



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 5
Autumn 2023-2024

Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

17th November 2023

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please see a Safeguarding Lead (Mr Dakin, Mrs Crane, Miss Collins) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mr Dakin or Mrs Fillingham
- We have children with nut allergies so please remember our school is a nut free school
- Mobile phones must not be used within the school grounds
- If you drive your children to school, please park responsibly on the surrounding roads

Attendance

Whole School attendance to date: 95.49%

w/c 6th November

Class with the best attendance:

Owl Class with 98.33%

100% attendance: Well done to Archie who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 127 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.

w/c 13th November

Class with the best attendance:

Rabbit Class with 98.22%

100% attendance: Well done to Aidan who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 117 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.



Theodore had a lovely movie night; attended a birthday party at a soft play with some of the other Year 1s, and even watched the local fireworks display. He enjoyed reading with us every night and had lots of cuddles. Thank you for staying with us Theodore, love Maddox



Courageous Advocacy

We have already seen many examples in school of children standing up for what is right and being passionate to make a difference in the school, village and wider town. We have raised money for the poppy appeal, litter picked the school, visited Dunkirk House, donated food for Taunton Foodbank and listened to what our pupils want to do to make the world a better place.

To support this, we would like parents to send in examples of what your children are doing to make a difference. It could be litter picking the village, peaceful protests in Taunton, raising awareness for a worthy cause or fundraising. These pictures will be going in the newsletter (subject to photo permissions) and on a display board in the hall to show what we as a school do to help the world around us 'Live life in all its fullness.' Thank you for your help.

A Big **THANK YOU**



Bishops Lydeard Primary School
for supporting Taunton foodbank.
Your donation of 52 Kg during 2023 will make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

Taunton foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.



Registered Charity Number: 1163094 Registered in England and Wales



Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity.
We raised £110.00 for Children in Need

Parent Forum

We are still looking for volunteers for the parent forum. This is an opportunity for the wider community of parents to have a voice in what goes on in the school, to be listened to on the issues that are important to you, and to listen to the thoughts, direction and decisions of the school. Working together we can ensure the best environment for our children.

Years 3 and 4 Trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge

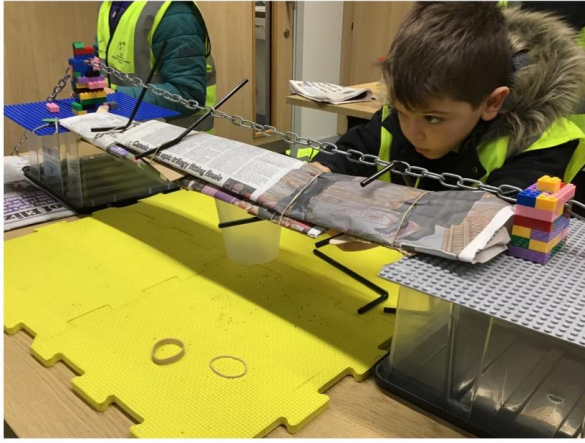


DT and History

Since September, the children have been learning about Brunel and the impact his designs have had on the UK and overseas. In particular, we looked at the bridges he designed, such as the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol.

We paid a visit to Bristol to learn all about how the Clifton Suspension Bridge was designed and built. The children were even given the opportunity to design and build their own bridges using a range of materials.

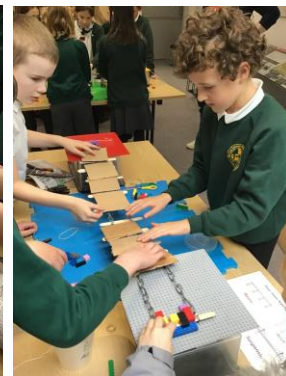
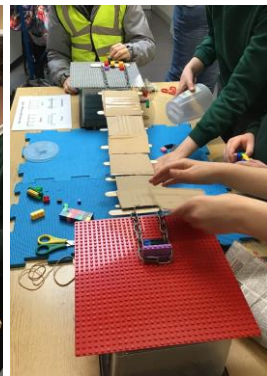
We had an absolutely brilliant day out which has helped contextualise our learning.



Years 5 and 6 Trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge

DT and History with a little bit of Geography, French, Maths and Science too!

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day visiting Clifton Suspension Bridge. They took part in a guided tour of the bridge which explored the history of the Clifton Suspension Bridge, the involvement of Brunel and an explanation of how suspension bridges are constructed to withstand load and span distances. The tour involved some fantastic acting from children who took on the roles of people like Thomas Telford, Brunel, Brunel's parents and other designers. They were brilliant. The children also completed a bridge building workshop which allowed them to apply their learning from DT in school about the features of bridges and ways to strengthen and reinforce them. They became designers and engineers with various materials including Lego, chains, string and lolly sticks to see if their bridge would successfully hold a 1 kg weight. It really was an amazing day. A huge thank you to the parent helpers who made the trip possible.







Ladybird Class

The ladybirds class thoroughly enjoyed their school trip to Dunkirk house this week. The children shared books linked to our topic with the residents. We also enjoyed sharing our favourite toys with everyone.



In History we are going to be looking at how transport has changed over time. In preparation for this we have created a red London bus for our role play area which the children have really enjoyed and had lots of fun using.



In English we have been learning the story 'Monkey see, Monkey do' and for our class WOW we enjoyed creating our own hat shop that we were able to try on lots of wonderful hats and helmets. We of course also created our own monkey for to go on our English board.



Rabbit Class

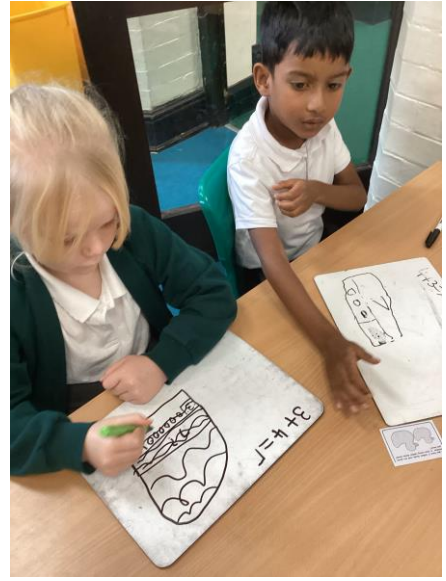
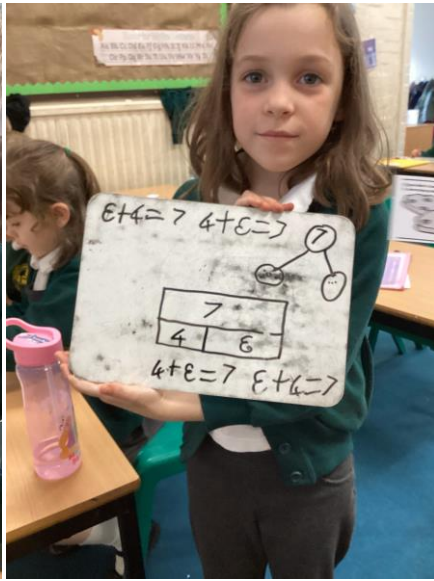
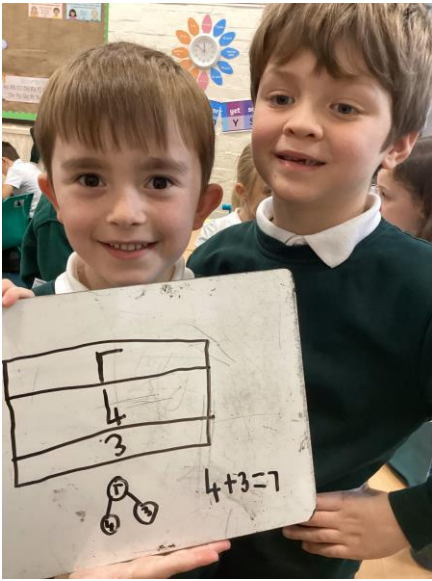
Dunkirk House

As part of our History learning, Rabbit Class have enjoyed a trip to Dunkirk House. The children asked lots of brilliant questions about the residents' childhoods and made some fantastic comparisons. We also enjoyed sharing some books with the residents and left them with some hand-knitted gifts!



Bar models

In our maths learning, Rabbit Class have been experimenting with bar models. So far, we have looked at the relationship between parts and wholes and had a go at drawing our own models on a whiteboard.

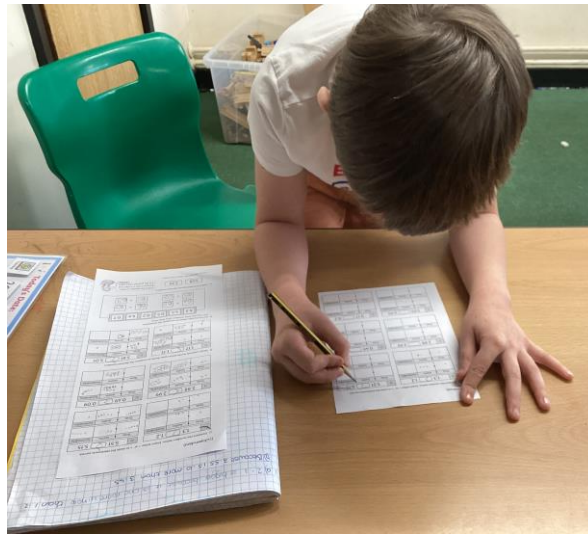
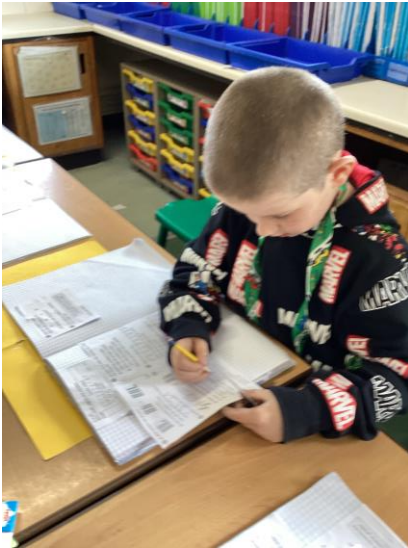


Owl Class

Maths

This has been our final week spent on our place value unit before moving onto the four operations next week. We have looked at the tenths and hundredths place value columns, used concrete and pictorial representations to compare numbers up to 2 decimal places as well as our rounding knowledge to round to the nearest whole number.





Badger Class

P.E

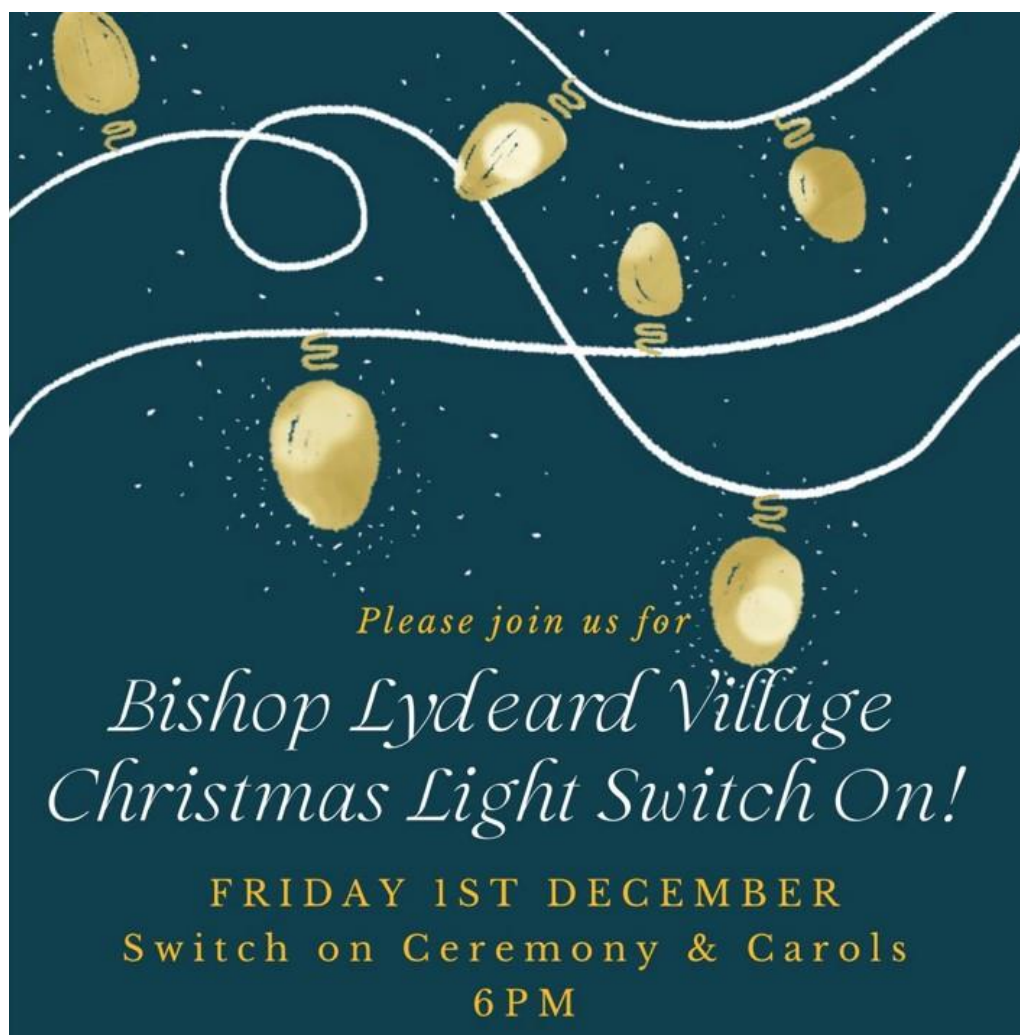
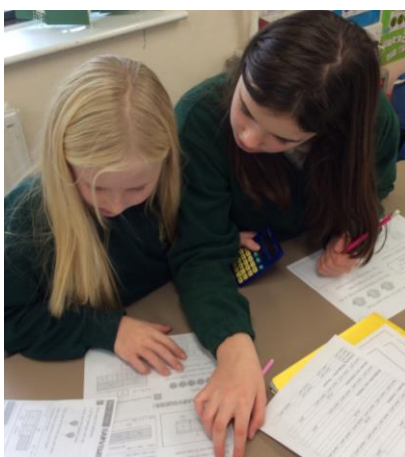
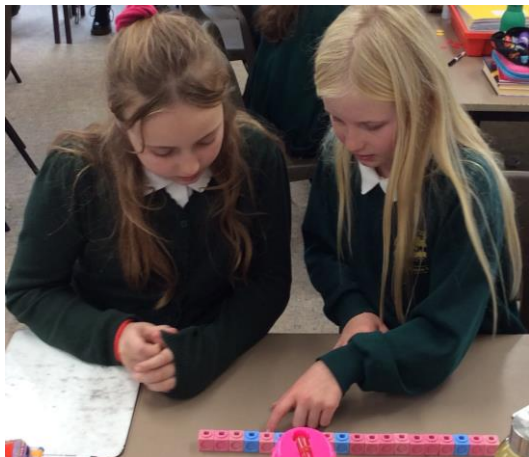
We are doing Gymnastics in P.E this half term, with particular focus on body balance. In this lesson, the children were tasked with creating balances where their body weights were supported by their partner's. There were lots of very creative ideas, showing muscle strength and endurance.



Dragonfly Class

Maths

Dragonfly Class are taking part in Barvember during the month of November. They have been exploring how they can represent word problems first with cubes and next as bar models to help them understand what calculations to use in order to solve the problem. We have solved a range of addition, subtraction, comparison, multiplication and division problems and some of them have needed a lot of bar models.





School children are welcome to bring their festive lanterns made at School

Children & Parents to meet outside The Church at 5:45pm

We are joining in with the Bishops Lydeard festive light switch-on by creating tea-light lanterns.

To support, please can you bring in some jam jars to create the lanterns? The BLSA have kindly donated some tissue paper to support the school. It would be lovely to have your photos of the evening – please do send some in.

After School Club



Monday – Friday 3.15 – 5.45pm
Please book/pay through your ParentPay account

Pom pom making; dressing up; card making; baking; lego; cross stich; den building; football; knitting; bubble machine; model planes; chalk drawings; playdough; beads; loombands; colouring; reading; floor lava; board games; gardening



Gold Book w/c 6th and 13th November

- Ladybird** Michael for showing perseverance in phonics and English. Melia for being a kind and helpful friend in class.
- Rabbit** Christo for showing our school values and being a rainbow rule role model. Blake for using his phonics independently in his writing.
- Owl** Aubrey for using his designated spaces so well and his effort in making good choices. Aiden for his effort and improvement toward his handwriting. Last week: Lucas, Alfie SW, Jesse, Arthur
- Badger** Amelia for brilliant listening during lessons. Caleb for great teamwork and effort during P.E. Leighton for dazzling effort in his English writing. Morgan for wonderful engagement in English and Maths.
- Dragonfly** Oliver K for excellent acting on the trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge. Daniel for increasing the detail in his writing. Isabel for brilliant description in her writing. Crystal for fantastic effort in Maths. William for brilliant use of figurative language. Matilda for excellent use of punctuation. Ollie for independently editing his own writing. Joseph for showing kindness and friendship by supporting others. Erin for excellent use of past tense in her writing. Ruby and Matilda for fantastic partner work in gymnastics.

Dates for your diary

November

Sunday 19th November
 Friday 24th November
 Tuesday 28th November

BLSA Quiz night, Lethbridge, 7.30pm
 Open afternoon for next year's reception entry, 2pm
 Fire Safety for Years 2 and 5



December

Friday 1st December
 Monday 11th December
 Tuesday 12th December
 Wednesday 13th December
 Friday 15th December

Bishops Lydeard Christmas Lights, 5.45pm at the Church
 EYFS/KS1 Nativity, pm performance
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 Christmas Carol Service
 Christmas Jumper Day – donate and swap
 BLSA Christmas Disco



QUIZ NIGHT

with Quizmaster Pete

SUPPORTING BISHOPS
LYDEARD CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday

19th November

at the Lethbridge Arms
Quiz starts at 7:30pm
(kitchen not serving food)

£2

per person

Teams of up
to 6. Cash
only



To book in your team contact
Sarah Dimond 07368 380523
Or bishopsllydeardsa@gmail.com

**SATURDAY
25TH
NOVEMBER**

**Dunkirk
Memorial House
Christmas Fayre**

**VARIETY
OF
STALLS**

14:00

**SANTA'S
GROTTO**

TOMBOLA

16:30

CAKE SALE

**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE**

RAFFLE

... AND MORE!

**DUNKIRK MEMORIAL HOUSE - TA4 3BT
PARKING IN THE FIELD - PLEASE
FOLLOW SIGNAGE**



FREE*

Christmas Festive Food Workshops

Bishops Lydeard Village Hall, Mount Street, Bishops Lydeard, TA24 5BJ

Enjoy making simple Christmas food with your friends and family...

These workshops are taking place as part of the annual Village Christmas Festival.

Come and join in the fun. Take part with your friends and family, and learn how to create some easy Christmas food. Great ideas for gifts for the festive season. Fun activities for all ages!

What do I need to know?

✔ Free for those 19+ who are unemployed, earn less than £25,000 per year, live in Somerset, have lived in the UK for the last 3 years or who have refugee status.

✔ Fees apply for those who do not fit this criteria.

*Please see our website for eligibility information.

Saturday 2nd December: 11:00am – 13:00 | 1 Session

Saturday 2nd December: 14:00am – 16:00 | 1 Session

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Bishops Lydeard Village Hall

CHRISTMAS

FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER

11 am - 4 pm

Festive music throughout the day.

Lots of stalls for all your Christmas gifts,
a Christmas Raffle, Bottle Stall and many
other stalls too....

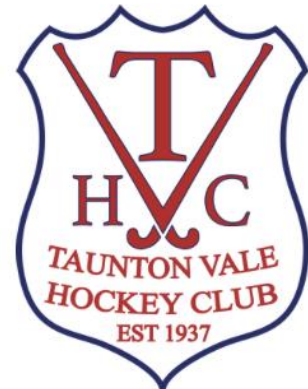
Refreshments available

Santa will be in his Grotto!

A great family day out!



TAUNTON VALE HOCKEY CLUB



Would like to invite the year 2 & age 6+ students of

BISHOPS LYDEARD

to join our training sessions on Monday 7pm.

We're a fun, vibrant, sociable and diverse crowd of people, and are always looking to welcome new members.

If you are interested in coming along, please contact -

juniortvalehockey@gmail.com

<http://www.tauntonhockey.co.uk>