



# Frome Valley First School News Weekly

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



## Stars of the Week



Reception	Louie
Year 1	Deacon
Year 2	Alfie
Year 3	Logan
Year 4	Summer

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all the families that have returned their questionnaires.

We now have 34 responses so far (from 97!).

**We really, really want to have as many questionnaires returned as possible. Please, please check bookbags and bags and see if your questionnaire is still hiding there!**

Your views are important to us and are one of the ways that we seek to improve Frome Valley.

Please can they be returned by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February.**

**THANK YOU**

## Safer Internet Day

This year we are taking part in safer internet day a little bit earlier, on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, as we have science week on the official day.

The theme is:

*Inspiring Change*

Further information can be found at the below link.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>



## PTFA Magic Show

A quick reminder that the magic show is this **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. Please bring all completed slips to the school office by this **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**.



## Year 4 Wessex Singing Schools Festival

The letter giving full details of the Year 4 Wessex Singing Festival will be sent to parents later this week. Please remember to logon to Schoolcomms and give permission for your child to attend the rehearsal during the day time.



## Science Week / Science Fair

The last week of this half term is our Science Week. Each day will focus on a particular area of science and will be jam-packed with exciting learning activities to inspire new and budding scientist! More news will follow, but we wanted to you to have time to prepare in advance for our Science Fair.



### Science Fair Competition

Calling all Albert Einsteins and Rosalind Franklins!! On **Thursday 8th February**, we are hosting an American-style Science Fair! This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to explore science at home and could be a fun project for all the family to get involved in!

You are welcome to come in to be with your child from 2.15pm 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.

Projects can be big or small and on any area of science that your child wants to learn more about. Projects might include finding a way to collect the ever-increasing amounts of plastic in the sea, building an erupting volcano, designing an aerodynamic paper aeroplane, making a model solar system or explaining how our ears hear. Please try and join in to make this a fantastic, informative and fun event to kick start science week!

For more ideas you can visit these websites:

- <https://www.weareteachers.com/easy-science-experiments/>
- <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/130374/50-science-fair-project-ideas-for-elementary-to-high-school-kids/>

**First prizes will be awarded to children in each class.**

It's time to turn all Frome Valley pupils into Scientists!!

### Upcoming Events: Dates for your Diary!

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day (instead of 06/02/24)	<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	INSET Day – school closed to children
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	PTFA – Magic Show (after school)	<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term
<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Special School Week Science	<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children return to school 8.40am

### St Aldhelm's Church

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

**Messy Church: Crafts, Toast and Stories**  
**Wednesday 6th Feb**  
**Afterschool until 4.30pm**  
**Free of charge**

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

### Pupil Premium

We would like to remind parents, of children that are entitled to Pupil Premium, that they have an annual allowance of £100 that can be used for school-based activities. These include: school uniform; contribution to trips and music lessons.

The £100 **must** be used in an academic year and cannot be carried forward to another academic year.

**The deadline for uniform receipts is 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.** Please note that we cannot accept any uniform receipts after this date.

### What are we learning in our classrooms this week?

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
We are looking at 'Little Red Riding Hood' and will be writing speech bubbles for the Wolf.	In Literacy, we will be recognising and using the conjunctions 'and' & 'but'.	In Literacy, we will be learning about different types of sentences. Using question, statement and command sentences.	In Literacy, we are planning, writing and editing a report on plants.	In Literacy, alongside our work on The Butterfly Lion, we will continue to learn about speech in writing.
In Numeracy, we will be exploring 'doubles' and learning how it means the same number added to itself.	In Numeracy, we will be comparing and ordering numbers to 20.	In Numeracy, we will be learning the two times table and related division facts.	In Numeracy, we are continuing to practise the formal written method to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.	In Numeracy we are learning about measuring in kms and finding perimeters of polygons.
In PE, we are learning how to maintain balance whilst walking a single line. We will also be practicing our one-leg and seated balances.	In Science, we will be looking at what different animals eat and using the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.	In Computing, we will be looking at designing our own algorithms using the Bee-bots.	In Computing, we are using costumes to change the appearance of a "sprite" (character).	In Science, we are learning about animals, including humans, in food chains.

**Do ask your child about their learning!**

**If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.**

### 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