



# Piddle Valley CE First School

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

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## Newsletter 13.02.2026

### Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families

As we come to the end of a very busy and successful Spring 1 term, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support.

A special thank you to the parents who attended the Meet the Class Teacher session for Ocean Class and to everyone who came along to our Open Classroom events across the school. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, sharing in your children's learning and celebrating their hard work.

We hope you enjoyed the fantastic piano demonstrations from our talented students and that you loved the dance showcase this morning. The children worked incredibly hard preparing for their performances, and we are so proud of the confidence, dedication and enthusiasm they showed.

I am sure many of you also saw our recent post celebrating our after-school club, Lights,

### 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](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:**

Camera, Action, who performed their play for the school, as well as Amazon Class showcasing their recorder skills. What brilliant achievements!

Well done to every single child for a fantastic and successful Spring 1 term — and thank you to our parents too. Your encouragement and support truly make a difference.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, rested and ready for Spring 2, on Monday 23rd February.

Overall school attendance for this week: **94.8%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **96.9%**

Year 1: **82.5%**

Year 2: **95.8%**

Year 3: **100%**

Year 4: **95.8%**

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

### Literacy Reading Award

Florence

Olivia

Hattie

Brian

### TT Rock Stars

Florence

Evie

## Class News and other bits

### Forest Class

In Forest Class this half term, our topic has been 'Down In The Jungle'. We have been very busy all week with jungle inspired Maths and English sessions, and as this topic was coming to an end this week, we celebrated by having our very own 'Down in the Jungle Day'. We dressed up in jungle themed clothing and turned Forest Class into the Amazon Rainforest for the day! We revisited our learning about the different animals that live in the rainforest, and then we became explorers and looked for pictures of those



animals around our classroom.

We also celebrated pancake day a week early. We learnt about why we have pancake day and looked at the different traditions around the UK. We all had a go at flipping a pancake and then all tasted some pancakes with our favourite toppings.

Have a lovely half term!!

### Ocean Class

It was lovely to meet you all on Tuesday, also thank you to those of you who have been logging your child's reading on the reading log and for helping your child with their spelling homework.

We have been working very hard this week writing our octopus fact files. The children have really enjoyed conducting their own research using various sources and learning lots of interesting facts. They have been able to set out their fact file however they choose, and I will share some of them in the newsletter once they are finished. It has been lovely to see them so engaged in their learning.

We have logged all of our weather data in bar charts and pictograms this week and have been able to compare data like proper scientists!

In Art this week we have combined our learning from our computing unit and created some watercolour interpretations of Kandinsky's Concentric Circles, to compare against our digital versions from a few weeks ago. They look great!

Hope you all have a great half-term break!



### Amazon Class

Amazon class has been working hard this week to complete their units of work. They have been creating brochures to promote their imperfect pets.

They have started a new topic in maths which they have been enjoying. They have been learning to draw bar graphs and gather information from them to answer questions.

We have been looking at how different materials cause friction and how this can impact moving objects.

They have also been learning more about maps and the symbols that are used to find specific places of interest and the different maps that we can use.

The children are trying really hard with their times tables, so thank you for supporting them with their homework.

On Thursday, Amazon class showed their musical talents by performing some songs they have been learning on the recorder to the whole school.

I hope you all have a lovely week off and we will see you back refreshed after half term.



### Student Council



The next meeting for the school council will be on Monday 2nd March. At this point we will be looking at doing another event to raise more funds for items that they would like to purchase for school.

We will also be discussing what we should do to celebrate the house that receives the most house-points, I am sure they will have some fantastic ideas.

### Dates for your Diary

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

### Clubs for Spring Term 1

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
Half Term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
World Book Day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
Amazon Class - Wessex Singing School's  
Festival

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Red Nose Day

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 4 to Hooke Court

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Holidays

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**  
Inset Day

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Bikeability for some of Amazon class.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
Inset Day

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday - School Closed

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
Fraser Photography - Class Photos

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
Summer Half Term

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Whole School Trip

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

*School run extra-curricular after school clubs,  
that will be on offer for Spring 2, will be  
communicated after half term and start the  
second week back.*

**Breakfast Club**  
Open every day from 8.00am

**After School Club**  
4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

**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)