



## Piddle Valley CE First School

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

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### Newsletter 27.02.2026

#### Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and that the children have settled happily back into school routines. We also hope the children have enjoyed the Book Fair this week – it has been wonderful to see such excitement around books and reading across the school.

This week, the children have brought home a *Readathon letter*. As a school, we will be taking part in sponsored reading throughout the whole month of March to help children in hospital. The children have watched a video and taken part in a presentation explaining the initiative, and they were incredibly enthusiastic about reading and the positive difference they can make for others. We are very much looking forward to seeing their reading journeys over the coming weeks.

Next week, we are excited to welcome families to our popular **Stay and Play sessions in Forest Class:**

#### 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.

- **Monday:** A Stay and Play session working alongside children in EYFS, giving parents and carers a chance to experience a typical morning in Forest Class.
- **Friday:** Our much-loved **Forest School Stay and Play**, which has always proven to be a favourite!

A reminder that **World Book Day** takes place on **Thursday**. Children are warmly invited to come dressed as their favourite book character if they would like to join in the celebrations.

Please also remember to sign up for **Parents' Evenings** if you have not already done so. Further communication will be shared shortly regarding our **Easter Church visit**, which will take place on **Tuesday 17th March**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have an amazing weekend!

**Attendance:**

Overall school attendance for this week: **95.7%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **90.6%**

Year 1: **97.5%**

Year 2: **96.3%**

Year 3: **90.6%**

Year 4: **97.9%**

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



**Class News and other bits**

**Forest Class**

We have had a busy first week back in Forest Class. In Maths, Reception have been exploring numbers 6 and 7 whilst Pre School have been looking at the number 2.

In Drawing Club this week, we are reading a

**We have transformed our role play area into a vets! We are looking for some large cardboard boxes to put in it. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.**

book called 'Every Bees Birthday'. We have spent the week writing our own story about a bee on their birthday. We turned our stories into our own books and became authors! We are looking forward to reading them together next week on world book day.

We have also spent time in 'Forest Gardens' this week where we spotted some early signs of spring. We cleared all the autumn leaves away from our plants and watered them, and then we planted some spring flowers. We have also spent time making some lovely spring inspired artwork.

Please do continue to read and log it on our online reading platform.

Have a lovely weekend



## Ocean Class

This week Ocean Class have had lots of fun. In DT we did some product research and tried some vegetables and some potato products to see which tasted good so that we can begin to design our own dish.

In History, we have been studying older technology to think about how technology has changed over the past 60 years. We used an old Instax camera to take a class photo and it printed out and developed before our eyes which was fun to see!

Following that theme, we have started our photography unit for Computing, so had a go at taking photographs using portrait and landscape orientation and thought about what makes a good photo.

In English, we have started our poetry unit and created adjectives using suffixes, then wrote sentences with them.



### Amazon Class

Amazon Class have had a good start to the term.

This week they have been creating stories to be put together to create a book of stories. They have also illustrated the main character and a scene to go along with the story they have created,

They have been pretty determined in maths this week too, drawing and labelling bar graphs and line graphs making sure they have included all the information needed. They have also been able to use this information to answer questions.

They have started a DT topic on Roman structures with the hope that we will be creating a structure ourselves.

In Jigsaw they are now starting a topic on 'Healthy me' thinking about a healthy body and mind.

Well done to Amazon Class for another busy week.

### Dates for your Diary

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
World Book Day

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Church Service at All Saints Church - 9.00am  
Parents evening for all 3.30-6.00pm

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

### Student Council



The next school council meeting will take place on Monday, 2nd March. We will update you next week with any further ideas the children may have.

### 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 - Lego Club**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

#### **Tuesday - Cooking Club**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

#### **Wednesday - Arts and Crafts**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

#### **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  
(All sessions must be block booked)

**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 - Longleat

**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)