

Weekly Newsletter

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OTTER CLASS TRIP TO THE MATTHEW AND THE M SHED

As part of their history topic this term 'Trade and Bristol', Otter Class visited The Matthew and an exhibition at the M Shed in Bristol.

The children had an exciting opportunity to sail around Bristol harbour on the magnificent replica of The Matthew, whilst learning about life on board a ship in Tudor times – how sailors sailed then and how it is done today. They learned how and why Tudor sailors navigated across unknown and treacherous seas to undiscovered lands and where they ended up.

In the M shed, the children had time to explore two different exhibitions in small groups called 'Bristol Places' and 'Bristol People' focusing on people who had an impact on trade in the city.

Thank you to Otter class for representing our school so well. The crew on The Matthew commented on how engaged and respectful they were.









Essential Dates

Mondays Term 1 - Squirrel class swimming lessons
Friday 17th Oct - 3:45pm PTA AGM in the Waldegrave Arms
Thursday 9.30am 23rd Oct - Harvest Festival in church - parents welcome!
Thursday 23rd October - Otter class trip to Wells Literature Festival
Friday 24th October - end of term

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th November First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Service 10.50am Grey Hollows
Wednesday 10th December - Aspens Christmas lunch/Christmas jumper day
Thursday 11th December - Nativity performance by KS1 at 9.30am and 6pm
Wednesday 17th December - Whole school theatre trip: Rapunzel
Friday 19th December - Key Stage 2 Carol service at 9.30am

Harvest Festival Thursday 23rd October

Parents are invited to join the PTA in the church from 8.45am for a cup of tea or coffee before the Harvest Service begins at 9.30am. Please can you send your child into school with a tin, plastic bottle or packet with some food that can be donated to the local food bank. The food bank have said they have plenty of pasta so perhaps some tins of soup, vegetables, fish, meat or plastic bottles of squash or oil or a packet of cereal. No glass jars or bottles in case they get dropped. Each class will be doing a short performance and singing some Harvest songs to give thanks for the food we eat and those who grow it and cook it for us.

CHEW VALLEY ARTS

Exciting Autumn Adventures Await! We're thrilled to invite families to three fabulous events this October, including FREE half term workshops!

Sunday 19th Oct - The Little Red Pipers New Clothes - a riotous mash-up of your favourite tales, packed with puppets, saxophones, and serious silliness.

Tuesday 28th Oct – It's time to get spooky with RISE's Halloween Dance Day, where children will groove to Ghostbusters, craft creepy creations, and perform a bone-rattling show for parents—costumes encouraged!

Wednesday 29th October – Don't miss our Drama Day with Harry Potter actor Rohan Gotobed, who'll lead you on a magical journey involving dragons, children, and St George in a day of imaginative games and performance.

Our half term workshops are free to attend but places are limited. Click on the links for more details or go to our website www.valley-arts.co.uk. Come along for chaos, creativity, and plenty of autumnal fun!



