



## St. Andrew's Primary

*Deep Christian roots, nurturing  
strong growth, flourishing  
children'*

### Dear Parents and Carers,

#### This Week

Maple and Hazel classes thoroughly enjoyed their time exploring beyond Earth in the Space Dome on Wednesday. It was a valuable learning experience for everyone but was also a real test of bravery for a lot of our younger children as they explored the dome in the dark.

*'I saw the moon and it was really bright!' (Marco YR)*

*'I loved the tiny lights inside the dome which looked like the stars' (Violet Y1)*

*'I was really impressed by the fact that in 5 billion years the sun will explode!' (Max Y2)*

*'It was really frightening going into the dark, but the little stars made it better' (Sydney Y1)*

Holly class braved the weather and had a fantastic time fossil hunting at Charmouth Beach.

*'I found lots of fossils, including an ammonite. Chris also told us lots about Mary Anning which is great because I really like her.'* (Sophie Y2 – Anning House!)

Willow class are putting the final touches on their quest stories. The quality of their writing is fabulous and they can't wait to share their stories with everyone next week.

*'I'm really proud of the improvement I've made in my spellings. My story also includes some great similes and fronted adverbials' Archie (Y5)*

Oak class have continued with the writing of their play scripts which they will be performing on World Book Day in March. In Maths some children designed their own maths investigation to create code –breaking activities and challenges for the rest of the class.

*'It was great fun and helped me understand even more about fractions, percentages and decimals' (Alfie Y6)*

#### The Week Ahead

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Family Service on Sunday (10am).

Next week we have our Parent /Teacher consultations. There are still one or two time slots available, but if you are unable to make the times given, please let your child's teacher know so that an alternative arrangement can be made.

There will be a Rugby Tournament for some of the children who have been coached by the Exeter Chiefs on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Sidford. Further details will be sent to those children via Parentpay.

### Pre-School

Pre school had visits from the Police and the RNLI this week. They enjoyed dressing up in the uniforms. When the Police visited the children went out to look at the van, they heard the sirens and some brave children sat in the back!

Next week....

The children will be visiting the school kitchen to see how their school meals are made.

Please look on our website for photos.

### Trips and Visits

The children enjoy having the extra curricular activities, trips and visits but we do rely on parent contributions. Although they are voluntary if we do not receive enough we will not be able to fund future trips/visits. Swimming lessons– 91% paid 9% did not pay in Willow Class. Holly Class Charmouth fossil trip 93% paid so 7% did not pay. Hazel and Maple Class Space Dome visit 93% paid so 7% did not pay. If there are people finding it difficult to make payments and are not entitled to pupil premium please let us know so that we can bare that in mind when we are planning trips in the future.

### Activities at Axminster Library

We will be celebrating Harry Potter Book Night on Thursday 2 February between 4pm and 5pm.

Children will be able to make a tiny keepsake box in the colours of the Hogwarts house that they choose to be in. There will be something special to put in the box.

We will also have a treasure hunt around the library.

We always provide crafts activities for children any time we are open during the school holidays and this February half term we are making owls from scrap material.

We hope the children will also help us make a huge owl display in the library.

We are open Monday 10-1, Tuesday 10-6, Thursday 10-5 and Saturday 10-1.

All our activities are free. They suit all ages, boys and girls. Everyone is very welcome.

### Stars of the Week

MAPLE– Joey

HAZEL– Honor

HOLLY– Archie

WILLOW– Morgan

OAK– Jenny



### Family Service– this Sunday

Family Service is this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 10am)  
We hope to see you there.

### Whole School Attendance:

The whole school attendance last week was **94.2%**

Thank you for your ongoing support – it is always very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend .

Mrs Gilmour-White

### Quote of the day



## Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 7th February Parents Evening 4-7pm

Wednesday 8th February Additional Parents Evening or Hazel and Holly Class parents

Wednesday 8th February– Hazel Class Worship 9.10am

Thursday 23rd February– Parents' Forum 6.30pm

Friday 10th February– Last day of school

Monday 13th-Friday 17th Half Term

Monday 20th February– Return to school

Monday 20th February– Oak Class swimming continues

Thursday 23rd February– Friends of School Meeting

Monday 27th February—Open the Book– All Welcome to attend

Wednesday 1st March– Cross Country Stockland

Thursday 2nd March– World Book Day

Tuesday 7th March– Friends of School Meeting

Thursday 16th March FoS Xmas Events Meeting

Friday 17th March– FoS Pamper Evening

Saturday 6th May– FoS May Fayre

**Dates in red relate to the whole school including pre-school**

**Dates in blue relate to just school aged children**

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