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ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

Term 4 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been a busy one full of

learning together for life in all its fullness.

Children have been experiencing a very full curriculum of engaging learning in school, day in day out, as well as exciting extras of Book Week, Science Week, performances out and visitors in. It has been another busy and amazing term full of growth as learners so that everyone can be the best that they can be.

This term we have also been embracing, building and celebrating links between home and school with a fantastic Maths Learning Showcase attended by many families and parent consultations. Our first Science Fair was a real success and a fantastic example of this. Also, I have loved children sharing learning inspired by their work at school, that they have continued at home such as Finn's fantastic Judas picture, Issac's amazing book review interview and Orson's continents booklet.



We were delighted that our strong and successful Church School was recognised by our recent Church School Inspection this term too. We work together so that all our children are the best that they can be.

I hope you enjoy reading about some of our highlights of Term 4. Please read on for our [successful Church School Inspection](#) p2, [Thankfulness Christian Value](#) p3; [Celebrating Learning](#) p4; [new school uniform](#) p5; [Book Week and Readathon](#) p6; [Science Fair](#) p10; [Vets and Pets visitors](#) p12; [British Solar Renewables](#) p13; [Maths Learning Showcase](#) p14; [Kilve Residential](#) p15; [Talking Mental Health](#) p18; [Community News](#) p20 and [Trust Family Newsletter](#) p22.

We say farewell to Miss Juden this term, a teacher whose energy, determination to build positive relationships and passion for fun learning have made an enormous impact on children and adults within our school. We wish Claire and Ben well in their next adventures in Yorkshire with their families and safe arrival of their baby. We welcomed Mr Powell, our new permanent teacher to Kingfishers this week, who brings a wealth of experience.



Easter Break 29 th March – 12 th April 2024	
15.04.24	Term 5 starts
19.04.24	PTA Easter Bingo
23.04.24	Inter-area Cross Country
06.05.24	Bank Holiday School Closed
13.05.24	End of Key Stage 2 Assessment Week for Year 6
	Last week of school staff run clubs
14.05.24	Science Learning Showcase
15.05.24	Make the Sunshine Theatre Performance to the children Pirates of the Carabina: Pirate Taxi
20.05.24	Final Multi Sports club
22.05.24	St Aldhelm's Day
24.05.24	Celebration Worship
25.05.24	Pilgrimage from Shepton Mallet to St Aldhelm's Well led by Reverend Gill
	End of Term 5
Half Term Break 27 th March – 31 st May 2024	
03.06.24	Term 6 starts
28.06.24	INSET Day 4 School Closed
06.07.24	Douling Village Fete
11.07.24	Sports Day
12.07.24	Reflection Learning Showcase
	PTA Disco
17.07.24	Celebration Worship
22.07.24	Leavers' Service in St Aldhelm's Church
23.07.24	End of Term 6
24.07.24	INSET Day 5 School Closed

Please do also take the time to note our upcoming diary dates in your calendar and don't forget to book for school lunches and Breakfast and After School Club too.

Owls and Magpies led a reflective service in Church this week, reminding us of the importance of Easter, the need to be thankful for all that we have and for the life that Jesus gave so that we could live wonderful, fulfilled lives.

Kind regards Amanda Phillips Head of School



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Church School Inspection

St Aldhelm's is living up to its foundation as a church school.



Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report

St Aldhelm's Church School	
Address	Chelynch Park, Doultling, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4PL

School vision
<p style="text-align: center;">'Learning together for life in all its fullness.' (John 10: 10)</p> <p>At St Aldhelm's, we seek to help all our children achieve their full potential. We aim to instil a love of learning and encourage children to value themselves and each other as unique individuals. Christian values underpin our daily life in school in an atmosphere that is safe and welcoming, where children learn to be reflective and considerate to others. We work together so that all our children are the best that they can be.</p>
School strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong and effective school leadership, based on a relevant Christian vision, has an impact on everyone's lives. • A wide range of strong partnerships means that the vision effectively impacts the life of those within and beyond the school. • Pastoral care and provision for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) is a strength of the school. This has a particular impact on pupils flourishing academically and spiritually. • The vision of 'life in all its fullness' inspires creativity through art. This contributes extensively to an overview of spirituality. • Collective worship is well planned and executed, with the support of an ethos committee. The impact of worship is seen in the lives and actions of pupils and staff.
Areas for development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the link between the values and the vision as their source, through collective worship and the curriculum. Consequently, pupils will be able to understand that the vision pervades all areas of life. • Extend work on spirituality, by developing rich opportunities for promoting spiritual development in all areas of the curriculum. Developing a shared understanding will enable pupils to grow in their appreciation of all spiritual elements of life. • Develop a more robust assessment system in religious education (RE). This will enhance teaching and learning and strengthen the effectiveness of the curriculum.

Please click on the report image to download and read the full report.



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Thankfulness

Ten Lepers by
James Christensen,
2002



Thankfulness



How did the Leper show
thankfulness?
Luke 17: 11-19

How do you show
that you are thankful?

5 Finger Prayer

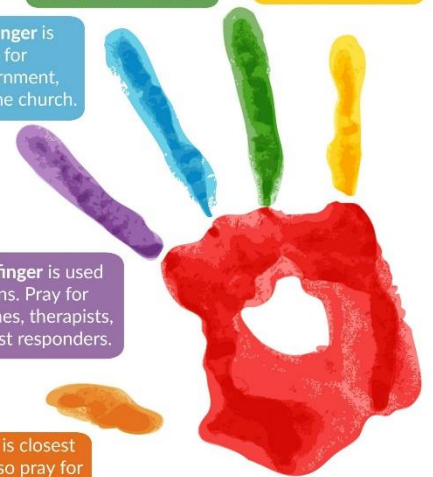
4) The ring finger is the weakest. Pray for the sick, poor, and those most in need.

5) The pinkie finger is the smallest. Pray for yourself and your own needs.

3) The middle finger is the tallest. Pray for leaders in government, business, and the church.

2) The pointer finger is used to give directions. Pray for teachers, coaches, therapists, doctors, and first responders.

1) Your thumb is closest to your heart, so pray for those closest to you - your family and friends.



What are you
thankful for?

1. THESSALONIANS 5:18A

IN EVERY THING
Give Thanks:
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS



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A big well done to all the children who received certificates in Term 4 for their progress, success and achievement with their learning behaviours ☺



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Thank you children who have been recognized for their respectful behaviour at playtimes.



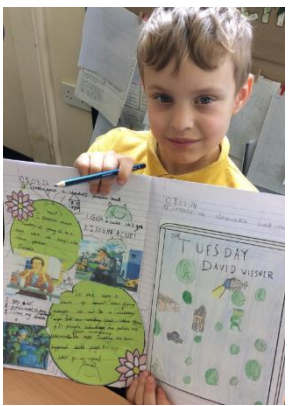
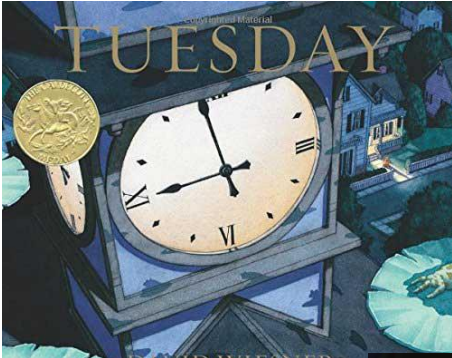
Our new logo uniform will shortly be available from the South West Schoolwear uniform shop in Wells. There is no rush to buy this uniform, but when you need any new supplies, they will feature our new logo. We have contacted the shop in Shepton but they have decided not to stock uniform.



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Book Week 2024

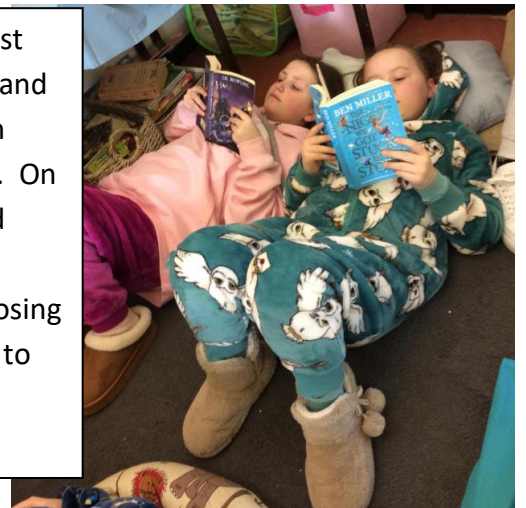
The whole school 'read' and explored a wordless picture book called Tuesday by David Weisner.



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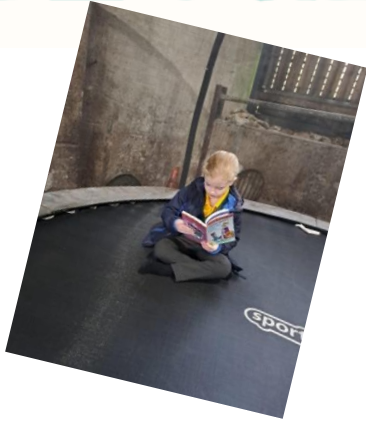


After full on dressing up for the last few years as favourite characters and amazing words, this year, children asked if we could read in comfort. On World Book Day, children enjoyed virtual sessions with amazing worldwide authors as well as choosing which story they wanted to listen to with hot chocolate and a biscuit prepared by the PTA.



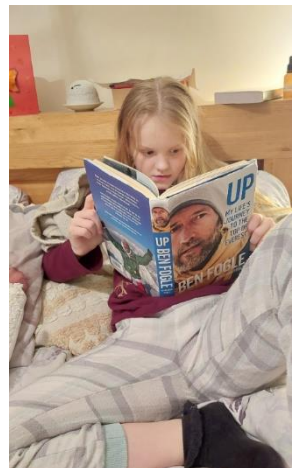
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2024 READATHON

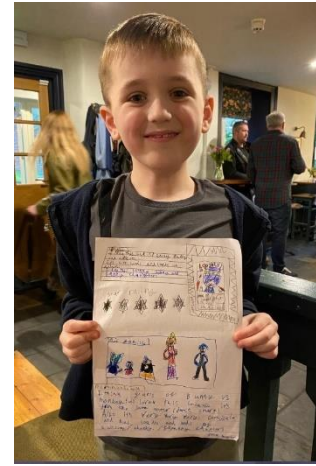


**CHALLENGE 1:
1 HOUR**

**Challenge 1: Read
your next time slot in
an unusual place!**



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Well done to Megan,
Dexter and Naomi who
really went above and
beyond in our
Readathon this year.

Independence



Our collaborative class
winners were:

1. Falcons
2. Magpies
3. Kingfishers

Collaboration

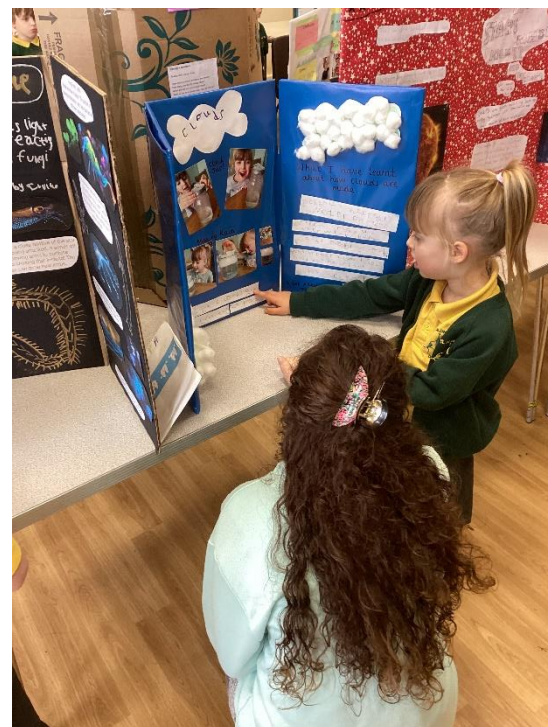


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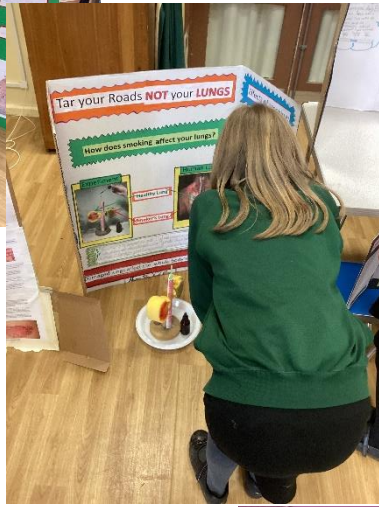
Science Fair



Following British Science Week, we hosted our first Science Fair. Children were invited for home learning to investigate a science question of their own choice and share their results. The completed projects were AMAZING! Children, school staff and parents were able to visit the fair and thoroughly enjoyed learning from each other. Another superb example of Learning together for life in all its fullness.



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Robin Class- Vets and Pets topic
A visit from Shepton Veterinary Group



Robin Class was so excited to invite vet Greg and nurse Georgina into a Robin class to talk to us all about the important jobs they both do to care for local animals.

Greg brought Shep the (toy) dog in so that he could demonstrate what happens when an animal comes in for a consultation.

We learned all about the important roles they both play and the different jobs they do each day.

The children had the opportunity to ask any questions at the end of the session. This really ignited an interest in 'vets and pets' and the role play that was witnessed in our new vet clinic role play was wonderful to see afterwards.



Georgina showing us how she bandages an animal's paw.

Trying on the scrubs that need to be worn during surgery.

Greg demonstrated what happens during a consultation with Shep the dog.

Lots of wonderful learning opportunities taking place in our 'Vet Clinic' role play area following the visit.





British Solar Renewables



Kingfishers welcomed 'British Solar Renewables', a local company, to continue their learning on Climate Change- linking to their enquiry question 'Is it too late?'

Dan, Ellie, Betsy and Sarah were amazing at explaining to us their roles within this international company that builds solar parks in the UK, and also in Australia! Kingfishers learnt all about different renewable energy types and then all about biodiversity and the considerations that need to be made when creating these solar parks to protect plant and animal life. They designed their own solar parks with biodiversity considerations, that BSR have taken back to inspire future projects and they all loved making solar powered circuits too!

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Maths Learning Showcase



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KILVE FEBRUARY 2024



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children who came to Kilve; you were all amazing. Every single one of you were a credit to your parents and the school. Each child took on challenges, demonstrated fantastic independence, resilience and collaboration.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Charley, Miss Mason, Mrs Marship and Miss Hill for helping to run such a successful residential. I know from talking to the children, that it was an amazing experience that they will always remember.

Mrs Newman



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TIME TO CHILL

SOLVE
COLLABORATION
PROBLEM
SOLUTION
AGREE COLLABORATING APPROACHING
DEFINING POSSIBLE
COLLABORATE SOLUTION



GREAT FOOD!



Enjoy 🍩

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YEAR 6 HIGH ROPES CHALLENGE



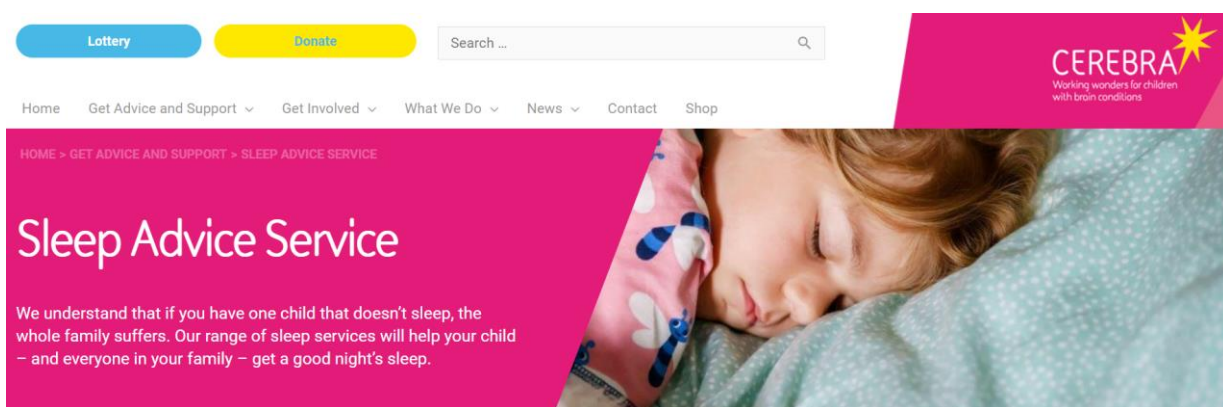
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Talking Mental Health







Sleep is vital to children's health, wellbeing, learning and development. It is important to ensure children have the correct amount of sleep so they have enough energy for the next day's activities. However, this is an area that many children and parents find a challenge.

Cerebra is a charity that offers support for several areas, but they are highly recommended for supporting children with sleep. Please click on the image below if you would like to explore their website further.



You will find their Sleep Tips booklets which introduce and explain different techniques for you to try that may improve your child's sleep. It covers ten main topics including bedtime routines, daytime napping, comfort objects and moving bedtime backwards or forwards. It gives lots of illustrated hints and tips for putting the techniques into practice.

HOW MUCH SLEEP DOES MY CHILD NEED?

		 Daytime sleep	 Nighttime sleep
	3 months	5 hours	10 hours
	12 months	2.5 hours	11.5 hours
	3 years	1 hour	11 hours
	6 years	None	10.5 hours
	9 years	None	10 hours

Every child is different, so use this table as a guide. The amount of sleep a child needs reduces by around 15 minutes for each year after age 9.

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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

M H S T
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM
Partnership with York, Lincoln & Leicester MH Foundation Trust

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S BIG FEELINGS

Would you like to know about supporting your child's or teen's emotions?

In this 1 hour workshop will explore how to support your child's and teen's feelings in the moment and for the future. You will go away with a range of strategies (including emotion coaching) to boost your child's, and your own, emotional resilience.

WHEN?

Tuesday 2nd April 19:00-20:00 | [Register here](#)

or

Wednesday 10th April 14:00-15:00 | [Register here](#)

or

Wednesday 17th April 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)

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SUPPORTING EXAM/TEST WELLBEING

Would you like to know about supporting your child's wellbeing through exams and tests?

This 1 hour virtual workshop will explore:

- What might get in the way of wellbeing during exams
- How our brain and body might respond to stress and overwhelm
- Ideas of how to support our children (and ourselves) before, during and after exams.

WHEN?

Wednesday 10th April 18:00-19:00 | [Register here](#)

Or

Tuesday 16th April 13:30-14:30 | [Register here](#)

Or

Wednesday 1st May 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH CHANGE & TRANSITIONS

School transitions can be challenging for children (and parents!) as they adjust to new environments, routines, and expectations.

In this 1 hour virtual workshop we will explore:

- How your child may be feeling about moving schools
- How we can support children with their emotional ups and downs
- How we can help our children prepare
- Creating a plan to support their wellbeing

WHEN?

Wednesday 29th May 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)

or

Tuesday 4th June 10:00-11:00 | [Register here](#)

or

Tuesday 18th June 19:00-20:00 | [Register here](#)

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If you would like to book a space, then please follow the link to the electronic version of the posters here: [MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING - St Aldhelm's VA Church Primary School \(staldhelms.co.uk\)](https://www.staldhelms.co.uk)

St. Aldhelm's Community News

Thank you and Well Done to Joshua from Falcons and Elowen from Robins and their families who recently took part in the Douling village 'Great British Spring Clean'.



In this time of all trying to do our bit to look after our planet, please turn your car off when waiting in the car park and on the roads around Douling.

Rev'd Gill is leading a course called *Imaging the Story*. It's an introduction to the founding stories behind the Christian faith, it's open to all faiths and none, and is threaded through with creativity and making. It dovetails with the children's learning at St Aldhelm's school and is a hands-on look at how the arts, making, and traditional and contemporary paintings help tell this story with discussion, friendship and fun.

For more details and to register for this free course (small donation towards art supplies) see:

<https://www.imagingthestory.com/> or contact Gill using the details above.

A chance to engage your imagination, to create, and reflect with others

IMAGING THE STORY

A weekly course exploring the arts and spirituality in Shepton Mallet

Course leader: Gill Sakakini Dates: April - June 2024
Monday evenings 7-9pm at Create@#8, 8 Town Street,
Shepton Mallet BA4 5BG 2024
Cost: £18 for the course book, plus a small contribution to materials
free cakes, tea & coffee (bursaries & concessions available)

For more details, full course description, and registration
see www.imagingthestory.com 07969158488

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Our Trust Family



March 2024 - Parents' & Carers' Spring Edition

Update from CEO Nikki Edwards

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Sway

Finally, we are delighted to share with you the Trust Spring edition of the Parents' & Carers' Newsletter. This publication features important updates, achievements, positive news stories and new learning from right the way across the Trust as a whole over the last 3 months.

You can view the newsletter via this by clicking on the Sway link above.

The Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust Family wishes you a wonderful Easter break.

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