



# Piddle Valley CE First School

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

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## Newsletter 26.06.2026

### Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families,

What a hot week it has been! Thank you all for your understanding and support during the partial school closure due to the exceptionally high temperatures. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff remain our highest priority, and we really appreciate your cooperation.

#### **Looking Ahead - Art Gallery Preparations**

Next week promises to be a wonderfully creative one! The children will be busy producing some fantastic artwork in preparation for our **Art Gallery on Tuesday 14th July**.

We are delighted that **Tracey Walder**, a talented local artist and parent within the Piddle community, will be joining us to help the children create beautiful pieces on A3 canvases. Alongside this, the children will be exploring a range of different artistic media to produce inspiring nature-themed artwork. We can't wait to share their creations with you!

If anyone is able to bake some cakes for us to

### 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.

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

sell to parents and members of the community during the Art Gallery, we would be extremely grateful. If you can help, please let Lorraine know in the school office.

### Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mrs Thomas at the end of this academic year. Mrs Thomas is moving on to a larger school, where she will have the exciting opportunity to lead her own team.

We would like to thank her for everything she has contributed to our school community and wish her every success and happiness in her new role. She will be greatly missed by both staff and children.

### Whole School Trip - Longleat

Don't forget that next Friday (3rd July) is our much-anticipated annual whole school trip to Longleat!

The coach will be leaving school promptly at **8:30am**, so please ensure your child arrives at school by **8:15am** at the latest.

We are expecting to return between **3:15pm** and **3:30pm**, depending on traffic. A reminder will be sent next week with all the details, including information about:

- Wearing full school uniform
- Sensible walking shoes
- Sun cream and sun hats
- Drinks and other essentials for the day

### Finally...

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Please take care in the sunshine, stay hydrated, and enjoy the beautiful weather!

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **85%**

Preschool: **89%**

Reception: **81%**

Year 1: **76%**

Year 2: **85%**

Year 3: **78%**

Year 4: **84%**

### Literacy Reading Award

Freya  
Caleb  
Iza



**Parent Support**  
**DROP IN**  
**Coffee Afternoon**

**Thursday 2nd July**  
**at 2 pm**

*Come and join us at*  
**Piddle Valley First School**

We have organised a coffee afternoon where you can come and chat to:

- Mrs Nelson the SENDCO
- Emma Symes the school nurse
- Lucy Bowtell our parent SEND Governor

It is an opportunity for you to chat and ask questions if you are facing any challenges with your children. You are welcome to chat about any concerns from bedwetting, diet, sleep, school support or just general worries.

- Bedwetting
- Diet
- Sleep
- School Support
- General Worries

*We are here to offer support and reassurance.*

### Forest Class

In Forest Class this week the children have enjoyed playing with water activities to help them keep cool in the heat. We have taken the opportunity to learn more about why it is important to stay safe in the sun, and ways that we can keep ourselves safe including staying hydrated and wearing hats and sun cream.

We started our new Literacy unit, which is based around the book 'Oi Frog!'. We have been looking at different rhymes and rhyming pairs within the book.

We also enjoyed learning about trains as part of 'rail safety week'. We learnt about how we can stay safe at train stations and looked at the different safety signs that train stations have. We learnt about the importance of the yellow line on the train station platform, and that we should always 'stop, look and listen'. We then spent time building our own train track in the classroom and adding our own safety features to it, including handmade signs and yellow ribbon to represent the yellow line.



### Ocean Class

This week Ocean class have blown me away with their effort and attainment in their end of year assessments - they have done really well!

We have tried our hardest to stay cool in the blazing heat and had some fun with the water trays.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



### Amazon Class

This week has been a very different week due to the heat.

We have continued to learn but took advantage of the good weather to take our learning outside.

We have been learning about Volume and Length in maths whilst combining this with keeping cool.

The children have also been doing some end-of-term tests which they have accessed and completed with a positive attitude.

The children have completed their Canopic pots and sealed them to give them extra protection.

Please continue to send the children in with more drinks as the warm weather continues.

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 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Art Day in School  
Illustration Event - Thomas Hardy (4 children attending)

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Whole School Trip - Longleat

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Transfer Day and 2.45pm reception talk in Forest Class

### 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  
(Sessions must be booked before 4pm the day before the club is required)

#### **After School Club**

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options  
(Sessions must be booked before 7am on day club is required)

#### **Monday - Artist Club**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Art Exhibition and Mural Grand Reveal -  
2.30pm

**Thursday 16th July**  
Sports Day (AM)  
Colour Run (PM)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Year 4 Leavers Assembly  
Last Day of Term

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
Inset Day

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
First Day of Autumn Term

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
Science Dome in School

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
Fraser Portraits - Individual Photo's

(All sessions must be block booked)

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

**Wednesday - 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)

**Lunchtime Clubs**  
Monday - Shine Squad  
Friday - Gardening Club

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