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MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

It has been a busy week for everyone at Prep leading up to the half term break. Last night we had our much-anticipated Rock and Pop concert, which is always a highlight of the Summer Term. We were lucky to have fantastic weather as we welcomed parents and pupils for a barbeque in the sunshine before the performances. It was clear from the quality of the performances, and the buzz and energy from the crowd, that a lot of effort had gone into making this such a memorable event. Congratulations to all of the musicians who took part, and a huge thank you to all of the staff who helped to organise the event.

Today we've had our highly competitive Sports Day up at senior school, and what a day for it! I hope that pupils have enjoyed the competition, but more importantly the spirit of the day. Pupils had a well-deserved ice cream in the sunshine before an early finish to begin the holiday break. Congratulations to Jutes house for winning Sports Day.

It's set to be a very hot bank holiday weekend here in Somerset. I wish you all a relaxing break over half term wherever you are. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for a busy end of term.

Yours,
Dan

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

This week's Picture of the Week is this fantastic painting of the Tor by **Eleanor D.**



SPORTS DAY



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PARENT NOTICES

Moving Up Talks

We will be holding Moving Up Talks for parents in the first week back after half term. A link to join is below, and login details will be sent via email towards the end of Half Term.

Monday 1 June 2026 – 17.30-18.15 PM

Moving Up Parent information talk - Year 7 to 8 (online). Please use this link to join.

Tuesday 2 June 2026 – 17.30-18.15 PM

Moving Up Parent information talk - Year 6 to 7 (online). Please use this link to join.

Thursday 4 June – 18.00-18.45 PM

Moving Up Parent information talk - Year 5-6 (online). Please use this link to join.

Please be aware that during the first week back after half term, we are working with teampebe on sports bra education and will be following up with a letter next week with exact details and timings.

We would like to follow on with our recent parent engagement and educational opportunities for our children. We also hope to be able to extend this presentation to our parents, then our pupils and then it will be offered to our staff too.

Many thanks for your continued support with such worthwhile topics, as we work together to prepare our young ladies for the future.

Kindest,
Ben

Adult & Child PFA Golf Day – Last-Minute Places Available!

There is still time to join our exciting PFA Golf Day at Wells Golf Course on Sunday 7 June 2026.
It promises to be a fantastic day of golf, great food, prizes, and fun for both adults and children.
If you have not already booked and would like to take part, book your place now:

PFA Golf Day Booking Form June 2026 – Fill out form

If any child doesn't have an adult to play with, then there are teachers who are happy to be their 'adult'.
We would love your support and look forward to seeing you there!





Click here to fill out the PFA Outdoor Cinema Form

DORSET ADVENTURE PARK

On Sunday, over 80 boarders enjoyed a fantastic trip to Dorset Adventure Park, located near Corfe Castle. The day proved to be a great success, with pupils fully embracing both the challenge and fun of the activities on offer.

Upon arrival, pupils received a comprehensive safety briefing, ensuring that everyone understood the expectations and procedures for the day. Following this, they were set loose on the mud trail, where they tackled a wide range of obstacles involving mud, water, and physical challenges. The trail required resilience, teamwork, and a willingness to get fully stuck in, all of which the pupils demonstrated in abundance. Spirits were high throughout, with plenty of laughter, encouragement and mud!

In the afternoon, attention turned to the large inflatables, which was undoubtedly one of the standout highlights of the day. Pupils had the opportunity to take on two giant inflatable courses set out across the lakes. These required a combination of balance, agility, and determination, as well as a willingness to keep going despite the inevitable slips and splashes. From climbing steep inflatable walls and scrambling across floating platforms to navigating slippery crossings and launching themselves into the water, pupils fully immersed themselves in the experience.

There was a constant buzz of excitement and inevitably, there were plenty of splashes and falls into the water, which only added to the enjoyment and sense of fun. Laughter could be heard across the lake as pupils embraced every moment, making the most of the opportunity in a safe, supportive, and highly enjoyable environment.

Staff were particularly impressed with the encouragement pupils showed one another, helping those who were less confident and celebrating each other's efforts and successes.

Overall, the trip was a tremendous success. The pupils conducted themselves very well, supported one another throughout, and made the most of the opportunities provided. It was a memorable day filled with energy, enjoyment, and positive experiences for all involved.














HEADS OF HOUSE SUMMER TERM 2026

Games House	First Choice	
Angles	Rosabella B	Dylan D
Danes	Freddie W	Eloise S
Jutes	Oscar F	Alejandra P
Saxons	Almendra C	Dexter R
Boarding House		
Berewall	Rouyan W	
Champion	Jerry L	
Chestnut	Tabby A and Martha D	
Hollies	Martha S	

PEACE VIGIL



Last week a number of pupils from Year 7 and 8 attended the Millfield Peace Vigil at senior school, where pupils gathered to reflect on the nature of peace and the importance of peace both within our hearts, in communities and in the world. It was a lovely event, and a number of our pupils read poetry and statements that they had written about their experience and desire for peace, as well as read poetry that explored peace. It was led by Rev James Stephenson and the pupils were able to engage with senior school students who also read thoughtfully about their own experiences and expectations of peace in the world. Below is a reading from **Masha**, our Year 8 pupil.

"World peace is not merely the absence of war, but the presence of justice, understanding, and compassion. It begins with individual actions, empathy, and commitment to dialogue over violence, fostering a global community that values human dignity over conflict. True peace requires us to stand against hatred, bridge divides, and plant seeds of harmony daily, starting within our own hearts and communities."

EAL

We kicked off this week slightly differently in EAL by taking a trip to the food tech room! **Ritsuki** had kindly brought us back mochi from Japan, so we were excited to try some! **Ritsuki (and Taiei)** firstly translated the list of ingredients into English, then took us through the preparation and cooking instructions. We were so pleased with the end result that we invited 6ZOD to sample some, before heading off with a takeaway box to Mr Thornburn's office to brighten up his Monday morning! He was delighted to try our mochi and proceeded to share some fond memories with us from a recent trip to Japan. Thank you so much to **Ritsuki** for this wonderful experience - great to have a 'taste' of your culture!





DT

Well Done to 7IT for completing these excellent marble mazes. The children built the frame using a dowel joint, planned the maze on the computer and got the laser cutter to cut it out before working on their sawing technique to cut the walls. Focus and a keen interest has been shown throughout.







7WAL have been completing peer evaluations and self-reflections on their work to think about the strengths and weaknesses of their project.



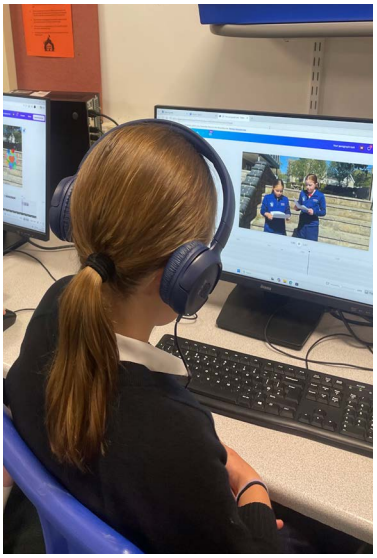


YEAR 5

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been developing their skills on Canva, specifically looking at how to edit videos to enhance a persuasive message and bring their scripts to life. The pupils have collaborated by adding text, graphics, audio, animations and backgrounds with some super results.







SCIENCE

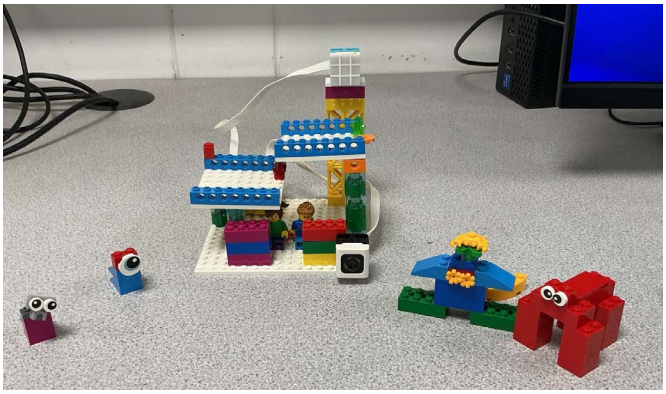
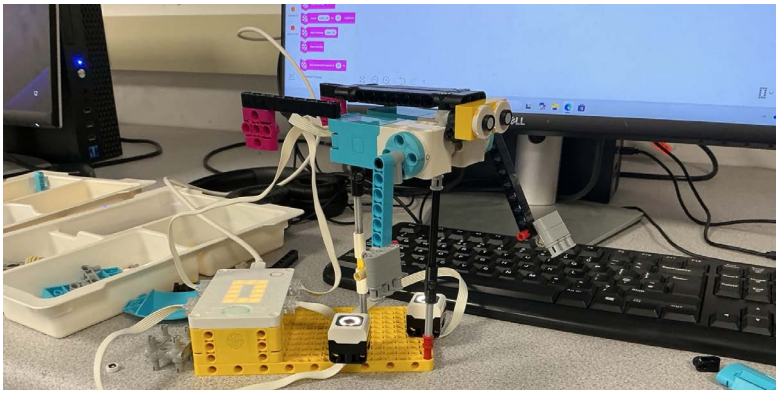
Last week, the intrepid Year 7s set off to study the wetland habitats and inhabitants of Slimbridge WWT in Gloucestershire. In spite of a bus breakdown on the way, a thunderstorm, and copious quantities of goose poo, they embraced the activities, producing intricate pencil sketches of the flamingos, climbing the Estuary Tower, impersonating the eider ducks, watching the otters being fed (terrible table manners - they play with their food!), and meeting Zizu the grey crowned crane. Highlight of the day - fluffy goslings everywhere!






ICT

The Juniors have been developing their coding skills using the Lego Spike system in lessons and in after school coding clubs. They have been constructing models out of Lego with various sensors for inputs and LED's and motors for outputs, we have then programmed them to react in a variety of ways. This swimming robot, by **Hugo**, and this camp with monster alarm by **Oliver** are two cracking examples of our efforts!

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Of the 52 Millfield Prep participants, 11 pupils in Years 6-8 achieved an incredible Gold certificate in the 2026 Junior Maths Challenge. Gold certificates are given to approximately the top 8% of participants nationwide. Nine pupils have been invited to compete in a follow-on round in June. The Junior Maths Challenge is a 60-minute, 25 multiple choice questions challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning and precision of thought to make pupils think. Congratulations to all pupils who took part.





YEAR 4 OPEN MORNING

On Saturday, Year 4 parents came in to help their children launch their new inquiry topic: Time, Place, Earth and Space. It was a really fun morning working together to create a 3D model of the solar system.













PAINT BY NUMBERS LUNCH TIME CLUB







BOARDING LIFE

HOLLIES

A huge thank you to Mrs Morgy and Miss Graham for a fantastic weekend programme, which included settling down together to watch the Eurovision Song Contest, enjoying some delicious chocolate fountain fun and throwing some impressive shapes during a lively Just Dance session in the hall.
This week we also celebrated **Louise's** birthday, and she very kindly treated the house to some delicious freshly made cookies, whipped up alongside her dorm mates for snack time. Combined with her beautiful birthday cake, it made for a very happy evening indeed.
We also took time this week to celebrate the wonderful Mrs Williams, who will be taking some time away from house to focus on her family. We will miss her enormously and are so grateful for the many years she has spent supporting, encouraging and caring for Hollies girls past and present. She has been such an important part of the Hollies family, and we wish her all the very best.
Huge congratulations to **Cecily and Bea** who had busy weekends representing the school in IAPS fencing and triathlon respectively - both bringing home some bling to show for their awesome efforts!






CHESTNUT

It's been another joyful and busy week in the house, filled with celebrations, creativity, and some very tasty treats! At the weekend, the house came alive with our very own Eurovision celebrations! The girls enjoyed a fun evening complete with colourful mocktails, music, and a fantastic atmosphere. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and embracing the spirit of the event. We were also delighted to celebrate the birthdays of **Coco and Ichika**, with delicious sushi, mocktails, and birthday cake, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Happy birthday **Coco and Ichika**. Throughout the week, the girls have also been busy in the kitchen, helping to prepare a range of delicious snacks. Highlights included refreshing fruit smoothies and freshly made pancakes, which were enjoyed by all. It has been great to see their enthusiasm and teamwork, as well as their growing confidence in trying new skills. We wish everyone a lovely half-term break and we look forward to warmly welcoming the girls back, refreshed, and ready for the next busy and exciting few weeks ahead!








BEREWALL

The Berewall boys have had a full on, busy week as they race to half term. The weekend saw MPS host the fencing IAPS with **Zitian and Ritsuki** competing. They did brilliantly and **Ritsuki** returned to house with 2 gold medals. Saturday night arrived with the boys all set to visit Tescos. Armed with some money and bargain hunting in mind, they worked together to hunt for deals and a mixture of goodies to enjoy for their snacks. They enjoyed this and settled done to watch a movie to finish the day off. Sunday was the much-anticipated trip to Dorset adventure park. We were greeted with tired, muddy boys at the end of the day, but they all had a great time. The washing machines….not so much! The mixed weather has made playing outside hit or miss. **Luis** enjoyed a break from football to spy on the Deer that visited us, in the field next door. The competition for the most Good News and Praises came to a finish. A big well done to **Austin**, who won the individual prize and also the boys in dorm 14, **Sasha, Alberto, Kona and Austin,** who won the dorm prize. The excitement has been building all week to support our boys at Rock and Pop. Wishing you all a relaxing half term and hoping for some great weather to enjoy.









CHAMPION

It has been a busy lead up to the end of term. Saturday saw the return of the "Tesco Challenge", with the Champion boys piling onto minibuses armed with only a small amount of change in their pockets. Their task was to work together and use their maths and budgeting skills wisely to buy treats for the evening. It was wonderful to see them rise to the challenge, returning with an impressive haul of sweets, noodles, ice cream, pizzas and biscuits! On Sunday, the trip to Dorset Adventure Park was a huge success. The boys had a fantastic time getting wet and muddy, returning with bagfuls of washing. Mrs Crew and Mrs Wren deserve medals for getting through it all!









BRILLIANT BOARDERS

HOLLIES

We are delighted to announce that the Brilliant Boarder Award for this half term goes to **Ines. Ines** is a true natural boarder — independent, calm, warm and friendly, with the cheekiest sense of humour. We have been incredibly impressed by her resilience and cheerfulness throughout the year, and she has made a lasting impact on life in Hollies.



CHESTNUT

We are delighted to recognise **Alessandra and Florence** as our Brilliant Boarders for the Summer Term. Joining us at the start of term, both girls have made a wonderfully positive impression from the very beginning. Their enthusiasm and uplifting energy have brought a real sense of joy to the house, and they have embraced boarding life with confidence and ease. **Alessandra and Florence** have settled quickly, building strong connections and becoming valued members of the Chestnut family. It has been a pleasure to see their positivity shine through in everyday house life—well done to you both!



BEREWALL

The Berewall brilliant boarder for this half term is **Samuel**. Since he arrived in September, **Samuel** has constantly cheered us up with his great sense of humour and he is forever smiling…. even through the plight of his beloved Tottenham! (good luck on Sunday **Samuel**!) He has shown tremendous kindness to everyone, always offers his help and looks out for his friends. Well done **Samuel** for winning this award, we are very proud of you.



CHAMPION

Our Brilliant Boarder for this term is **Joey**! Although **Joey** only joined us in September, he has settled in so naturally that it feels as though he has been here much longer. He is incredibly resilient and provides a calm, reliable and steady presence in the house. He is kind, polite and an excellent role model. **Joey** is greatly admired by the younger boarders, who genuinely look up to him like a big brother. Staff have also noted how helpful he is, always offering a hand in the kitchen or laundry without being asked. We have loved having **Joey** with us this year; he has been a huge asset to the house and is a real credit to himself.



SPORTING NEWS

CRICKET

Congratulations to **Arabella and Jess** who both scored undefeated half centuries against All Hallows on Wednesday for the girls senior development team.



We had a rainy match where the girls kept going despite the wind. All smiles and a lovely afternoon tea basket afterwards.







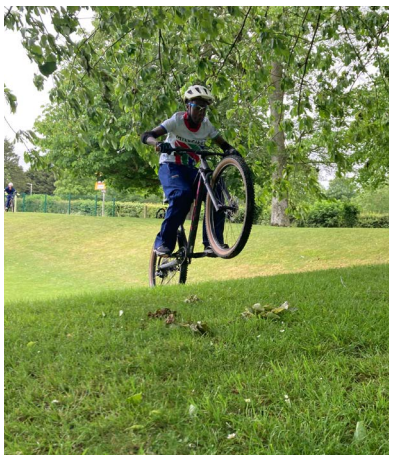
The senior development boys team had good wins against county opposition and a tough fixture in the cup.

The senior development girls had an excellent fixture with Somerset girls team. Winning one game and only losing by four runs in the other. The girls did the school proud and showed how much they have developed their cricket this term.

MOUNTAIN BIKING







NETBALL

U10 Team Bath Netball

Last weekend, our U10 girls had an unforgettable experience at Team Bath Netball, where 12 girls were invited to be the official ball crew for the exciting match between Team Bath NXT Gen and Celtic Dragons.
The girls represented the school brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and confidence throughout the afternoon. A highlight was meeting Old Millfieldian and England GA Pamela Cookey, whose encouragement and friendly chat inspired all the players.
Watching such high-level girls sport right on our doorstep at the University of Bath was a fantastic opportunity for the girls, giving them the chance to see the speed, skill, and teamwork of elite netball up close. They loved being part of the match day atmosphere, and it was a memorable evening full of smiles, excitement, and inspiration for the future!





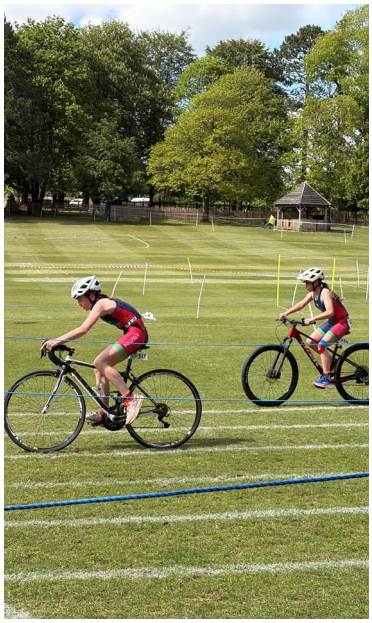


IAPS TRIATHLON

After our weekly biathlon training sessions, alongside additional cycling sessions focusing on transitions and gear work, eight pupils travelled to Monkton to compete in the IAPS Triathlon 2026. The team produced an excellent set of performances across all age groups and represented the school superbly throughout the event.

In the U11 Girls event, **Grace S** finished an excellent 9th overall, placing 4th in the run with a time of 8:32. The U12 girls were outstanding and finished as the 1st overall team. **Elodie B** placed 3rd overall and was 2nd in the cycle with a time of 10:53, while **Willow S** finished 4th overall, including 3rd in the swim with a time of 3:06. **Bea H** came 5th overall, finishing 1st in the cycle and 2nd in the run with a time of 8:03, and **Elle C** finished 18th overall, placing 7th in the cycle. In the U13 Boys category, **Gruff H** finished 6th overall, placing 3rd in the cycle with a time of 14:46. **Ralph H** placed 17th overall and was 3rd in the run with a time of 10:15, while **Harris S** finished 26th overall, recording a strong run time of 12:23.









EQUESTRIAN

Sophie and Shorty had a very successful weekend, they placed individual fifth and team first in the Wylye Valley Pony Club 70cm showjumping competition.

Alessandra and her pony Ann won both their classes at Mendip Plains British Show jumping 80 and 90 cm.

Elizabeth C and George also had a good weekend at Pontispool Cotswold Cup coming third in her section of the 80cm Dressage 29 and doble clear Show jumping and Cross-country.

A great weekend well done!







Alba M completed her first one day event with Buckley, congratulations **Alba**!

SWIMMING

On Saturday afternoon, 21 Millfield Prep swimmers took to the pool for a friendly gala with Street Swimming Club. This provided a fantastic opportunity for many swimmers to experience racing in individual events for the very first time. It was wonderful to see them challenge themselves, step out of their comfort zones, and take on events they hadn't tried before. There were plenty of smiles, lots of encouragement, and a brilliant atmosphere of support and enthusiasm throughout the gala. Well done to everyone who took part, you represented the team superbly.







GOLF

The golfers have had an excellent couple of weeks. **Oscar A** qualified at Mendip Spring in the Faldo Futures local qualifiers. **Georgie P** continued her excellent form scoring 4 over par to top another Faldo Futures qualifier. This now means eight pupils have qualified and will move onto the regional finals and a chance to qualify to play at The Belfry in August at The British Masters.

Ben T became the U12 Somerset Champion shooting an excellent 83 at a windy Worlebury GC. **George W, Josef D and Rufus M** also played well in the U14 Championships.

The first national school event of the term took place at Mid Herts GC in some testy conditions mixed up of strong winds and hail showers. Congratulations to **George W** for his best score of the season with a 76 and finishing T4th individually, and joining forces with **Ben T** (T16th) to finish in third place in the Pairs championship. **Josef** played well below his handicap (T20th) and **Cole** (T18th) secured eighth place with **Georgie and Matilda** (both T26th individually) finishing in 10th place as a Team.

It's great to see the golfers showing the on-course performances that their hard work over the winter months merits.

Ben T collecting the U12 County Champions Trophy.

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KEY DATES

Friday 5 June- Sports Day

Children to wear team coloured t-shirts
Keep a close eye on notice board for upcoming events.

MESSAGE FROM MR JORY



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

What a wonderfully full and enriching half term it has been across Pre-Prep! The weeks have been packed with curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning, and there have been so many highlights. A huge well done to Danes House for topping the team points this half term, an excellent achievement and a reflection of teamwork, effort, and positive attitudes.

Tadpoles have transformed their classroom into a fire station, bringing their role play to life, and have thoroughly enjoyed a welly walk around the school grounds, making the most of the outdoors. Frogs have been captivated by nature, carefully observing their caterpillars as they develop into cocoons, as well as learning about spiders, particularly during their exciting Forest School sessions where they explored and searched for them in their natural habitat.

Reception have been broadening their understanding of the world, comparing similarities and differences between life in Africa and the UK. Meanwhile, we have some egg-citing news, four of our chicken eggs have been confirmed as fertile, and we eagerly await what comes next!

Year 1 and 2 have had an incredibly busy week. The production of 'You Are Special' was truly fantastic, what a powerful and heartwarming performance! The children brilliantly conveyed the message of embracing individuality, reminding us all of the importance of being ourselves. We are immensely proud of every pupil for their confidence, teamwork, and energy on stage.

In addition, their trip to Kilve Beach was a wonderful, hands-on learning experience, with the children enthusiastically searching for fossils and deepening their understanding of the natural world.

What a busy week to round off an already remarkable half term! Thank you to all our pupils and staff for their commitment, enthusiasm, and positivity, it truly has been an amazing half term.

Yours, Mike

PRE-PREP
HOUSE TOTALS

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Team Points			
Angles	Danes	Jutes	Saxons
298	270	290	304
92	124	102	88
390	394	392	392

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TADPOLES

WELLIE WALK

The Tadpoles went for a wellie walk around the school grounds this week. We found some great puddles to splash in and also had fun on the playground, blew bubbles and made music with the big instruments.






FROGS

FOREST SCHOOL

We had another fabulous session at Forest School this week. Our fascination with minibeasts continues and we found centipedes, millipedes, worms, caterpillars, beetles, woodlice and more snails! We also had a tea tasting session, lemon, mint or stinging nettle! First, we had to learn how to pick stinging nettles without getting stung! We have to use the top part of the nettle and pull it up quickly. Miss Childs built a fire and we used the Kelly kettle to warm up some water. We tasted the different flavored teas and voted for our favourite back in the class.

Max found a spider in his bathroom; he brought it in to show us. This inspired us to make our own 8 legged creatures which look fabulous hung from their web.







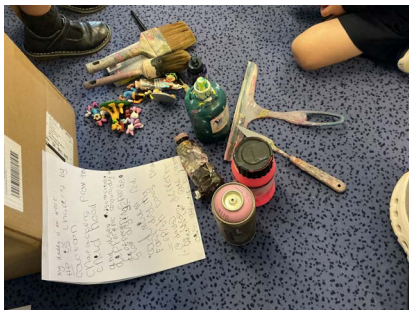




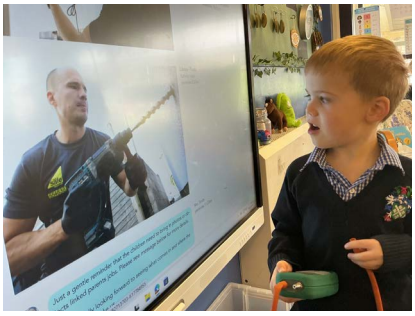

RECEPTION

PARENT CAREERS

This week, the children have been proudly sharing stories about their parents' careers! They've had such a wonderful time explaining the different job roles, showing off resources, and talking about why these careers are so important. It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to celebrate the amazing work their families do and to learn from one another.







YEAR 1 AND 2

VET VISIT

We were very fortunate to have Dr Santry come into school on Friday to talk to us about being a vet. She explained the importance of animals seeing a vet and what sorts of things she does each day. The children loved guessing which animal X-ray belonged to which animal and saw Louise perform an examination on Martha the dog. A huge thank you to Louise for giving up her time to speak with us.







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KILVE TRIP

We had a wonderful day at Kilve Beach exploring a variety of habitats, searching for fossils, and discovering sea creatures in the rock pools. The children enjoyed building pebble towers and measuring how high they could make them. They were beautifully behaved throughout the trip and showed genuine awe and wonder as they explored and found sea life.









YEAR 2

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

We have been thinking about living things and the seven characteristics of life. This week we spent an afternoon exploring and drawing plants and flowers. We studied their different shapes, sizes and textures. Later we painted and discussed how we knew plants were living things using our knowledge.



