

**West Pennard C of E VC Primary School**



The School Council and Mr and Mrs Kelly planting a tree in the grounds for Amber.



**'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)**

**Heads Up**

The mornings are certainly starting to be a little bleaker with the onset of more wintery weather, so please do ensure that your children are prepared for the harshest of what the West Pennard micro-climate has to offer. We do find that as much of the respective playgrounds are in the shadow of the buildings, morning playtimes can still be bitterly cold, even if the November sun is shining.

As the nights draw and tiredness ensues it is also advisable, perhaps more than at any other time of the year, to get a good night's sleep and be prepared for learning as much as possible in the remaining weeks of term.

Next week, as we enter December, we will start to get the Christmas festivities underway. The school Christmas tree arrived today and will take pride of place in front of the kitchen for all to see and enjoy. Next week also sees the start of advent. You may well have decided to take on the idea of unwrapping a book to share with your children each day (which can be in addition to the chocolate calendar - no one will judge!). We have a variety of calendars you may wish to use though as part of your routine. The Doodle Maths advent calendar is available to all pupils from Y1-6 through their log-in on the app. Also, you may also wish to take part in the Snowman and the Snowdog Kindness Calendar where you are encouraged to perform acts of kindness each day. Click [here](#) to download

As pictured above, the School Council planted Amber's Tree today in the school grounds. Christmas was Amber's favourite time of year so we have planted an evergreen. The children discussed how they wanted to get one that produced pine cones, so that they could take a 'part' of the tree home with them year on year to remember her by. She will always be remembered and in our hearts here at West Pennard.

Have a restful weekend.

Mr Wheat



**Stars in Our Eyes**

Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' this week;

- Year R - Phoebe & Charlie
- Year 1 - Phin & Ollie
- Year 2 - Jacob & Rudy
- Year 3 - Aubin & Noah H.
- Year 4 - Meg & Olivia
- Year 5 - Adam & Lily K.
- Year 6 - Daisy & Jacob



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Headteacher Mr T. Wheat

WoW Wednesdays

(Wellbeing on Wednesdays)

Otter Class have undertaken a variety of interesting and exciting activities this term to support their wellbeing. See pictures below...



Reminder

Please be aware we are a nut-free school. Do not send your child to school with any nut products and please check packaging on chocolate spreads aswell.

Many thanks

Quote of the Week

*'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever.'* 1 Chronicles 16

Here and There

Somerset Space Walk

The Somerset Space Walk is a sculpture trail model of the Solar System, located in Somerset, England. The model uses the towpath of the 22-kilometre (14-mile) Bridgwater and Taunton Canal to display a model of the Sun and its planets in their proportionally correct sizes and distances apart.



Click [here](#) for more details of the route.

Treasure Trails Reminder



**Treasure Trails**  
The fun way to explore

Treasure Trails is a great way to fill a day and explore the local area. You can purchase and download a 'treasure trail' for places all over the country for under £10 and spend the day as a family solving clues and completing the trail. There are 25 trails alone in Somerset to choose from!

Writers and Mathematicians of the Week

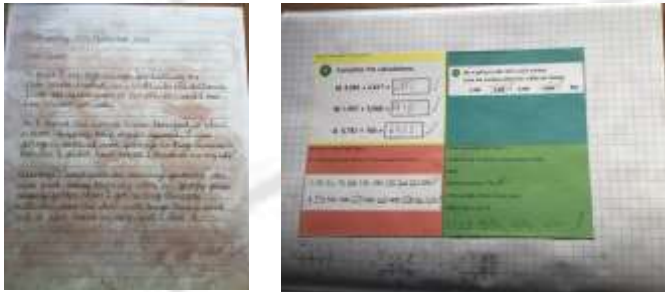
Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class Writer or the Mathematician of the Week this week;

- Year 1 - Ayda & Phineus
- Year 2 - Elijah & Sol
- Year 3 - Jacob & Ida
- Year 4 - Zachary & Ethan
- Year 5 - Kai & Jake
- Year 6 - Sydney & Lola



See a selection of their impressive work below.

Well done to all of these children.



Free School Meals

Children who attend a Somerset County Council school, whose parents or carers receive certain benefits may be entitled to free school meals.

These are the benefits.

- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income related) – not Contribution related
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA) – not Contribution based
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals.

Click [here](#) to apply

During the coronavirus outbreak, the Government are temporarily extending free school meal eligibility to include children of families who have no recourse to public funds. Therefore, children will also be eligible for free school meals if their legal guardians' household income is £7,400 or below and they meet one of the following criteria:

- you are a Zambrano Carer
- you have the right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and are subject to no recourse to public funds
- you are supported under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 (Children in Need)

You may also be eligible if they are supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you meet this additional criteria, complete the [Free School Meals Application Form Covid-19 additional criteria Form](#) and send it in with the appropriate evidence.

APPs of the Week



Earnit is a task management application for parents and their children. Tasks can be assigned to children and rewards can be received when the tasks have been completed. A complete task management system including notification, task schedules, task approval, messaging, goal setting, screen time limits and so much more. The app is available on both iOS and Android devices and is free to download. The application is free from in-app adverts and in-app purchases. However, the free edition may have some application restrictions as a paid version grants full access.



Readlax: Brain Games is a versatile and powerful app for people who want to learn faster and more effectively. The application is rich with features that enable you to improve concentration, boost memory, reduce stress, enhance learning capacity, improve empathy and expand upon your current vocabulary using the apps unique games and teaching style. Readlax: Brain Games is free initially on a trial basis and offers further plans as a monthly or lifetime subscription. Readlax: Brain Games is free from in-app adverts and is suitable for ages 4 and above according to the Appstore and is rated PEGI 3 via Google Play.



Draa is an app for teaching kids how to draw. It is suitable for any child old enough to use an iPad and possibly a stylus. The app shows them how to reproduce cartoon images by breaking them down into simple steps. Draa is available on iPads and iPhones for a single one-off purchase price. It is compatible with the Apple Pencil.

Fox Class WoW



On wellbeing Wednesday, we made tree guardians. We used clay and natural materials to make them. Our Tree Guardians are there to help look after the trees and plants around us. Trees and plants are good for our wellbeing and can help us feel relaxed and calm. The Tree Guardians are also there to help us when we might be feeling worried or scared. We can talk to them about our worries and concerns and they will help to carry them away, up the tree trunk, through the branches/leaves and off into the sky. I was very impressed with all of the tree guardians made, well done Fox class.

Mrs Fowler

Thoughtful Parking



We are aware that parking is tricky when picking up or dropping off children at the school, but please do consider preserving the beauty of the village setting when choosing where to park. The verge on Southtown Lane has been really badly churned up in recent weeks. We have a staggered start and end to the day, so alternative places to park could and should be found if at all possible.

AR Bookmarks

Week 2

What does my child actually see when using Accelerated Reader?

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/172kR0eQJEUxJSXm3qPAE1iChd1sgPNsu/view>

With Christmas fast approaching, I have been asked by several parents their recommended reads for this year. Topic for Books is a super website which will help you find books that your child/ren will enjoy which are outside of your usual supermarket favourites. They also have some great 'if you like' posters to help children branch away from series once they have completed it. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/gift-guides>

Most parents received a Home Connect letter this week. This is so you can see your child's progress and attainment on Accelerated Reader. Please do sign up.

Mrs Pinsent  
English Lead

West Pennard PE

In PE this week with Mr Cave, Squirrel Class have been practicing their balance, co-ordination and agility by playing Danish Longball.



Congratulations to  
Harvey and Jack

who are new big  
brothers!

Welcome to the world  
and the  
West Pennard family  
Baby Hiscox



Dormouse Class

On Thursday Dormouse Class 'walked the plank' as we celebrated the end of our Charlie Cook work. We have 'swashed and buckled' our way through amazing stories of dragons, jewel thieves and child eating crocodiles, learning such a lot on the way. 'Oo-argh mi hearties! We have made Mrs Robinson very proud!'



## Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

\*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 1st December	Covid Secure Christmas Postbox Opens
Friday 11th December	Christmas Sock Day Year 3 Victorian Christmas Workshop Final Day for Posting Christmas Cards
Monday 14th December	Christmas Cards Delivered Following Quarantine
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties* Class Collective Worship Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Aladdin—Virtual Pantomime—The MacMillan Theatre
Friday 18th December	Christmas Mufti - no donation required
Friday 18th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead)* Break up for Christmas Holidays