

# VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th October 2023

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## Dates for your Diary

### Next Week

- ◆ Tuesday 10th October—Harvest Celebration @ 9:30am at Holy Trinity Church
- ◆ Thursday 12th October—SLT Drop in Session with Nick Firkins & Kirsten Molloy @ 9:00am—11:00am
- ◆ Friday 13th October—SLT Drop in Session with Nick Firkins & Adam Summers @9:00am—11:00am

### Looking ahead

- ◆ Tuesday 17th October—SEN Coffee Morning @ 9:00 in The Community Room
- ◆ Wednesday 18th October—KS1 Family Learning Event @ 9am—10am
- ◆ Friday 20th October—Mufti day in aid of Purple Elephant
- ◆ Friday 20th October—VSA Pumpkin Trail @ 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Vallis First School local area
- ◆ HALF TERM—Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

### Advance Notice

- ◆ Monday 11th December—KS1 Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—KS1 Christmas Performance @ 9:30am in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—EYFS Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—KS2 Carol Concert @ 5:30pm at Holy Trinity Church
- ◆ Wednesday 13th December—EYFS Christmas Performance @ 9:30am in the School Hall

Our planned Inset Days for this academic year are 2nd January 2024 and 15th April 2024. One more date is still to be decided. For term dates please see the [Somerset Council website](#).

### Car Park Reminder

Please remember that our school car park is for staff and permit holders only and during the times of 08:40 and 09:10 and 14:45 and 15:15 no vehicles should enter or exit the car park due to our pupils and families arriving and departing the school. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Message from our Headteacher

The children have been busy this week learning their parts and songs for the Harvest celebration at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday morning at 9:30pm. Everyone is welcome; I look forward to seeing you then.

A group of parents and governors have got together to raise some money for the school by joining Runtober. They are each running 100km during this month and have already raised over £500. Please see the link in the newsletter if you'd like to make a donation. Well done to the team of runners for their amazing efforts so far and good luck for the rest of the month.

It was lovely to see some parents at the coffee morning on Tuesday and useful to hear feedback on various areas of school life. I know it is difficult for some of you to make events during the school day but please email in any suggestions etc if you aren't able to attend.

At half term, we will be sadly saying goodbye to Sandra Blagdon who has decided to retire. Sandra has been at the school for over twenty years and she has been an amazing teaching assistant. Sandra has been a key part of our team at Vallis and all the staff and children will miss her. We would all like to wish her well in her retirement.

Some of Eagle class shared their writing and work on volcanoes during our assembly last week. I was really impressed with their descriptive language and their knowledge about some of the world's most active volcanoes. During the assembly, I also shared a lovely video about hedgehogs that Isaac from Owl class had put together for his homework. Well done to Eagle class and Isaac on some wonderful learning.

Looks like it is going to be a warm, sunny couple of days so I hope you all have a great weekend.

Nick

## Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest celebration will take place on Tuesday 10th October at 9:30 am in Holy Trinity Church, everyone is welcome to attend and you do not need a ticket, simply turn up. Miss Plumridge is planning a really lovely morning for everyone to enjoy.

As part of our celebration, we ask for any donations of tea bags, coffee, soup, tinned meat, pasta sauce and rice which we then give to the Fair Frome Food Bank after the event who are always very grateful for the donations. You can send in any donations with your child/ren or drop them into the school office— ideally by Monday morning please so that we can display them at the celebration on Tuesday morning.

## Flu Immunisations

This year's flu immunisations will take place on Thursday 2nd November during school time. You will have received an email with a link to the Somerset SAINT webpage to complete a consent form:

<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to complete the form even if you DO NOT want your child to receive the immunization. If you require any further information please phone 0300 323 0032.

THE FUN DAY IS TODAY!



We are so pleased that the sun is shining for our Fun Day this afternoon. We look forward to welcoming you in the main playground from 3pm for lots of fun fairground games including Hook a Duck, Coconut Shy, Splat the Rat, Nerf Gun shot, Pot of Luck and many more.

You will also be able to buy tickets for our Pumpkin Trail on the evening of Friday 20th October at the Fun Day. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to host a pumpkin on their doorstep!

### Hundred Club

The deadline for this year's Hundred Club is today—we still have some numbers to allocate to this vital piece of fundraising—if you are able to purchase one number with a chance to win money for the next ten months please stop by the office to fill in a form this afternoon.

### Fundraising Christmas Cards

Children will be coming home over the next few days with their fantastic designs for Christmas cards. If you think you might want to purchase packs of cards, calendars, mugs, tea towels and gift tags you just need to complete the form on the back of your child's design and return by Monday 16th October. We will then send the designs off to Xmas4Schools who will email or text you direct using the details on the form with links to place your order. Each order will raise some money for the school and we thank you in advance for your support.

## Local Community News

# CREATIVE MAKERS



Great news! Creative Makers is running a four-day art camp for children aged 5-10 during the October holidays at Avanti park school. The sessions will be run by a qualified and experienced Art and Design teacher.

Over the camp days, students will explore the work of various artists and create works that are inspired by them. They will also work in groups and use a range of materials to create paintings, prints, sculptures and large installations pieces. At the end of each day, all students will have creative work to take home. Each day is a fresh project, so you can attend one or all days and still have a unique experience.

All materials needed for the Art camp will be provided.

The camp will run from 9am -3pm each day

Places are limited, it is recommend that you sign up as soon as possible by heading over to [creative-makers.co.uk](http://creative-makers.co.uk)

The art camp is a great opportunity for your child to explore their creative side and fun during the holidays

Dates: 17th, 19th, 24th, 25th October  
Times: 9am-3pm

[creative-makers.co.uk](http://creative-makers.co.uk)



Book online at [wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays)

## Threads through Creation

October 2023

Creative workshops for children inspired by the stunning 'Threads through Creation' exhibition. Take time to see the wonderful, supersized fabric panels before your craft session; pick up a free family trail leaflet and explore the kaleidoscope of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course many, many different creatures!

### Felted Worlds Monday 23 October\*

Make a mini felted Earth to hang at home, complete with your message for a better world.

### Spectacular Spirals Tuesday 24 October\*

Take inspiration from spirals in the exhibition and in nature. Try circular weaving or create a snazzy snake mobile.

### Fabric Creations Wednesday 25 October\*

Stitch a mini textile panel or use fabric and glue to create a colourful creature collage.

\*Sessions at 10.00 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 2.00 p.m.



## Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)  
£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; Accompanying adults FREE  
Please note that Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and no dogs are allowed at family activities.



## Multicultural Frome

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
12pm-3pm at the Cheese and Grain



Local people from around the globe sharing and celebrating their cultures

Music and Dance  
Make and do arts and crafts  
Language games and activities  
Food and drink to try and buy  
Contributions from local schools  
Information and support

Free Entry, donations welcome, small charges to cover costs, please bring cash  
For more info [lenkagrimes@gmail.com](mailto:lenkagrimes@gmail.com) or [azeemacaff@google.com](mailto:azeemacaff@google.com)



Frome Make differently







# FAMILY IN NEED HOLIDAY



## Activities in Frome for families in need of support.

<b>Tuesday 24th Oct</b>	10am to 1pm	<b>Family cookery - make a tasty, healthy meal together</b>	Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DN
<b>Wednesday 25th Oct*</b>	10am to 1pm	<b>Accessible, fun print-art workshop - make your own bag for life</b>	Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DN
<b>Thursday 26th Oct*</b>	10am to 1pm	<b>Accessible, fun print-art workshop - make your own bag for life</b>	Cricket Club, Rodden Road, Frome BA11 2AH
<b>Friday 27th Oct*</b>	3pm to 6pm	<b>Active Science workshop outside with rockets!</b>	The Key Centre, Feltham Lane, Frome BA11 5AJ
<b>Saturday 28th Oct</b>	10am to 12pm	<b>Play and Take Away day - booking not required</b>	Frome Library, Justice Lane Frome BA11 1BE

**Suggested donation of £2 per child**

**\*Free Fair Frome hot meal served one hour before end of session!**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact [rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk](mailto:rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk) to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you**

**Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.**



**Family support workers available at all sessions.**

**[www.PurpleElephant.org.uk](http://www.PurpleElephant.org.uk)**



If you have attended events by Purple Elephant before please contact them direct via the email above. If you have not attended please see Sue in the office who will refer you.