



Piddle Valley CE First School

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

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Note from Mrs. Moore

What a gorgeous sunny week it's been at Piddle Valley! The children have been full of energy, especially while practising their songs for the **Piddletrenthide Fete on Saturday 6th June**. If you can make it, please come along to cheer them on and visit the PTFA stall. The fete kicks off at **1pm**, and the children usually sing around then.

We're also excited that the children have been invited to perform their dances at the **Alton St Pancras Fete on Saturday 23rd May**. The fete starts at **1pm**, and we'll share exact timings for the children as soon as we have them. Parents — please let us know if you'll be attending and whether your child would like to join their friends on stage.

A quick reminder: **INSET day is next Friday (1st May)** and **Monday 4th May is the bank holiday**. Here's hoping the sunshine sticks around for the long weekend.

Amazon Class parents: I'll be holding another **PSHE Jigsaw consultation meeting on Wednesday 29th April at 3.00pm**. This year's cycle includes the topic "having a baby." If you have any questions or would prefer your child not to take part in that lesson, please come

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.

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

along or get in touch.

Have a wonderful weekend!



FREE!

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WESSEX ARTS FEST 2026

Saturday 9th May
@ Thomas Hardy School
10am – 3pm

A day of music, drama and dance performances and workshops for all the family.

Performances by orchestras, jazz bands, rock bands, choirs and individual young musicians from across the local schools.

Drama, musical theatre and dance performances by students from The Thomas Hardy School.

Workshops for all to take part in (sign-up in advance!)
"Come and Try" instrument sessions and music tech sessions
Ceilidh dance, Dance workshop, Big-sing workshop, Pre-school music, Samba workshop, Folk music workshop, Street band workshop, BBQ, refreshments and more!

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Forest Class are looking for donations for our Mud Kitchen of old pots and pans, kitchen utensils and plates, bowls and cups. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **97.8%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **100%**

Year 1: **100%**

Year 2: **96.7%**

Year 3: **97.1%**

Year 4: **95.2%**

Literacy Reading Award

Elowen

Iza

Caleb

Olivia

Literacy Reading Award

Niamh

Jakub

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

This week Forest Class have been reading 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson in our new Literacy Tree unit. In the book, the main Character had a party, so we spent time talking about different reasons for celebrations. We then had our own party, and used role play to make pretend party foods from playdoh, which we labelled using our phonetic knowledge.

In maths, Reception have been looking at the



composition of numbers to 10, whilst pre-school have been looking at the number 3.

We have had lots of sunny weather this week and have spent lots of time exploring our outside area. As the weather gets warmer, please could children come to school with sun hats, as our learning will take place outside when possible.

Have a lovely weekend.



Ocean Class

This week Ocean Class have been learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. We ate fruit together and spoke out the importance of giving thanks. Then, we learnt how to build a Sukkah and came up with some actions for the song which explained the steps.

In Art, we have been looking at Staffordshire pottery and different castles, and drew lots of small sketches of parts of castles from around the world. Then, we used a small clay tile to collect different textures from around the classroom to see what patterns we could find. We found one that looked exactly like a castle wall pattern by pressing the clay into the radiator!

In computing we have had a go at giving directions to each other and programming the Beebots to follow directions, we used our maths knowledge of position and direction from the Spring term to help us to direct each other.



Amazon Class

Amazon Class have been working hard this week to complete their English topic. They have all successfully created brochures to encourage tourists to visit a seaside village.

They have also finished their Fraction topic which they have found a challenge but have persevered to accomplish the tasks they have been set.

They have finished their Roman topic looking at who ruled the Roman empire and why the Roman rule came to an end.

They have made a good start on their PSHE topic that is looking at relationships.

They have also been enjoying their Samba topic in music, learning to play specific instruments in time together.

Homework has been given to the children today.

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.

Wednesday 29th April 3pm.

Amazon Class - Jigsaw consultation meeting

Thursday 30th April

Bikeability for some of Amazon class.

Friday 1st May

Inset Day



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 - Book Club (Author & Illustrator)

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

(All sessions must be block booked)

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 11th May (CHANGE OF DATE)
Fraser Photography - Class Photos

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May
Summer Half Term

Saturday 23rd May
Alton St Pancras Fete - Children Dancing

Saturday 30th May
Piddlefest
[Piddle Fest event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Saturday 6th June
Piddletrethide Fete - Children Singing 1pm

Friday 3rd July
Whole School Trip - Longleat

Thursday 16th July
Colour Run - TBC

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

Wednesday - Board Games
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)

Lunchtime Clubs
Monday - Shine Squad
Friday - Gardening Club

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