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Trust in each other, **Respect** one another,
Shine for yourself!

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Note from Mrs. Moore

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas break. The classrooms have been full of smiles, excitement, and enthusiasm, and the children have been eager to share stories all about their Christmas holidays. From festive fun to special family moments, it has been a joy to listen to their experiences and see how confidently they communicate with one another.

We began the term with our New Year Assembly, where all of the children spent time thinking about their hopes and dreams for 2026. It was a thoughtful and inspiring opportunity for them to reflect on what they would like to achieve, both in school and beyond, as we start a brand-new year together.

A big highlight of the week was the Welly Walk organised by our fantastic School Council. All of the children took part with great enthusiasm, and we are proud of their efforts as they help to raise money for

Whole School News

PE Days - Thursday and Fridays

Forest School - Fridays

Facebook: Please follow our school Facebook page, **Piddle Valley CE First School**, where we will share regular pictures and updates.

Easy Fundraising - Please remember to keep supporting us via **Easyfundraising** every time you shop online. There are over 8,000 retailers that will donate to us for FREE every time you use **#easyfundraising** to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it is completely FREE

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1

Clothes recycling bank: If you are having a clear out, please remember to use the clothes recycling bank in our school car park. The school will get a donation each time for the amount recycled.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **94.6%**

equipment at playtime. Thank you for your continued support with this event.

We would also like to say a sincere thank you to the parents who attended the Relational and Behavioural Practice meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Your support and engagement are greatly appreciated and play an important role in our school community.

Here's to an amazing Spring term and a great start to 2026. We are looking forward to all the learning, laughter and opportunities that lie ahead!



Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **85%**

Year 1: **90%**

Year 2: **95.6%**

Year 3: **100%**

Year 4: **96.7%**

Reminder: Please DO NOT send your child into school with anything containing nuts.

Literacy Reading Award

Elowen

Freya

Jakub

TT Rock Stars

Evie

Polly



Class News and other bits

Forest Class

Welcome back Forest Class! This week we have been exploring the changes in weather, and have been exploring freezing and melting.

We did an experiment with the ice found in our outside area, to see if we could find a way to melt it. We also wanted to see whether it would be cold enough later in the week to freeze some of our toys in water over night, so we set up a tuff tray outside.

In Drawing Club we have been reading Dear Zoo. The Reception children are currently learning how to write captions, and have been working really hard at writing phrases with finger spaces and full stops. In phonics, Reception are now learning new digraphs (which are two letters making one sound), and have been working to incorporate some of their new sounds into their writing.

I will be giving Reception children some phonics homework this week, which would be fantastic if they could complete in addition to their reading to support their learning.

Have a lovely weekend.



Ocean Class

In Ocean class this week we have been using different methods to measure objects. Year 1 used rubbers to measure the length and width of objects, and Year 2 used measuring tapes, rulers and metre sticks. Then, we had to work out which one is the most efficient for measuring an object. We even measured our classroom - it is 730 centimetres! Excitingly, we have also had an strange event happen this week... a UFO landed in our outside area with a cute, furry alien in it which was spotted on our cameras! We even found yellow footprints and fur outside as well as in the classroom. We created missing posters and wrote questions to try to work out where the creature is and why it has come to Ocean class. Hopefully in our English lessons next week we will find out more!



Amazon Class

Welcome back!

All children have been full of energy and excited to see each other and start their learning.

We eased back into school with talking about our Christmas holidays and sharing this with our Friends.

This week we have completed activities for reading skills, English, maths and RE. The children were very good at getting back to the school routines.

They also enjoyed the welly walk and had fun chatting as they completed the challenge.

Have a lovely weekend.



Dates for your Diary

Please keep an eye on this section each week. More key dates will be added as they arise.

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
Half Term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th February
Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

Wednesday 18th March
Amazon Class - Wessex School's Singing Festival

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th March
Year 4 to Hooke Court

Clubs for Spring Term 1

Breakfast and all After School Clubs are to be booked and paid for via Arbor.

Lunchtime clubs can be joined on the day by informing your teacher.

Breakfast Club

Open every day from 8.00am

After School Club

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

Monday - Lights, Camera, Action!

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Tuesday - Craft Club

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Wednesday - Cooking Club

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Thursday - Kick Boxing

3.15-4.15pm - £8 per session (Payable via Kickstart
Vitality)

Friday - Forest School
3.15-4.15pm - £4.50 per session

Lunchtime Clubs
Monday - Shine Squad
Friday - Gardening Club

School mobile number - 07510 653624
(To be used for After School pick-ups if no answer
on the office number)