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Multi Academy Trust
'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Horsington School News

06.11.2026 ~ Autumn Term Vol:4

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely half term last week!

The children have been incredibly excited to share all the fantastic reading they have been doing as part of our Sponsored Read-a-Thon. Thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement. All sponsorship money and completed forms can be returned to your child's class teacher or the school office in a named envelope by **Tuesday 10th**. We are really looking forward to using the funds raised to update and refresh our reading materials across the school.

A huge thank you also goes to our wonderful PTFA for organising such fantastic Glow Discos! The children had a brilliant time, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and behaved wonderfully. We are very grateful for all the time and effort that goes into making these events so special for our children.

Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring some really important themes across school, including World Kindness Day and Anti-Bullying Week. We will be focusing on the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating our differences, while developing the language we use to communicate positively with one another. We want to encourage the children to think about how their words and actions can make others feel, the importance of standing up for one another and how we can all play a part in creating a kind, happy, safe and inclusive school community.

There are lots of reminders in the newsletter so please read on...

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend, warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊



November

Second hand uniform sale 3.30pm ~ Friday 6th November

Individual School Photos ~ Tuesday 10th November

Open Morning ~ Reception 2027 ~ Friday 13th November

Friday 13th November ~ World Kindness Day

Monday 16th November ~ Anti Bully week ~ Children to wear ODD socks to school

Friday 27th November ~ Non Uniform Day - Raffle prize Donation

Attendance w/c 02.11.26

Water Class 99%

Air Class 98%

Fire Class 98%

Earth Class 97%

Whole School 98%

Horsington High Five!

Congratulations to the children who have received Marvellous Merits and **Super Sashes** for their incredible work and attitude over the past few weeks. Well done for all your efforts.

	23.10.26	06.11.26
Water Class Marvellous Merits	Oscar, Henry W, Theo, Pip	All of Water Class
Super Sash	Rafe	Freddie
Air Class Marvellous Merits	Polly, Elsie, Fable	Reuben, Rowan, Jake, Leo, Fable
Super Sash	Ivan	Imogen
Fire Class Marvellous Merits	Sunny, Hana, Archie, Olivia, Harrison, Matilda	Bertie, Edith, Amelia, Digby, Orla, Eddie
Super Sash	James	Matilda
Earth Class Marvellous Merits	Oakley, Katie, Barnaby, Grace	Frankie H, Oakley, Felix, Katie
Super Sash	Ollie P	Archie

House Points

This week's totals are....



= 838



= 874



= 883

Our Wonderful Writers

This week we celebrate . . .

Henry B, Lola, Willow N, Clover, Sonny, Edie, Oakley, Willow S

Our Little Wandlers

Children making amazing progress in their Phonics this week are

Percy, Imogen, Reuben, Oscar



Boris the Bookworm's New Adventure!

Boris in the Jungle

Well done these children have already reached 25 reads and have become Jungle Explorers!

Henry B, Lyra, Theo S, Ivy, Bertie, Finnley, Winston, Oscar, Reuben, Elsie, Daisy, Jude & Izzie.



Harvest Pumpkins

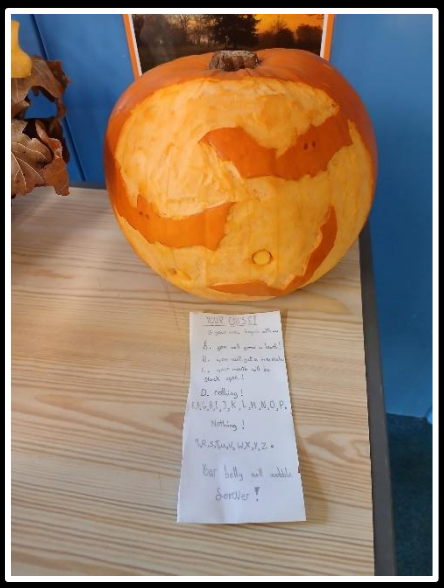
A huge well done to all the children who created such fantastic carved pumpkins! The creativity and effort that went into each design was wonderful to see. Our Pupil Parliament had the very difficult job of choosing their favourites, judging the entries across a range of categories, including Funniest Pumpkin, Best in Key Stage 1, Best in Key Stage 2, Most Imaginative, Most Artistically Decorated and Best Overall Presentation.

The pumpkins looked amazing and added a wonderfully spooky touch to our Glow Disco! Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event so special.

Well done to our Winners!












Water


Air






Air


Fire




Earth

Outdoor Classroom Day ~ Learning Outdoors

As a school, we love to utilise our outdoor spaces and make the most of the learning opportunities that being outside can offer. It was therefore wonderful to see all four classes taking their learning outdoors yesterday!

In Drawing Club, **Water Class** loved using clipboards, card and chalk to bring their creative ideas to life. In Maths, they went on a number 5 hunt, looking for the number 5 in the outdoor environment. They used chalk to draw their own 5-frames and collected natural resources, including leaves, twigs and stones, to explore and represent the number 5 in lots of different ways.

Air Class took their Maths and Science learning outside. For Maths, they created number bonds of 6 out of natural materials and wrote number sentences in chalk. For Science, they investigated whether different materials were absorbent or not. They discovered that felt is not very absorbent, which surprised many of them!

Fire Class recreated portraits from outdoor nature objects in the style of artist Arcimboldo!

Earth Class went on a treasure hunt, looking for clues to solve their Maths problems.

It is always lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning, making the most of the fresh air and exploring the world around them. Outdoor learning provides such valuable opportunities to develop curiosity, creativity and teamwork!



























Remembrance ~ Poppy Appeal



A huge thank you to our wonderful Earth Class for supporting the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** by selling poppies and Remembrance items. Your enthusiasm and kindness have helped support such an important cause.

Each class will be taking part in a one-minute silence at **11:00am on 11th November**, to mark Remembrance Day and remember those who have served and sacrificed.

As Earth Class will be swimming on Wednesday morning, we will be holding our special memorial service in the afternoon instead. This will be led by Earth Class at the village memorial stand.

A special invitation: Any children who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, St John Ambulance or other uniformed organisations are very welcome to wear their uniform to school on this day, should they wish to do so.

We look forward to coming together as a school community to remember and reflect.

Welcome to the Team

From Monday, we are delighted to welcome our new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Roberts, to Air Class. We are sure you will join us in making her feel very welcome, and we look forward to getting to know her better.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Nancarrow, a student from Bath Spa University, who will be joining us in Fire Class every Tuesday until Christmas.

We are excited to have them both as part of our school community!



Important Reminder – Nut-Free School

A gentle reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. Please ensure that no nuts or products containing nuts are included in children's lunchboxes. This includes **all nuts and nut bars** – tree and ground.
This is important for the safety and wellbeing of all our children. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us keep everyone safe.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported recently. Please could all parents and carers take a few minutes over the weekend to check their child's hair and treat if necessary.
Regular checking and prompt treatment help prevent head lice from spreading.



After-School Collection Reminder

May I please remind everyone that after-school provision finishes promptly at 5.00pm, and all children must be collected by this time.

Staff running the after-school provision are required to leave themselves at 5.00pm, so it is important that collections are on time.

Please be aware that any children who have not been collected by 5.00pm will incur an additional charge.



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Working Together as a Community

As many of you are aware, there has been some police presence around the school site recently.
This has been brought to our attention by the Community Liaison Officer, who has advised us that there may have been an increase in online messaging and WhatsApp discussions relating to the farm and horses situated opposite the school.
The Community Police Officer has asked that anyone wishing to make comments, raise concerns or share information does so directly via the following email address: salvatore.tripodi@avonandsomerset.police.uk

We kindly ask that any concerns are directed through the appropriate channels so that they can be addressed by the relevant authorities.
Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work together as a community.

Not wanting to mention the 'C' word but with only 7 more Fridays to go.....



Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 9th December ~ Water class Nativity 11.15am (school)

Thursday 10th December ~ Christmas Jumper day & Panto!

Thursday 10th December ~ Choir, Carols & the Community 5.30pm (Church)

Monday 14th December ~ Whole school dress rehearsal 9am (Church)

Tuesday 15th December ~ Christmas Performance 9.10am (Church)

Wednesday 16th December ~ Christmas Performance 2.15pm (Church)



PTFA Dates



Friday 27th November ~ non-uniform day ~ in exchange for Raffle prizes

Tuesday 1st December ~ Christmas Jumper sale/swop ~ 3.30pm

Wednesday 2nd December ~ Christmas Wreath Workshop ~ Evening

Friday 4th December ~ Christmas Bazaar ~ Village Hall



Kindness Perseverance Respect Love Forgiveness Trust

Open Days ~ School Admissions for September 2027

We are excited to invite **prospective parents and children** to visit our school during our upcoming Open Days:

- **Friday 13th November:** 9:15 am – 10:15 am

There is **no need to book** – simply come along and see our wonderful school in action.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Primary Applications Deadline

The closing date for primary applications for children starting school for the first time is 15th January 2027



Collective Worship



This term the children shall be thinking about the value of 'Kindness' in our Collective Worship, and within our Roots and Fruits programme the value 'Compassion'

'A tree is known by his fruit' ~ **Matthew 12:33**

Compassion

This week in worship, the children have been reflecting on the value of Compassion and exploring what this means to us as a school community.

We have been thinking about how we can show compassion towards others through our words and actions, whether that is by showing kindness, offering help, listening to someone or taking the time to understand how another person might be feeling.

We have been reminded that even the smallest acts of compassion can make a big difference and that we all have a part to play in creating a caring, welcoming and supportive school community.

As we go through the week, we are encouraging the children to think about how they can put compassion into action and make a positive difference to those around them.



Compassion is ....

Costly caring

Offering help

Making a difference

Putting others first

Always listening

Sensitive to suffering

Service in action

Interested in others

Offering care and concern

Noticing a need




Craft
Create
Connect
Support
Our Local
Community
Festive
Fun
for a
Brighter
Future
CHRISTMAS
Wreath Making
WORKSHOP
Wednesday
2nd December 2026
7pm – 9pm
Horsington
Village Hall
TICKETS
£25
PER PERSON
Your ticket includes:
All wreath-making materials
A beautiful selection of decorations
A glass of Prosecco to enjoy while you craft
Your own handmade Christmas wreath
to take home
Fundraising for
Horsington Church School
Playground Equipment Appeal
Kindly Supported by
Lillies Rose Florist, Wincanton
TO BOOK CONTACT NATASHA
07735 182238
PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO BOOK EARLY
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL

SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

A Festive Evening for the Whole Community

Thursday 10th December

5.30pm

St John's Church, Horsington

Join our talented school choir for a joyful evening of Christmas carols and festive music as we celebrate the season together.

Refreshments served after the concert

Donations invited in support of the School Play Equipment Appeal

Come along, sing along, and help bring some Christmas cheer to our village while supporting a great cause.

We look forward to seeing you there!

HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL CHOIR

