



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 6
Autumn 2023-2024

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

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

1st December 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: 95.53%

w/c 20th November

Class with the best attendance:

Ladybird Class with 98.37%

100% attendance: Well done to Bella VN who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 136 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.

w/c 27th November

Class with the best attendance:

Dragonfly Class with 97.04%

100% attendance: Well done to Ethan who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 116 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.





BLSA Support

Huge thank you to the BLSA who, with the school council and librarians, have released £1300 for new books for the library. This means that we have 400 books arriving which will cover every reading band. All the books are accelerated reader compatible with quizzes already set up. We are hoping to donate some of our older/duplicate books to another school – being outward focussed. Well done team.

Another thank you to the BLSA for providing £100 per class and £100 for ELSA emotional regulation support equipment.

Feedback Friday

Every other Friday, starting next week, we will set up a desk outside the office with feedback forms. Our aim is to have a greater understanding of the community's thoughts and feelings around the school.

We cannot promise to action all of your feedback but we do stress that your opinion and thoughts are highly valued. We ask that your feedback is constructive and solution focussed. To support this we will ask a 'Big Question' which will support a theme the school is reflecting on but also leave space for your response and further comments.

On Friday the 8th December, the big question will be:

"What are the 3 most effective things the school has done for your child?"

BLSA CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP SHOP!



PLEASE DONATE ANY PRELOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

AND SWAP FOR ANOTHER (NEW TO YOU!) FOR

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023



DROP OFF JUMPER: BY MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023

WHERE: SCHOOL OFFICE, BISHOPS LYDEARD CHURCH SCHOOL

COLLECT YOUR NEW JUMPER: SCHOOL HALL, 3:15 - 3:45PM ON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER & MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER

PRICE: FREE. DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT BISHOPSLYDEARDSA@GMAIL.COM



Christmas Photo Competition!



We are pleased to announce that we will be working alongside the Ogden Trust once again this year to deliver exciting and engaging science events.

Our first science event of the year is a Christmas photo competition. This will be an optional home project for children to take part in. At the end of this newsletter you will find three Christmas themed science activities. Children can choose to complete one, two or all of them if they wish!

Please take photos of your children completing the science tasks then send the best one to the school office (enquiries@bishopslydeard.bwmat.org) to be judged by our excellent School Council. There will be a winner of an Amazon gift voucher for each Key Stage.

The deadline for all entries will be Friday 12th January.

We wish you a merry science!

Miss Wheeler

Nativity

Ladybird and Rabbit classes will be performing *The Bethlehem Star* on Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December.

Christmas Carol Concert

Families are invited to join us in church on Wednesday 13th December at 1.45pm

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 14th December. Please book on ParentPay.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December

Christmas Disco

Friday 15th December – please see below for further details

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.



Please join us for

*Bishop Lydeard Village
Christmas Light Switch On!*

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
Switch on Ceremony & Carols
6 PM



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

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



FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
BLSA ARE HOSTING A
DISCO
PARTY



TO CELEBRATE THE END OF TERM &
ALL THE HARD WORK THE CHILDREN HAVE
DONE OVER THE YEAR!

EYFS/KS1 - 15:20 - 16:15
KS2 - 16:20 - 17:15

EYFS/KS1 ARE WELCOME TO BRING
THEIR PARTY CLOTHES TO CHANGE AT SCHOOL

AT END OF THE DISCOS
CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED FROM
THEIR CLASSROOMS AND COLLECTED BY AN ADULT

SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM
FATHER CHRISTMAS WITH A GIFT FOR THE CHILDREN

REFRESHMENTS OF SQUASH & TREAT * PROVIDED

£3 PER CHILD - CASH ON DAY
WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED FROM THE CHILDREN

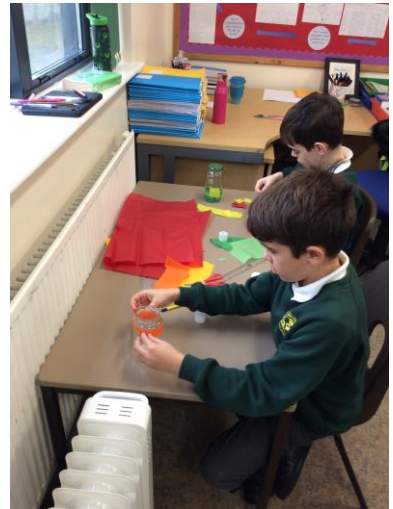


Dragonfly Class



Making lanterns

Dragonfly Class really enjoyed spending an afternoon decorating jars with tissue paper to create tealight lanterns. They created some amazing designs and took care when selecting colours and overlapping to create a collage on their jar.



Computing

We have continued to develop our coding skills in Dragonfly Class - completing a series of challenges around a football game. We definitely had to use our school values of: endurance to persevere with all the challenges and friendship to help each other out.



History

We have explored the industrial and technological changes during the 19th century and this week used a range of picture sources to make comparisons to the 18th century and consider the impact of the changes.

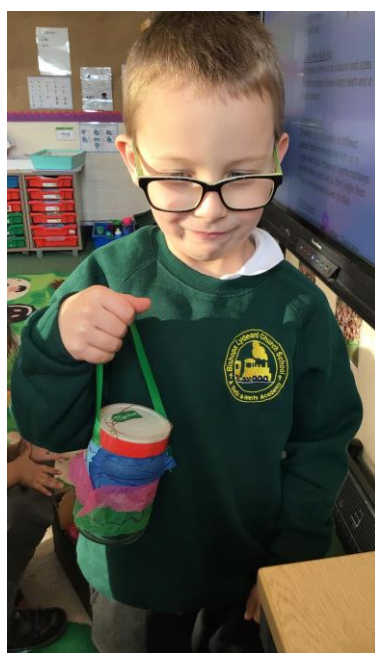


Ladybird Class

In PE, Ladybirds have enjoyed experimenting with different gymnastic moves and apparatus.



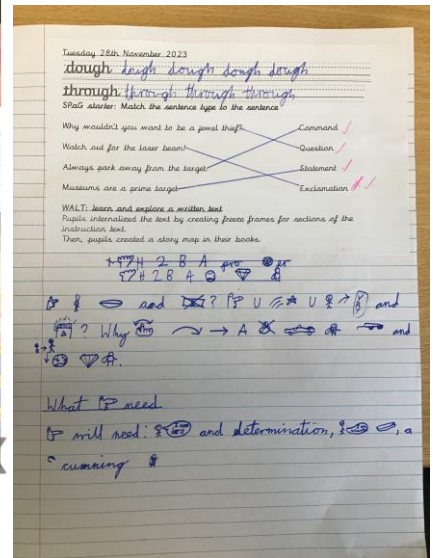
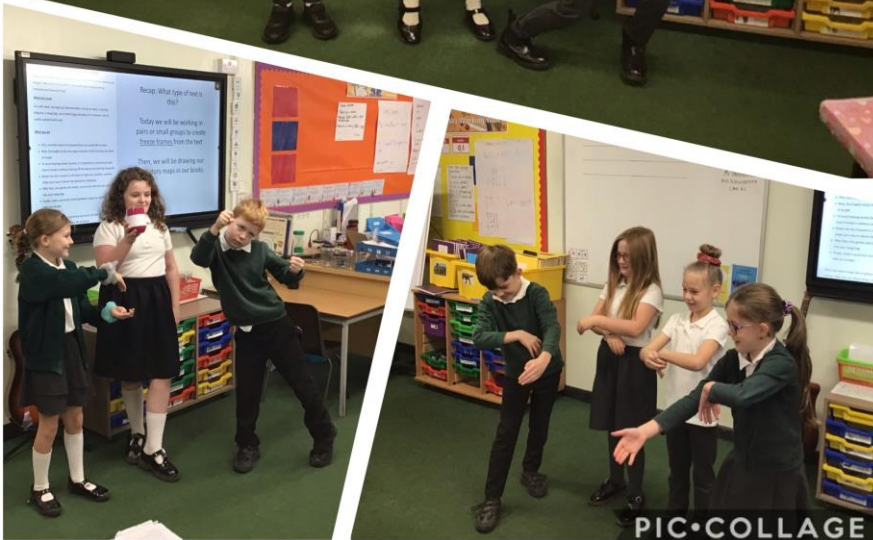
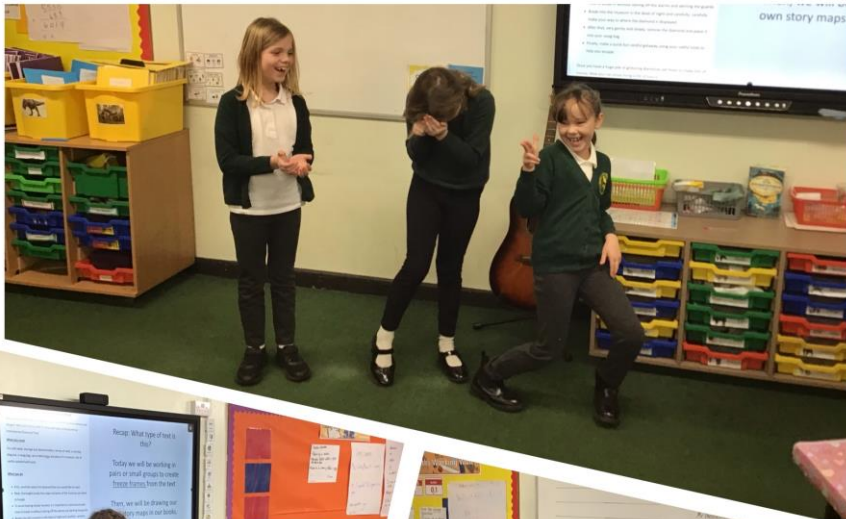
The children have been very creative decorating their lanterns ready for the village Christmas light switch on this weekend.



Badger Class

English

We are learning a new text this week called 'How to be an International Diamond Thief', which will lead us up to Christmas. In order for the children to internalise and become familiar with the text, we do lots of activities such as freeze frames and story maps.



Lanterns

For the annual turning on of the village Christmas lights, Badger Class created their own lanterns out of jars and tissue paper. It was a lovely, festive lesson packed with artistic flair and discovery.



Owl Class



PE

This term we have been in the hall for gymnastics. We have looked at how we can create movements with different body parts, spins and transitions between movements, before introducing some apparatus. In this lesson, we were focussing on how to include a piece of apparatus in a sequence working within a small group. Within the sequence, we had to hold a pose on an apparatus before thinking about ways to move onto the next movement.





Music

We spent the lesson listening to 'The Four Seasons' by Vivaldi as we are currently studying the Baroque period. We thought about how the music made us feel and interpreted it using line drawings. We worked in groups and at the end shared our creations with the class to see how each group interpreted the music.



Rabbit Class

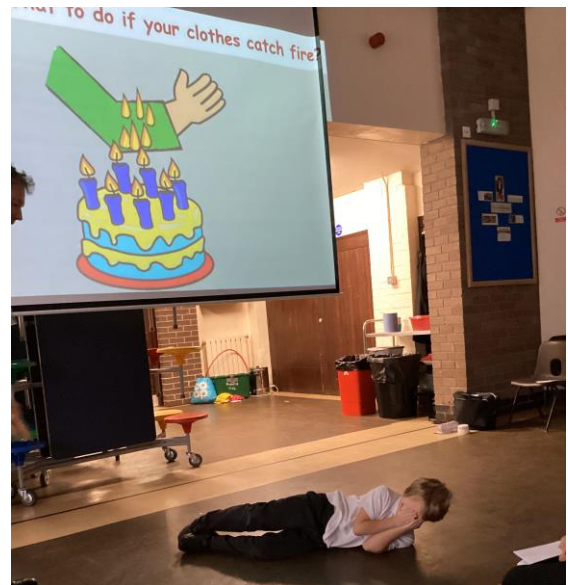
Oracy

During our English lessons, Rabbit Class have been discussing whether different characters should be punished. The children have enjoyed learning new oracy groupings and using sentence stems to support them in structuring their thinking.



Fire Safety

The Year 2 children in Rabbit Class had a fire safety visit. The children were very knowledgeable about what to do if there was a fire and asked lots of great questions.





Who can have a free home fire safety visit?

- Any household with children under the age of 18.
- Anyone aged over 65.
- Anyone with a disability, mobility issues or sensory loss.
- Anyone who smokes and lives alone.
- Anyone with a thatched property.
- Many other vulnerable people - please get in touch to ask.

If you think you are not eligible to have a home fire safety visit, or prefer fire safety advice over the phone, just call our local fire safety team - **0800 05 02 999**

We want you to feel safe and reassured when we visit your home. Anyone visiting your home on official duty will be wearing a fire service uniform, and be carrying an ID card with their name.

You will never be charged for a home safety visit, or for any equipment we provide.

"I picked up so many helpful fire safety tips from Tom when he came to my house, like never to leave the washing machine on when I'm out or asleep."

Paul, Taunton



Book your visit or call for fire safety advice

Call **0800 05 02 999**

email firekills@dsfire.gov.uk or book online at [dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety)

You can also watch a video about a home safety visit on the website.

If you need this leaflet in another language or format, please contact us by phone or email using the details above.



Free home fire safety visit



Protect yourself, your family and your pets from fire



Specialist and personalised home fire safety advice

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service offers a free home fire safety visit service to help make everyone safer from the risk of fire.

Book your visit today

Call **0800 05 02 999**

email firekills@dsfire.gov.uk or book online at [dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety)

What happens at a home safety visit?

When we visit you, our friendly home safety adviser will help to identify and assess any fire risks and provide fire safety equipment where needed. They will also advise on escape plans and what to do in the event of a fire. The visit should take around 45 minutes.

Free fire safety equipment

A working smoke alarm is a vital early warning system to help you escape in the event of a fire. We will check alarms and replace them if needed. We can also supply fire retardant bedding, throws or blankets, carbon monoxide alarms, alarm testing sticks and special timers.



Support and equipment for people with sensory loss or disabilities

For people with additional needs or disabilities, we can provide specialist equipment, such as sensory loss smoke alarms that come with a strobe light and vibrating pad.





DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE HELP THE
SCHOOL'S BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB
WHO ARE LOOKING FOR SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

PUZZLES (FOR OLDER CHILDREN)
LOOM BANDS
LOCKABLE LARGE WALL CABINET

PLEASE LET
SUSIE, AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISOR KNOW
IF YOU CAN HELP.

THANK YOU



Gold Book w/c 20th and 27th November

- Ladybird** Henry for never giving up when he finds things challenging. Idris for being more confident in his phonics.
- Rabbit** Olivia for being an amazing friend and always considering the feelings of others. Finn for making others smile and always remembering his manners.
- Owl** Arthur and Zachary R for accurate sentences. Charlie for fantastic handwriting. Jack for his beautifully detailed descriptions.
- Badger** Esme for respectful listening all week. Emilly for wonderfully neat and tidy work in her books. Harry for amazing listening and learning on the class trip. Bella VN for superb knowledge sharing during class discussions. Malachi for splendid endurance in the face of a challenge.
- Dragonfly** Crystal for superb effort with her handwriting. Frankie for a brilliant comparison of a round to parallel lines - great example of thinking and making connections. William for a clear, detailed explanation of a round. Ruby for confidence in x and divide by 10, 100, 1000. Eleanor for making new timetable symbols for the class at home. Oliver K for excellent effort in his writing. Ollie for detailed knowledge of hip hop explained clearly. Jake for good observations comparing the 1700s and 1800s. Cecily for superb effort at all times. Leo G for a brilliant lantern design.



Dates for your diary

December

Friday 1 st December	Bishops Lydeard Christmas Lights, 5.45pm at the Church
Monday 11 th December	Ladybird and Rabbit Nativity, 2pm performance
Tuesday 12 th December	Ladybird and Rabbit Nativity, 10am performance
Weds 13 th December	Christmas Carol Service, 1.45pm at the Church
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day BLSA Christmas Disco

January

Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Back to school

Ogden Science Activities



Melting Snowman Slime

You will need:

- 120ml white glue (such as PVA)
- 120ml water
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp saline solution
- mixing bowl
- spoon
- optional: foam ball (for the head), googly eyes, buttons, playdough carrot, etc.



Instructions:

1. In a bowl, mix together the water and white glue until combined.
2. Stir in the baking powder.
3. Mix in the saline solution until the slime forms and it pulls away from the edges slightly. Depending on your saline solution, you might need to add a little bit more. If you do, add a few drops at a time to your hands and mix it into the slime until it's no longer sticky.
4. Put a few drops of saline solution on your hands, then knead your slime until it is stretchy but not sticky.
5. Now, you can decorate your slime to look like a melting snowman. Have a look at the tips below.
6. Your slime should keep for a few weeks if kept clean and in an airtight container.

Snowman Decoration

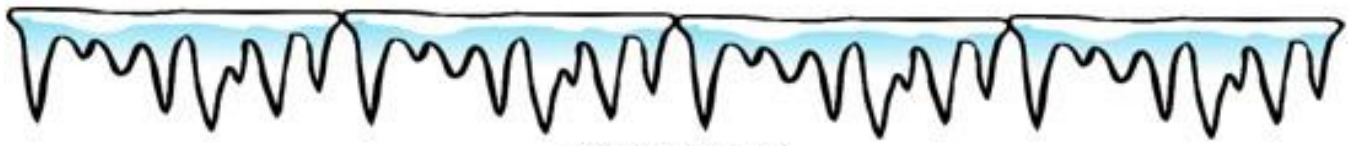
- To make your slime like a snowman, you can add it to a plate and shape it around a foam ball. This will look like the melting head of the snowman. The rest of the slime can form a slime puddle which you can decorate with buttons, a playdough nose and even a ribbon scarf!
- If you don't have a foam ball, your snowman is just slightly more melted! You can still add buttons and other snowman decorations. You could even mix them into your slime and see which ones you can pull out.

Top Tip!

The baking powder helps to make the slime firmer so you can mould and play with it. You can experiment with how much you add and see how it changes the consistency, but we recommend about ½ tsp.

Where's the Science?

Slime is a type of chemistry. The different substances mix together to make a polymer (a material with large, repeated molecules). Slime is neither a liquid or a solid. It is a 'non-Newtonian fluid' which means it can change how it behaves under stress, such as being kneaded.



Icicle Ornaments

You will need:

- coloured pipe cleaners (sparkly, Christmas colours can work well)
- pencils
- string, yarn or ribbon
- 800g sugar
- saucepan
- 475ml water
- string, yarn or ribbon
- tablespoon
- glass jar
- greaseproof paper



Instructions

1. Twirl your pipe cleaners around a pencil. You can do as many as you like!
2. Tie a length of string, yarn or ribbon around one end of the pipe cleaner. Make sure it's long enough to tie in a loop to hang on your tree.
3. Ask an adult to help you with this step. Add the sugar and water to a pan. Heat gently to a low boil until the sugar dissolves.
4. Pour the solution into your glass jar.
5. Let the solution cool to room temperature.
6. Dip your pipe cleaner into the glass jar and then take it out and let it dry on greaseproof paper for about two days. Keep your sugar solution somewhere safe.
7. After the two days, tie the string, yarn or ribbon to a pencil. Place the pencil across the top of the jar so that the pipe cleaner is suspended in the solution.
8. Depending on the size of your glass jar, you may be able to fit a couple of pipe cleaners in at the same time but make sure they're not touching, or they'll stick together.
9. For best results, leave your ornaments in the sugar solution somewhere out of the way for about two weeks.
10. Once this time is up, take out the ornaments and tie them to something suspended over greaseproof paper to catch any sugary drips.
11. Once your pipe cleaners have had time to dry, tie the ornaments on your tree!

Top Tips:

- Why not use a white and red pipe cleaner and twist them together to look like a candy cane?
- Two weeks can seem like a long time when you're little. Why not create a festive countdown calendar and cross off a day each day until your ornament is ready?

Where's the Science?

When the water is heated, the sugar crystals break apart and the molecules mix with the water molecules so they dissolve. The mixture becomes saturated which means it's full of the sugar molecules. When the water cools to room temperature, there is too much sugar to stay dissolved in the water so the sugar molecules move around and 'bump' into each other. They start to lock together to form sugar crystals which get bigger and bigger as sugar molecules join on.





Christmas Coding Ornament



You will need:

- 3 colours of beads (Christmas colours - like red, green and white - look great and thin beads work best)
- pipe cleaner
- string, yarn or ribbon
- Binary Code Sheet (included)

Instructions

1. Use the Binary Code Sheet.
2. On the sheet, there are grey boxes and white boxes. You need to choose a bead colour to use to represent the white boxes and a different colour to represent the grey boxes.
3. Choose a Christmas phrase to put onto your decoration. Why not try 'Ho Ho Ho' or 'Merry Christmas'?
4. Look at each letter at a time. Check the grey and white boxes and use this to help you work out which beads you need. It can be a good idea to lay the beads out on the table in front of you so you can see the pattern for that letter.
5. Once you are happy with your binary code, thread the beads onto your pipe cleaner in the right order.
6. Repeat this for each letter in your first word.
7. When you get to the end of the word, put one bead of the third colour onto your pipe cleaner to show you have finished a word.
8. Then, move onto the letters of the second word. And the third, if needed! or a star.
9. Tie a length of string, yarn or ribbon onto your pipe cleaner so you can hang it on your tree!
10. Bend your pipe cleaner into a festive shape, such as a wreath.



Where's the Science?

This resource uses binary code, a combination of 0s and 1s which represent letters and digits in a computer or other electronic device. Therefore, it comes under the 'Technology' strand of STEM as it is important in computer programming and coding. This activity can be a nice festive way of starting to think about coding with your child.



Binary Code Sheet

This sheet shows you the binary code for each letter of the alphabet. Choose a bead colour to represent the grey boxes and a different bead colour to represent the white boxes. Then, use the sheet to help you work out the binary code for your Christmas phrase.

Letter	Binary	Letter	Binary
A		N	
B		O	
C		P	
D		Q	
E		R	
F		S	
G		T	
H		U	
I		V	
J		W	
K		X	
L		Y	
M		Z	



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!

