

Weekly Newsletter

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Congratulations to our Stars of the Week, Head Teacher's Award winners, and those who have achieved great accomplishments in their after school activities.



Celebration Assembly



The following children received trust awards this week.

Hedgehog - Finn for showing us what trust really means. You can always trust Finn to be ready, respectful and safe.

Foxes - Rory for consistently pushing himself to do the most and best than he can.

Squirrels - Scarlet for being respectful and always aiming to please.

Otters - Freddie for his strength of character and true reliability.



Reading Advent Calendar



Throughout December, our class will be enjoying a special Reading Advent Calendar, filled with daily video surprises

From a variety of authors. Each day features an author reading a snippet from one of their own books or from one of their favourites. Some videos even include fun, Christmas themed activities you can try at home! (It's also great for giving you some ideas for new books that your children might be interested in!)

We'll be watching each day's video together in class, but I have pasted the link so it is available for you to enjoy at home. It isn't official homework just a lovely way to keep the whole family entertained, inspired, and feeling festive.

Children are more than welcome to rewatch the videos, share their favourite stories with you, and even have a go at the optional activities.

I hope you enjoy this cosy countdown to the holidays as much as we will in class!

<https://wherereadingrocks.com/christmas-reading-advent-2025/>

Squirrel Class

This week, Squirrels Class have been busy designing and building their very own dens as part of our science unit on light. Their mission was to choose materials that were suitable for creating a dark space, so the word opaque quickly became a class favourite!

The challenge was simple yet tricky: Miss Butcher should not be able to see any torch light escaping from inside your den.

The children worked brilliantly as teams, testing materials, making improvements, and proudly demonstrating their final designs. Take a look at the picture... can you guess which table won?



Raffle!

Thanks to Tia's generous donation of a beautifully handcrafted wreath, the PTA will be holding a special auction to raise funds for the school. Email to follow soon so you can place your bid!



Friday 19th December



Key Stage 2 parents/carers are invited to join the children for carols in the church at 9:30am.

The Christmas Fayre and Wreath Workshop

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising such an excellent wreath making workshop on Friday and Christmas Fayre on Saturday we know it takes a huge amount of preparation and time. Vikki said it was a great success with lots of money raised. We really appreciate all the PTA's hard work in supporting the school, it makes such a huge difference. Thank you also to everyone who came along and supported the events; we couldn't do it without you.



Christmas Lunch 10th December 2025

Aspen's Christmas Dinner Day is coming up!
Remember to wear your Christmas hat, your festive
jumper, or if you're feeling extra festive both!"



Essential Dates

Wednesday 10th December - Aspens Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance
09:30 & 18:00 at the Church

Wednesday 17th December - Whole School PTA trip to Rapunzel at Tobacco Factory

Friday 19th December - Key Stage 2 carols in the church 09:30

Friday 19th December - End of Term



Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Take part in concerts
- Make friends



MUSIC CENTRES

Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all – from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:

wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres



Get Into The Groove!

with our new music production courses

In Years 9-13 and love creating music? Whether you've been playing around on GarageBand or dreaming of dropping your own EP, this is your chance to go next-level.

Over 10 weeks, expert music production tutors will help you shape your sound, master Logic Pro, and create a great track.

Next Course: Wednesdays, 6 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)

Final Course: Wednesdays, 22 April - 1 July (May half term off)

Details and booking at:
wema.org.uk/music-production-courses



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Saturday 6th December 7.00pm Goodwill to All Concert St Mary, West Harptree	Wednesday 24th December, Christmas Eve 2.30pm Crib Service St Laurence, East Harptree 3.00pm Crib Service
Sunday 7th December 6.00pm Carols under the Tree Ring O'Bells, Hinton Blewett	St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin 5.00pm Crib and Christingle St Andrew, Blagdon 6.00pm Crib and Candle St Margaret, Hinton Blewett 11.00pm Midnight Communion St Laurence, East Harptree
Saturday 13th December 5.00pm Holly Jolly Christmas Concert St Andrew, Blagdon	Thursday 25th December, Christmas Day 8.30am Christmas Communion St Andrew, Blagdon 10.00am Christmas Celebration St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin 10.00am Christmas Celebration St Laurence, East Harptree 10.00am Christmas Celebration (with Holy Communion) St Bartholomew, Ubley
Sunday 14th December 6.00pm 9 Lessons Carol Service St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin	Thursday 1st January 3.00pm New Year Concert St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin
Friday 19th December 6.00pm Carol Service St Hugh, Charterhouse	
Sunday 21st December 4.00pm Christingle Service St Bartholomew, Ubley 6.30pm Carol Service St Laurence, East Harptree	
Tuesday 23rd December 6.00pm Carols around the Christmas Tree St Bartholomew, Ubley	



WISHING YOUR HOUSEHOLD A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

From the churches of Chew Valley South
Blagdon, Charterhouse, Compton Martin, East Harptree, Hinton Blewett,
Ubley and West Harptree

We hope you will join us for our special Christmas services.
You will be so very welcome.

'And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.' Luke 2:7



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

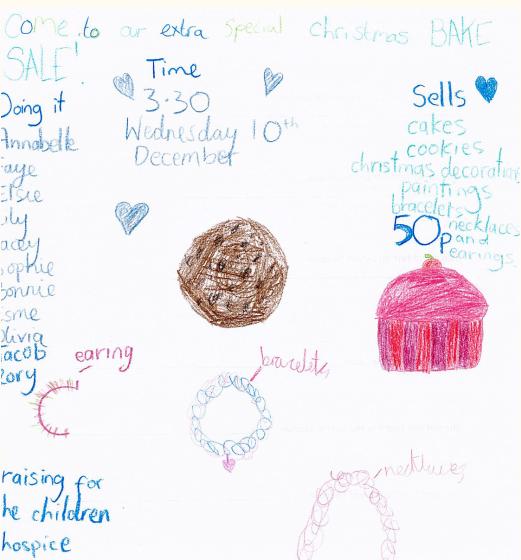
Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day

Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025



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