



24th January 2024

Our Learning Behaviour focus this term: Being Ambitious like Larry the Lion.

I will try different ways of doing things - I am courageous - I love a challenge

- I can learn from my mistakes.

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to what has already been an incredibly busy start to 2025. The children have returned enthusiastic and ready to focus on their new and exciting Quest topics. To start this term, we focused on our Learning Behaviour 'Being Ambitious' which was the perfect way to set us up for a year of embracing new challenges. Resolutions and goals have been set as each and every one of our pupils endeavour to achieve something from learning to play a harmonica through to mastering a backflip - let's hope not at the same time! Our ambitions have been displayed in classrooms, on ambition trees and other motivational displays as well as around our school to remind us of what we wish to achieve over the coming weeks and year.

I think we can all benefit, in our own personal way, by thinking about what 'being ambitious' really means to us this year. To leave you with a quote from the athlete Sir Mo Farah: -

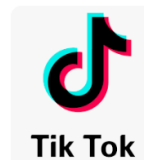
"It has been a long journey, but if you dream and have the ambition and want to work hard, then you can achieve".

We hope you all have a lovely weekend .

Mrs Bisset and Miss Giles

Executive Head of School & Head of School

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TikTok



It has come to our attention that some children are accessing TikTok. Please can we remind you that there is an age rating of 13+ on this app. This is important to note as it is particularly easy for children to come across inappropriate content. Please see the link below to the NSPCC website for further information. We thank you for your support with this and we will also ensure that online safety is covered within school through our computing lessons and wider curriculum.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/>

WHOLE SCHOOL



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Road Safety

Last week, Steve Greenhalgh, the Road Safety Officer for Somerset County Council, visited our school and delivered an engaging assembly to all of our students. He focused on raising awareness about road safety and teaching them how to stay safe on the roads. His talk covered important topics such as the proper use of pedestrian crossings, staying visible, and the correct way to cross the road.



Our New Calm Room



We would like to say a huge thank you to Jack from Jack Taylor Maintenance and Construction for generously donating his time over the Christmas period to decorate our new Calm Room. A big thank you also to Mr Weaver, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Elliott for the finishing touches!

This special space provides our children with a quiet, safe, and calming environment to retreat to when they feel distressed, overwhelmed, or dysregulated.



EYFS & KEY STAGE ONE

EYFS

The children in Auklet and Barn Owl classes have been exploring the book *The Queen's Hat* as part of their Quest topic 'Kings and Queens'. Here, India and Amelie are comparing crowns, bringing the royal theme to life!



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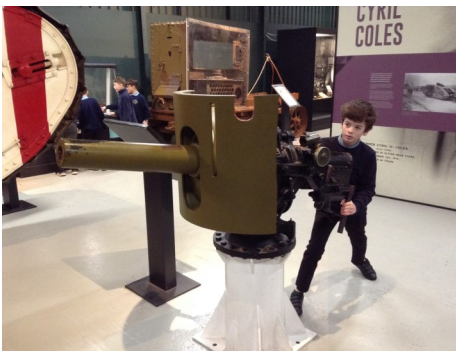
Cuckoo, Dove and Eagle classes have been taking part in the RSPB Birdwatch. They made bird feeders and then spent an hour spotting birds in the school grounds. We will now submit our data to the RSPB. The most common bird we saw was a carrion crow!



KEY STAGE TWO

Year 5 & 6 Trip to Bovington Tank Museum

The Ibis and Kingfisher classes had an unforgettable trip to Bovington Museum this week - and not one hiccup with the bus! With so much to explore, from fascinating exhibits to the powerful stories of the soldiers who fought, the children were truly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the visit. We're incredibly proud of their interest and eagerness to learn. A big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers whose support made this experience possible!



Miss McCracken's After School Book Club

Miss McCracken enjoyed a lovely book club trip to the Stripy Duck last week. They ordered hot chocolates and chose a book to read during this term's after school book club—they chose *October October* by Katya Balen.



Schools Streets Scheme – Request for Parent/Carer Volunteers



The School Streets Trial Project, aimed at providing a child safety zone around the school for children and parents at the beginning and end of the school day, is now up and running.

As the consultation process for this scheme is still ongoing, a link is now available through the Somerset Council Citizens Space portal, where parents, carers and residents can give feedback on the scheme. Please click on the link below to give your feedback:

<https://sومersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/active-travel/bruton-primary-school-streets-post-launch/>

A reminder that we are looking for parents and carers to volunteer as stewards to manage the temporary barriers. Anyone volunteering will need to undertake steward training, which is in the form of a 20 minute online course. Volunteers will be key to the success of the scheme, and if you are able to volunteer either on a regular or ad hoc basis we would love to hear from you. Timings of the road closures are 8.30am to 9.15am and 3pm to 3.45pm. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the form on Scopay outlining your availability (under Trip and Events/School Street Scheme Volunteering).

Uniform

Please can we remind you of our school uniform which consists of:

- Light blue polo shirt
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Dark grey skirts, pinafore, trousers or shorts
- Blue check or stripe dress
- Black shoes— trainers are only appropriate for PE lessons
- Hair that falls below shoulders should be tied back
- No nail varnish or jewellery (studs only)

Don't forget to write your child's name on all their items! If it is named it will make it's way back to it's owner. If any clothing goes unclaimed for a week, it will get a new home in our second-hand uniform cupboard.



All unnamed lost property can be found on the dining room veranda behind the main carpark. If you are missing an item of clothing, please have a rummage. If an item of clothing is named, it will make it's way back to your child.

Please can we remind parents to label all items of clothing, bags, bottles and pots with your child's name. Everyday we collect a huge amount of lost property that we would love to be able to reunite with it's owner!

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child the Designated Safeguarding Lead for BPS is Mrs Rachael Bisset.

To report a child at risk please contact Children's Social Care – 0300 123 2224

Or contact them via children@sومerset.gov.uk