

Weekly Newsletter

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Remembrance 2025



This week, the children took part in an act of remembrance alongside the community, gathering by the memorial in East Harptree. Together, they observed a two minute silence to honour those who have served. Charlotte, Marnie, Harry and Ella also read 'A Poem Called the Soldier', speaking with confidence, clarity, and great respect, a truly remarkable effort by all.

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.

Hedgehogs - Digby for being trusted to support his peers and being a great support to his teacher.

Foxes - Wynn for being trusted to be organised and for being helpful towards her peers.

Squirrels - Annabelle for being trustworthy and reliable and supportive to her peers.

Otters - Elliott for trusting in his own abilities, showing confidence and belief in his own learning journey.

✨ FROM PAGE TO PLATE! – COMPETITION WINNERS ✨

During half term, the children took on the exciting challenge of transforming an ordinary paper plate into a beloved storybook character and pairing it with a written character description. Firstly, I would like to say how incredibly well they all did. The imagination, creativity, and thought that went into each plate were truly remarkable, and every child should feel proud of their hard work.

After much admiration and very difficult judging, we are delighted to announce the winners:

Charlotte from Otters, Rowan from Squirrels, Heidi from Foxes and Lydia from Hedgehogs.

A huge well done to our winners and to all who took part. Your creativity brought stories to life in the most colourful, inventive ways!



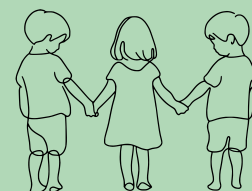
Diwali

This week in Hedgehogs we learnt all about why and how Hindu's celebrate Diwali. We shared a story called 'Dipals Diwali' and learnt all about the festival of lights. We then created our own diva lamps using collage, completed Mehndi patterns and looked at Rangoli, creating them with 2d shapes and playing a matching game with them! We even danced to some Hindu Music to end the lesson!



CHILDREN IN NEED

A huge thank you to everyone for donating to Children in Need, you were all incredibly generous. Thanks to your kindness and support, we have raised £82.90 so far. Your contributions will help make a real difference.



GIFT A BOOK CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated a book to our Christmas Gift a Book Appeal. We received over 120 books in excellent condition and they were delivered to Chew Valley Community Library on Thursday. These books will be given to families on low incomes who may not have many gifts this Christmas. This year our theme is 'The Power of Reading'. These books have the power to spread joy and happiness at Christmas time and encourage a love of reading for pleasure.



Mobile Library Service

On Wednesday 19th November, the Mobile Library is having its MOT so will not be able to visit us. Key Stage 2 children in Squirrel and Otter classes will be able to go on Wednesday 3rd December. If you have books on loan we would encourage you to renew these online and/or visit the Chew Valley Community Library, Wells Library or Midsomer Norton Library to return them in a timely manner. Do also remember we are lucky to have the East Harptree Book Swap in the telephone box outside our school where you can donate or take books for free at any time!

REMINDER

The deadline for ordering school photos is Wednesday 19th November.

SICKNESS

Please inform the school before 9.30am if your child is unwell, you must let the school know the symptoms of their illness. Just a reminder that if they have sickness & diarrhoea, they must stay off for 48 hours from their last bout.

Essential Dates

Friday 28th November - PTA Wreath making for adults 19:00 village hall

Saturday 29th November PTA Christmas Market 11:00 - 15:00 village hall

Monday 1st December - Flu Vaccinations



3rd December - Key Stage 2 Mobile Library Visit



Wednesday 10th December - Aspens Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 09:00 & 18:00 at the Church

Wednesday 17th December - Whole School PTA trip to Rapunzel at Tobacco Factory

Friday 19th December - Key Stage 2 carols in the church 09:30



Friday 19th December - End of Term



WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC
AND ARTS

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



EAST HARPTREE PLAY AREA 100 CLUB

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY LOTTERY!

Your chance to win while making a difference

What: Community lottery for playground upkeep and new equipment

Entries cost just £20 per year, you can have as many entries as you want!

Why: Support our fantastic village asset and create memories at our park

Prizes: Cash rewards await lucky winners! You have a chance to win 4 times a year with one entry!

How to participate:

- 1) Fill out the form and purchase your 100 club tickets. Go to the QR code, or head to www.ehbookings.co.uk/play-area-100-club to sign up.
- 2) Or drop ehbookings@gmail.com an email to say you'd like to sign up

DEADLINE: 26 November




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!

The Wardrobe Ensemble presents THE TIME SEEKERS!

Join Alph, Betty and Gammo in The Time Seekers — an exciting, interactive children's adventure through time! Discover dinosaurs, meet Romans and robots, and help answer big questions in this imaginative, song-filled show packed with humour, history, and plenty of audience participation for all ages.

Date: Sunday 16th November

Venue: St Andrews Church Hall, Chew Magna

Tickets & Details: [Book here](#) or visit our website www.valley-arts.co.uk

A joyful family show not to be missed!