

# Our School Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



The children in Nursery and Discovery Class had a fantastic time on their trip to Minehead Eye. They loved exploring the skate park, challenging themselves on the climbing wall, enjoying song time, and taking part in lots of other exciting activities. A great day was had by all — thank you, Minehead Eye!

We enjoyed a pets afternoon in Discovery and Nursery. We learnt how to look after cats, dogs, a mouse, guinea pigs and a bearded dragon. Thank you to all the parents and children who kindly brought them in to meet us.





Explorers used the chromebooks and ipads this week to create their own artwork in the style of Georges Seurat. They demonstrated great perseverance whilst working with the different technology!

This week, Adventure Class has been engaged in some fantastic learning. In literacy, we have been reading *The Tempest* by Andrew Matthews and have independently created some excellent newspaper reports linked to the text. In science, the class has continued exploring magnets, investigating how different poles attract and repel one another through hands-on experimentation.







This week our STUDENT COUNCIL delivered their own collective worship, focusing St David's teachings on joy and happiness.

They helped the children to reflect on what makes them truly happy, answers of which included spending time with loved ones. We also thought about what 'one small thing' we could do to help others.

Well done student council!



# Notices:

We're excited to announce that the author B. Ware will be visiting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February with **WARNING: Grandma's Gone Bonkers** – her third children's book.

B. Ware will be delivering workshops across the whole school, encouraging the children to explore their inner authors!

There will be an opportunity to purchase copies of her books at the end of the day. If you already have your own copies and would like to bring them in to be signed, she is happy to do so!



## Message from Mrs Walker-Blair

Thank you to those who came to join me for a cuppa and cake last Friday. I'll be holding these sessions each month, giving us time to catch up, for you to ask me questions, and to update you on upcoming events and projects in our lovely school.

Our next workshops will focus on reading/phonics, and school readiness.



# Celebrating our achievements!



## Our Value for this term

### Collaboration

We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. For us there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and we all have the same God and Father who is over us all and in us all, and living through every part of us. However, Christ has given each of us special abilities—whatever he wants us to have out of his rich storehouse of gifts. Ephesians 4: 5-7





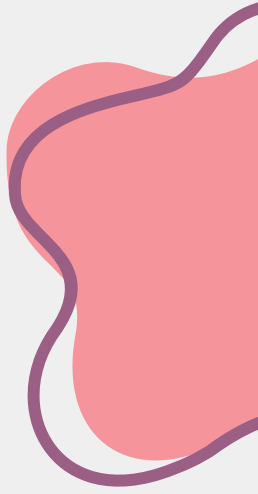
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# Wellbeing Support

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- [Click here for Support for Families](#)



## Calendar Dates

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Dates for the next few weeks:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Y4 Parents meeting – Pinkery Residential Trip 4pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term Break

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – school reopens

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Pre-school and Discovery Class swimming sessions start again



Events calendar now  
live on our website.  
[Click here to find out what  
is happening in your school!](#)



## Website Information

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## Contact Details

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### SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS –

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Walker-Blair.

Our deputy leads are Miss Jennings and Mrs Pravato

Click [here](#) for all Safeguarding details.

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