



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly

*"Together, with God's love, we learn,  
nurture and grow, without limits."*



## Stars of the Week



Reception	Blake
Year 1	Lydia
Year 2	Lauryn
Year 3	Flora
Year 4	Toby

## Half Term

A brief reminder that **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** is the last day of this half term as we have an INSET day on Friday. Children return to school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

We hope that everyone has a relaxing half term break.



## Household Support Fund

We wanted to make sure that families were aware of the Household Support Fund and the funding that any Dorset resident can apply for. The support offered is a £150 supermarket voucher.

The full details are at the link below link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/household-support-fund>

Dorset Council households are eligible to apply if they have: an annual household net income of less than £30,000 and savings of less than £16,000 and not applied for a previous HSF payment within the last 6 months.

### When to apply:

The next round of applications starts at 10am on the following dates:

**Tuesday 6 February 2024 – that is tomorrow!!**

**Tuesday 5 March 2024**

Funds are limited for each application window and the form will close when they have been allocated.

**If anyone needs any help applying or the use of a laptop, please speak to Sian in the school office.**

## Science Fair Competition

A reminder that we have Science Week and the Science Fair competition this week!!

**On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, parents / relatives are welcome to come in to be with your child from 2.15pm onwards to help set up their project.

We will then open the school up between 2.30 and 3.00pm for everyone to view the projects.

We look forward to seeing what great scientist we have at Frome Valley.



### New Staff

We are delighted to say that we have successfully recruited three members of staff. We welcome to Frome Valley Emma Rees as one of our cleaners and also Emma Young and AJ Cox to new roles in Happy Valley. Staffing for Happy Valley will now be as follows:

**Monday & Tuesday: Gemma**

**Wednesday & Friday: Emma**

**Thursday: AJ**

### Vision Screening Reception Class

A member of the vision team from University Hospitals Dorset will be in school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** to test the vision of all children in the Reception class. Full details are in a letter emailed to parents today. The main points to note are:

- The check is **opting out** rather than opt in.
- Parents need to register for an account to see the results of the test. Full details of how to do this are in the letter.

### After School Computing Club

We are looking into hosting an after-school computer club run by a company called Computer Xplorers.

They deliver a broad range of courses covering the entire computing curriculum for primary schools, with the most popular courses being coding, game design, animations, and robotics. All courses are linked to the national curriculum.

**The cost of the club is £9 per student per week, paid half termly direct to the company.**

Before we go any further (and as they need a minimum number for the club to run), **we would like to know how many parents would be interested in this for their child / children.**

If you are interested in a club like this for your child, please call or email the school office by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

### After School Activities

After half term, we will be continuing with after school musical theatre on a Tuesday starting on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. We will email parents to let them know when it is available for bookings on Schoolcomms

## Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Special School Week Science	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	INSET Day – school closed to children	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Sharing Assembly 9am (Years 3 & 4)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term	<b>18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Interviews (Years 1-4)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children return to school 8.40am	<b>20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Year 4 – Hooke Court Residential
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Vision Screening – Reception Class	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Sharing Assembly 9am (Reception Class, Years 1 and 2)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World book Day and Stories @ 6pm	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar – 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays

### St Aldhelm's Church

St Aldhelm's Church in Crossways has the following event taking place.

**Messy Church: Crafts, Toast and Stories**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Afterschool until 4.30pm**  
**Free of charge**

Please contact Reverend Gemma on [revdonnell@outlook.com](mailto:revdonnell@outlook.com) for further information.

### May Day Celebrations Change of Date

We wish to advise parents that we have had to change the dates of our May Day Celebrations.

The new dates are:

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1.15pm**

with the reserve date of

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1.15pm (if wet on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

### Nut Free School Lunches and Snacks

A reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that all lunches, snacks and drinks do not contain nuts. Thank you for your help