

Friday 4th
April 2025



‘The one who gets wisdom loves life’ Proverbs 19:8

Our Christian
value this term
is Compassion

Charlton Mackrell Primary School & Pre-School

Happy Easter everyone from all of us.

The children have been working so hard this term and have enjoyed many different opportunities to extend their learning. This term, although the shortest of the school year, often feels longer because of the darker evenings and mornings. We all look forward to making more of the wonderful school grounds in the coming term and to getting outside whenever we are able to as a school.

World Book Day:

Thank you all so much for your help and support in making World Book Day so much fun. The costumes were amazing and the children enjoyed exploring different genres of books that day that they may not usually choose to read. I know many of you stopped outside the staffroom windows to view the many different illustration of toads the children had the opportunity to draw. A huge thank you once again to Mrs van Zeller for inspiring the children with her wonderful drafting book full of illustrations. It is very important to all of us here that the children develop a love of reading and celebrating World Book Day is one of the important ways we aim to highlight the importance and pleasure reading brings. Thank you to FOS for providing and serving the hot chocolate and biscuits.

Science Week:

The children were visited in science week by Miss Brameld from Huish Episcopo Academy, who led an assembly lesson on the properties of light and how it travels. All the children were so interested in the way she used candles to bring the learning to life. This was part of a wider science focus in school with the children investigating and thinking about adaptation and change. Older year groups were encouraged to explore a unit on Minecraft ‘Axolotl Adaptations’ and to consider how different creatures are adapted to their environments. Science week was followed by Neurodiversity week where the children were asked to consider that we all have ‘different minds’ and therefore learn in different ways.

Sport In & Outside of School:

The children’s cross-country team won The Headteacher’s Award for their incredible effort and super enthusiasm for this event. It was heartwarming to see so many of our pupils enter and confidently complete the course. A huge ‘thank you’ to Mrs Rushworth for supporting the team. Karate club, after months of diligent practice, went for grading and were all successful. Once again Mrs Rushworth prepared the children so well and we are all so proud of them all. We raised £88.31 for ‘Red Nose Day’ thank you again for your generosity.



Trips & Visits:

There were many trips and visits this term with the children having opportunities to learn from real life experiences. Wherever possible we try to provide learning experiences which enrich the curriculum. This is a very important way that we can bring learning to life and inspire the children’s natural curiosity. This term Rainbow class had a visit all about rail safety and visited the Rural Life Museum. Tornado and Wildfire class visited Magdalen farm. The weather was glorious and the pictures on ClassDojo show how engaged they all were studying the wildlife to be found in and around the river. Year 6 also visited The Lifeskills Centre, where they were involved in real-life decision making in preparation for their transition to secondary school and the social challenges associated with the next stage in their education. Hurricane Class enjoyed a trip to Longleat.

Friends of School:

The Easter Bonnet competition was very successful, and everyone made a great effort. Thank you to the Friends for all their support in this. Don’t forget the Easter Bingo on April 4th at the Charltons Community Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Attendance from September:

National attendance figure 93.4%

Rainbow – 96.2%
Hurricane – 96.1%
Wildfire – 96.9%
Tornado – 95.7%

Well done all classes!

Safeguarding:

As a school we have a duty to safeguard the children. They are aware of who the adults with responsibility for keeping them safe are. As a staff we will always listen to your children and follow ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ guidance and guidelines. Our safeguarding policy is available on [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#). For your information, the adults with specific responsibility for safeguarding in the school are: Alison Allen (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Jenna Marklew, Vicky Carver and Kim Headley, who are the Deputy Designated safeguarding Leads.

News From Preschool:

At preschool we have been learning all about The Three Little Pigs. The children have all listened to different versions of the traditional tale and then were able to act out the story themselves.

The children have enjoyed small world play with straw, sticks and bricks to build houses for the three little pigs.

We enjoy singing at preschool and the children loved singing about the pigs and the rhyme ‘Five little Pigs in the Mud’. To continue the theme of pigs in mud the children had ‘mud’ to play with! (pigs in mud-coloured gloop)

We have been watching as the spring bulbs the children planted in winter have been sprouting and now we can see some beautiful yellow crocus flowers blooming. We added these to our containers at preschool. The children planted spring flowers to care for them and watch them grow.

The children carefully made lovely cards to celebrate their mothers and carers. We hope everyone was pleased with the children’s efforts.

In the lead up to Easter the children have listened to the Easter Story and had opportunities to talk about their own family celebrations at Easter time. They have carefully printed beautiful Easter eggs on cards. The children have also visited Charlton Mackrell Church where they searched for crosses.



Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 23rd April – Residential Information Evening

Monday 12th May – SATS week

Friday 23rd May – INSET Day

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June – Residential

Tuesday 10th June – Wells Moving Up Celebration (Year 6’s)

Monday 16th June – Childrens Parliament (Selected children)

Tuesday 17th June – School Photographs

Wednesday 23rd July – Last Day School Finishes at 1.00pm

Ali Allen (Headteacher)