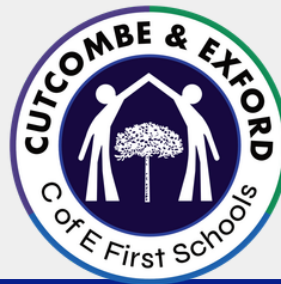




Our School Newsletter

18th September 2026



Robins

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the summer holidays. Everyone has returned full of excitement and eager to share their summer adventures. Our Reception children have been busy learning school routines, with the older children doing a fantastic job of helping them settle in. We have already enjoyed lots of exciting learning, including introducing Year 1 to their new foundation subjects: Our Country in Geography, Animals Including Humans in Science, and Chromatic in Art. The children loved exploring colour mixing and creating their own abstract artwork. We finished the week with our first Forest School session in the school garden, which was enjoyed by all.

Kingfishers

The children have settled quickly into our daily routines. They are already working hard both inside and outside the classroom.

Here is a look at what we are learning at present:

- Maths: Reviewing addition and subtraction within 20.
- English: Writing discussion texts and practicing reading fluency and retrieval. Science: Exploring the human body. Ask your child to name a few bones!
- History: Discovering the Romans in Britain.
- Homework updates: Look out for a letter next week with more details.

Thank you for your continued support in making this a wonderful start to the school year!





Celebrating our
achievements!



Our Value for
this term

Care

“Let all that you do
be done in love

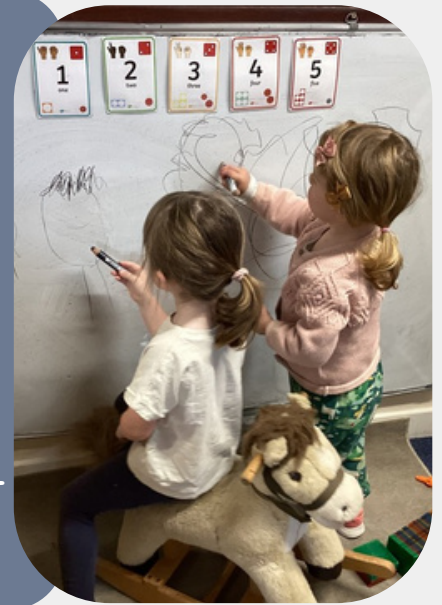
1 Corinthians 16:14



Dunkery Preschool

Everyone has settled back into preschool with enthusiasm and are ready to learn. We have been talking about our trips over the summer holidays and the fun we have been having with our families.

We have been settling back in and reminding ourselves of the routines and preschool rules. Please ensure all children have wellies and waterproofs that we can keep in school, many thanks.



Reminders / Important Info

TAPESTRY – Please log in.

Please can all parents ensure that they can log into Tapestry as this is where most of your child's learning will be shared on here. It is also a great way for you to share photographs of things your child has been up to at home. If you are having problems please come and see Mrs Healey.

Monday 21st September – Harvest Service

As part of our Harvest Service, we are inviting children to bring in donations of non-perishable food items, which will be donated to our local food bank. Donations might include items such as tinned food, pasta, rice, cereal, tea, coffee, long-life milk, and other cupboard staples.

We are grateful for any contributions and thank you for helping us support members of our local community who may be in need.

Message from Mrs Blackmore

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the summer holidays. They have all returned full of energy, enthusiasm and a real eagerness to learn, which has been lovely to see. A very warm welcome also goes to all of our new starters, whether joining us in Reception or Year 2. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to supporting your children as they settle in and flourish.

Reading remains one of the most important aspects of a child's education, as it enables children to access all areas of the curriculum and develop a lifelong love of learning. We kindly ask parents and carers to hear their child read regularly at home and to record this in their reading diary. Your support makes a significant difference to your child's progress and confidence.

To celebrate and encourage regular reading at home, we will be holding our popular Reading Café at the end of the half term for children who are reading consistently at home. We look forward to welcoming families to this special event and celebrating our young readers' achievements.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish everyone a happy and successful half term ahead.



Wellbeing Support

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[Click here for
Support for
Families](#)



Conversation Card

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Think about someone you
care about but haven't seen
recently. Find them or call
them to say Hi!


myHappymind

Calendar Dates

Monday 21st Sept – 9.30am Harvest Service at St John's Church, Cutcombe –
donations for the local Food bank

Tuesday 22nd Sept – Coffee morning with Mrs Blackmore at Timberscombe,
everyone welcome

Thursday 24th Sept – Whole School Bible day at Cutcombe, Balanceability for
Reception, Celebration Worship at Exford

Friday 25th Sept – Robin Class Forest School

Wednesday 30th Sept – Kingfisher Class tree planting at Exford Nursery
(afternoon), FOCES AGM 8pm at The Rest and Be Thankful Inn

Thursday 1st Oct – pre-school Farm School, Celebration Worship at Cutcombe

Friday 2nd Oct – Robin Class Forest School

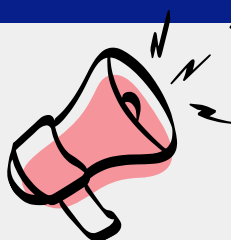
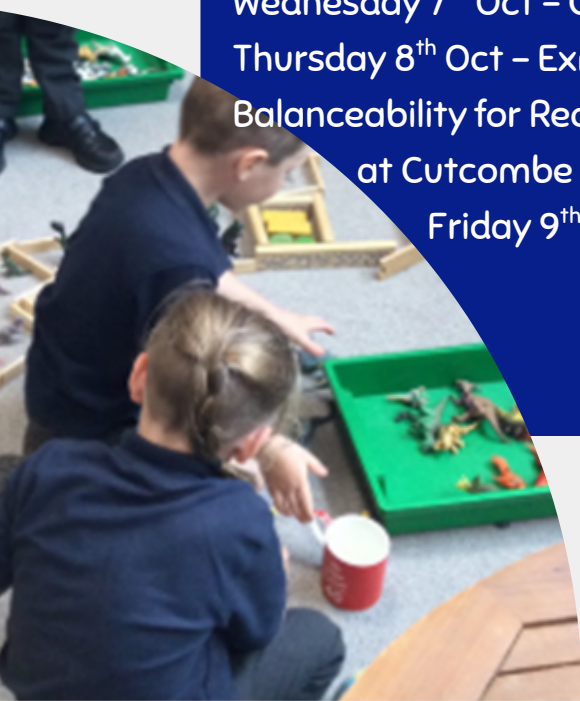
Monday 5th Oct – Phonics and Reading Meeting 3.30pm at Cutcombe

Tuesday 6th Oct – School photos (individual and siblings)

Wednesday 7th Oct – Create with God at Exford

Thursday 8th Oct – Exmoor Game School for everyone at Cutcombe,
Balanceability for Reception, Celebration Worship at Exford, Create with God
at Cutcombe

Friday 9th Oct – Year 1 and 2 Farm School



View our Online Events
Calendar.

[Click here to find out what is
happening in your school!](#)



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Contact Details

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

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