



"Love one another as I have loved you" John 15:12



Friday 26th January

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a great start to the new year. It has been a good start for us with the publication of St. Andrew's SIAMS report. I hope you have all had a chance to read it, it a very thorough report written by a very experienced inspector. It really shows the improvements that are happening within the school, and I would like to join Mrs Brown and Mrs Board in thanking the staff for all their continued hard work to make this possible. The children have also played their part by rising to the challenge and pushing themselves to become the best they can be. The new term has begun with a further development and our new foundation subject scheme of work. Sika class have begun their swimming lessons and will continue these for the whole term. This term will include sporting events and forest school will continue to give the children a wholistic education. Can I please remind you of the importance of reading and to ensure that you read with/to your children for at least 20 minutes every day. As part of our push on standards we will be continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality. The government minimum attendance rate is 96% so please ensure your children are in school every day as much as possible. Thank you for your continued support at St. Andrew's.

Chris Vradis
Head of School
Wednesday - Friday

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STARS OF THE WEEK JANUARY

Otter:

Caleb
Maisie
Albert R
Aurora
Wren
Darcie

Hedgehog:

Tommy
Ashley
Ella H
Benji
Azelle
Liam

Sika:

Aurelia
Roisin
Archie T
Florence
Gracie
Truly

Kingfisher:

Bryn
Leo
Evelyn
Jed
Tom
Immy T

VISION AND VALUE AWARDS



Lillie-Kate for Courage
Natan for Respect
Jack for Service
Basil for Friendship
Bethany for Respect
Gwen for Respect
Shanti for Perseverance
Freya for Respect
Roman for Perseverance
Maggie for Respect
Lilia for Perseverance
Idris for Courage

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS



Chloe
Ollie
Lilly M
Toby W
Phoebe
Charlie M-S
Imogen G

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Courage

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We have had a lovely start to 2024 in Otter Class. The cold weather has provided us with plenty of learning opportunities to explore the effects of seasonal changes. Otters have particularly enjoyed making art with nature outside, pouring water on it and waiting to see if it has frozen over night.



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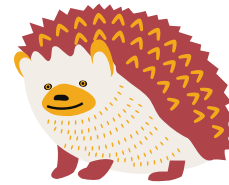
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HEDGEHOG CLASS



It has been a busy start to the year in Hedgehogs. The class are working hard in our new topic Bright lights, big city. We enjoyed our walk around Yetminster and learning lots of new things and exploring the land marks in the village. The children have enjoyed exploring Google Earth within our learning and particularly enjoyed exploring Mecca in our RE learning. In PE we have been having lots of fun using the large PE gymnastic apparatus and the children have been practicing their skills of climbing, jumping and rolling.



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SIKA CLASS



Sika pupils have been fully immersed in Ancient Civilisations this term, with a particular focus on Ancient Egypt. Children have been bringing in the most incredible projects from home, having been inspired by their learning in class about this topic. We look forward to our class trip to the Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester next month. Swimming lessons have proven to be great fun over the past few weeks, and we are already seeing some amazing progress and increased confidence in our young swimmers! Pupils have produced some amazing writing this term, in addition to some fantastic maths work based around multiplication and division. Well done, Sika!



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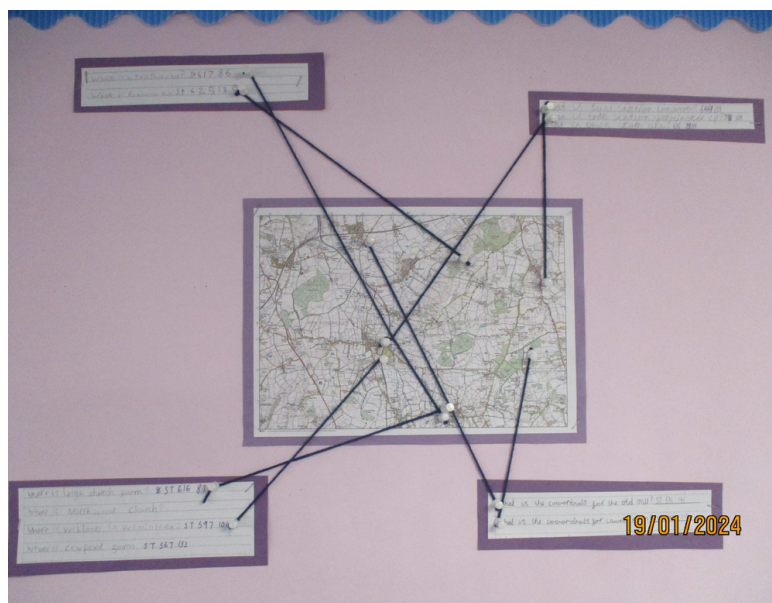
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KINGFISHER CLASS



We have packed so much into this month, it is hard to know where to begin! We had a brilliant, chilly return to Forest School where we cooked our own Leek and Potatoe soup on the camp fire to help keep us warm at lunch time. Our topic has taught us how to use OS maps and grid reference numbers, we had a lot of fun exploring references for important places in and around the village. In maths, we have been tackling fractions with Mrs Hedges, including converting improper fractions, multiplying and dividing unit fractions by integers and adding mixed numbers. A real challenge but one we have all worked extremely hard to conquer!



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Remember → LOTS OF LAYERS DURING THE COLDER MONTHS!



FOREST SCHOOL DATES- SPRING TERM

1ST FEBRUARY - HEDGEHOG
8TH FEBRUARY - KINGFISHER
15TH FEBRUARY - HALF TERM
22ND FEBRUARY - OTTER
29TH FEBRUARY - SIKI
7TH MARCH - HEDGEHOG
14TH MARCH - OTTER
21ST MARCH - KINGFISHER
28TH NO FOREST SCHOOL

Kit list

Longsleeve Top & Trouser
Waterproofs
Cup for hot chocolate
Change of clothes
Waterbottle
Walking boots/Wellies

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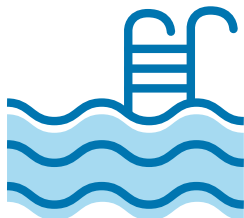
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Save the date



Reminder: Sika class continue weekly swimming on Tuesdays

Hello February

Thursday 1st

Y5/6 Football match away at Trent

Mon 5th - Fri 9th

Children's Mental Health week

Tuesday 6th

Sika Swimming

Wednesday 7th

Now & Beyond online festival

Friday 9th

Sika class trip - Tutankhamun Exhibition

Mon 12th - Fri 16th

HALF TERM

Monday 19th

INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th

Sika Swimming

Tuesday 27th

Sika Swimming

Forest school
01.02 - Hedgehog
08.02 - Kingfisher
15.02 - HALF TERM
22.02 - Otter
29.02 - Sika

A full list of upcoming events can be found on our [website](#)

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