

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Next Week

- ◆ 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

Looking ahead

- ◆ HALF TERM—Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
- ◆ ***NEW*** Thursday 2nd November - Early Reading and Phonics Meeting for Parent of Wren & Firecrest classes—see separate email sent 13/10.
- ◆ ***NEW*** Tuesday 7th November—Parent/Teacher Meetings (early slots)
- ◆ ***NEW*** Thursday 9th November—Parent/Teacher meetings (early & later slots)
- ◆ Friday 17th November—Key Stage 2 Disco @ 3:15pm to 4:30pm
- ◆ Friday 1st December—Christmas Family Bingo @6pm

Christmas Performances

- ◆ 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 TD 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](#).

Message from our Headteacher

Last Friday the VSA held their first Autumn fair and we were very lucky to have the weather on our side. We raised over £800 which is an amazing effort. A massive thank you to everyone who was able to support the event and the VSA for organising it - it's hugely appreciated by us all at Vallis.

On Tuesday morning, we held our Harvest celebration at Holy Trinity and it was lovely to see so many of you at the church. I thought the children put on a wonderful performance which was thoughtful and well presented. Thank you again for the many contributions for the Frome Food Bank which were collected later that day - it is such a good cause and supports many families across the town. Have a look at some photos of the morning on the next page.

Thursday saw our Year 3's pop down the road to the Whittox gallery at Rise to take part in some art workshops. The children came back buzzing and clearly had a very enjoyable time.

Sadly, next week will be Jacky Ankerman's last week at Vallis after over twenty years of service. The school Business Managers' role has evolved and changed hugely over the years and we will miss Jacky's knowledge and expertise in managing the schools' finances and admin tasks. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Jacky for all her hard work and commitment over the years and wishing her all the very best for the future.

Buzzard Class shared some of their learning in last weeks Friday assembly. We heard some descriptive writing and learnt about their learning on Volcanoes. Well done Buzzard.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Nick

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.

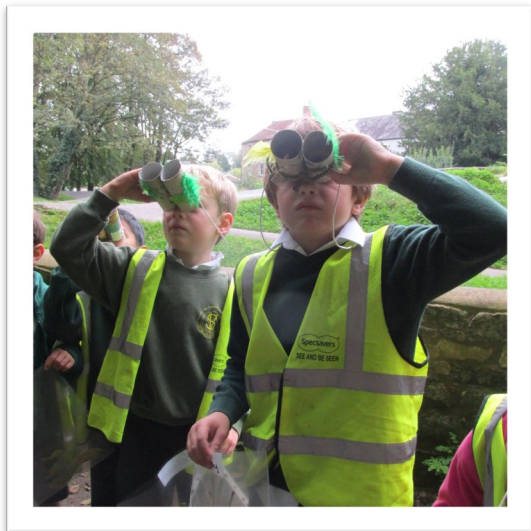
2023/24 Eco Council!

Well done to Ivy, Amelia, Lola, Connie, Emilia, Alana, Vivien and Bobby for volunteering for the Eco Council. The children wrote some really lovely applications telling us about how they wanted to care for the planet and how much they love animals and nature. They also talked about how they wanted to help make Vallis more eco friendly especially in terms of having more plants and they want to spread the word about caring for our world. We will begin planning what to do this year at our first meeting. We will have on their first meeting in a future newsletter.

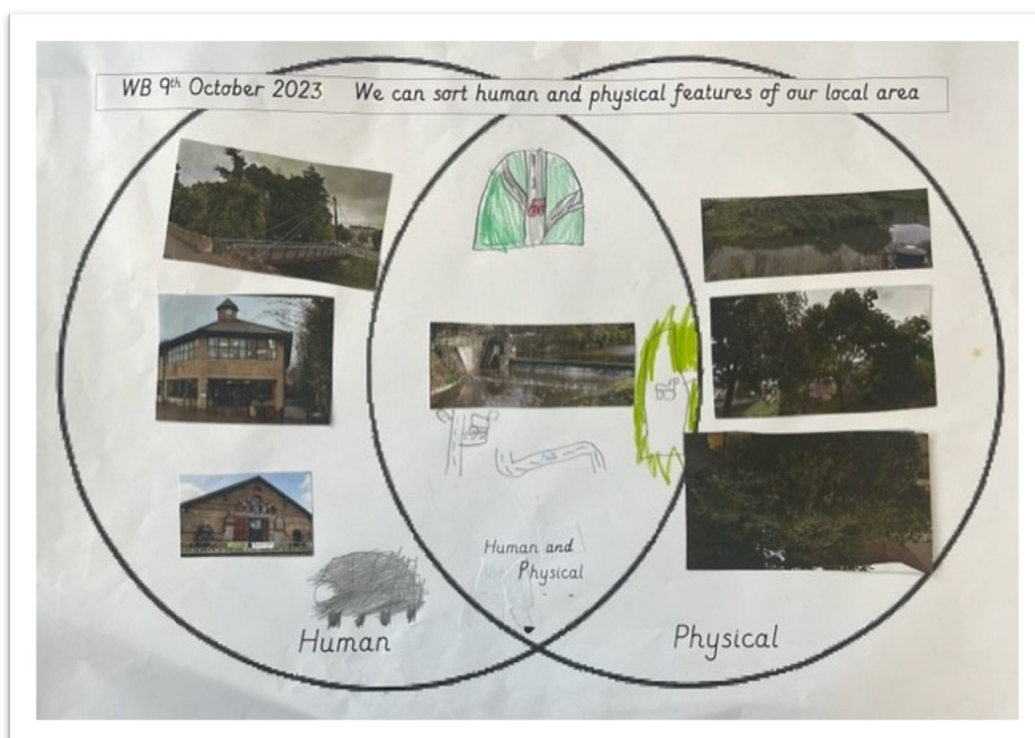
Harvest Celebration



Our Key Stage 1 Explorers!



Children from our Key Stage 1 classes went on a Geography walk around Frome this week as 'explorers' with their binoculars to find Human and Physical features in our local area. On return to school, the children sorted these features (library, Cheese and Gran, river etc) onto a Venn diagram. They discussed how the weir is both a physical and human feature. It was a really lovely walk around our local area and we were very lucky with the Autumn weather!



Pumpkin Trail



Next week is our Pumpkin Trail and there are still some tickets available to purchase—you can get these from the office up to 3pm next Friday for £2 per participating child.

Fundraising Christmas Cards

All the children should have now come home with their artwork for the fundraising 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 this coming 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.

Forthcoming events:

Dates for next term's events are:

- ◆ 17th November—KS2 Disco from 3:15 to 4:30pm. Tickets will cost £3 and children to bring their party clothes in with them to change into at 3pm and they will then be taken to the hall. Parents should then pick up from the School Office entrance at 4:30pm. Pizza and drinks will be included in the price of the ticket.
- ◆ Friday 1st December 2023— Christmas Family Bingo—Eyes down at 6:30pm. Watch this space for more information after half term!

Runtober



Team Vallis is made up of 12 parents who are running 100km each, 1200km in total, over the month of October to raise money for outdoor play equipment at Vallis School.

For their second week they have so far run 550km and raised £790!

You can follow their progress and sponsor them online at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/vallis-school-outdoor-play-equipment>

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FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

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Make a real night of it and book you and your guests in to the Royal Crescent Restaurant and feast on our menu.

Royal Crescent Restaurant Menu

Mains

Pulled beef brisket bourguignon – Pulled tender brisket, in a red wine jus, finished with pearl onions, smoked bacon lardons and mushrooms, served with roasted new potatoes and green beans

Roasted loin of cod, pumpkin & sage risotto, pine nuts, pesto & watercress salad

Butterbean cassoulet, with braised rice and pickled shallot & watercress salad **(VE)**

Desserts

Spiced Parkin, orange scented custard, vanilla syrup, miniature toffee apple

Warmed chocolate brownie, vanilla bean ice cream, salted caramel sauce

Mains

100% chicken breast battered chicken nuggets, baked beans, fries

Sausages, mash, peas

Cheese & Tomato pasta, garlic bread, tossed side salad

Dessert

Trio of toffee Apple, buttered popcorn & ice cream

Hospitality Box Menu

Choose one course per person from the following:

Pulled beef chili, braised rice, tortillas, flatbreads, salad & soured cream

Hot Dogs, crispy onions, brioche bun, selection of condiments, Emmental, gherkins (vegan alternatives available)

Want to add some more options? Add a starter (£3.50pp) and a dessert (£5pp).

Contact us to discuss pricing and options on **01225 424609**
 or e-mail events@bath-racecourse.co.uk



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Wellbeing for kids (and their grownups)

15, Palmer Street, Frome. BA11 1DS

Join us for fun and engaging activities to learn about emotions and wellbeing.

For children aged 5-11 (and their grownups). These workshops offer a child friendly way of understanding how the body responds to stress and learn techniques to manage emotions.

What do I need to know?

- ✓ Maximum 2 children pr adult. No experience necessary. Booking essential. Please use QR code below.
- ✓ *Please see our website for eligibility information.

Something amazing to do in the Half term with your Child !

Friday 27th October : 10:00am – 12:30pm | 1 Session

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / book online

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