groove!

with our new music production courses

In Years 9-13 and love creating music? Whether you've been playing around on GarageBand or dreaming of dropping your own EP, this is your chance to go next-level.

Over 10 weeks, expert music production tutors will help you shape your sound, master Logic Pro, and create a great track.

**Next Course: Wednesdays, 6 Jan 2026 – 25 Mar (Feb half term off)**  
**Final Course: Wednesdays, 22 April – 1 July (May half term off)**



Details and booking at:  
[wema.org.uk/music-production-courses](http://wema.org.uk/music-production-courses)

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A musical treat for the festive season!

## Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

**Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day**  
**Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day**

More Information:  
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