

ST COLUMBA C OF E SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the final term of this academic year, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements of our children and the continued strength and commitment of our school team.

Firstly, I am delighted to welcome Mr Rickard to our school community. I know you will all join me in making him feel incredibly welcome as he begins his journey with us.

At the same time, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Watts. She has made such a significant impact on both staff and children during her time here. Her dedication, care and leadership have helped shape so much of what makes our school special, and she will be sorely missed by us all. please join us in wishing her well on her new adventures.

It has been wonderful to see the range of activities taking place across the school recently. From engaging learning experiences in the classroom to wider opportunities that enrich our curriculum, the enthusiasm and joy from the children has been clear to see, please take a look below.

We are delighted to have welcomed a number of new families into our school community recently, and it has been wonderful to see how warmly they have been received, with children settling in so positively. As part of this, we kindly ask all members of our community to be mindful and respectful when parking, helping us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours as we continue to grow and welcome new families, and for those who smoke, please do so considerately in appropriate areas without blocking pathways.

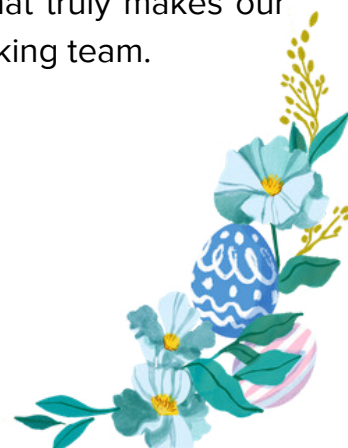
As we enter this final term, we do so with continued passion and enthusiasm for learning. There is still so much to look forward to and achieve together.

Finally, I like to take any opportunity I can to thank our incredible staff team. Their commitment, positivity and unwavering support for one another and for our children is what truly makes our school thrive. I feel very proud to be part of such a dedicated and forward thinking team.

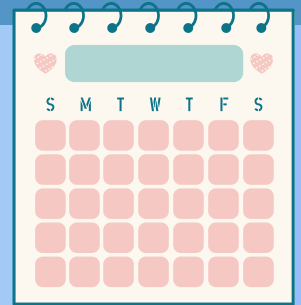
As always, thank you parents and carers for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Viola



Dates for your Diary



April

- 13th - Return to School
- 14th-15th - Parents Evenings
- 17th - Treat Friday Beech Class
- 28th - Parent Support Meeting 2pm
- 29th - Supporting children with anxiety workshop
- 30th - SATs Parents information

May

- 1st - Treat Friday Willow Class
- 11th -14th - SATs week
- 15th - Treat Friday Hazel Class
- 21st - PTFA Crazy Hair Day
- 22nd - INSET DAY
- 25th - 29th - HALF TERM

June

- 1st - INSET DAY
- 16th - Parent Support Meeting 2pm
- 17th - Fathers Day Shop
- 18th - Tower of London Trip (Oak Class)
- 19th - Sports Day
- 25th - School Photos
- 26th - Oliver Production

July

- 10th - Summer Fair
- 14th - Parent Support Meeting 2pm
- 20th - Leavers Service
- 22nd - LAST DAY OF TERM

INSET DAYS

2025/26

3rd September 2025

4th September 2025

19th December 2025

22nd May 2026

1st June 2026

SAVE THE DATE

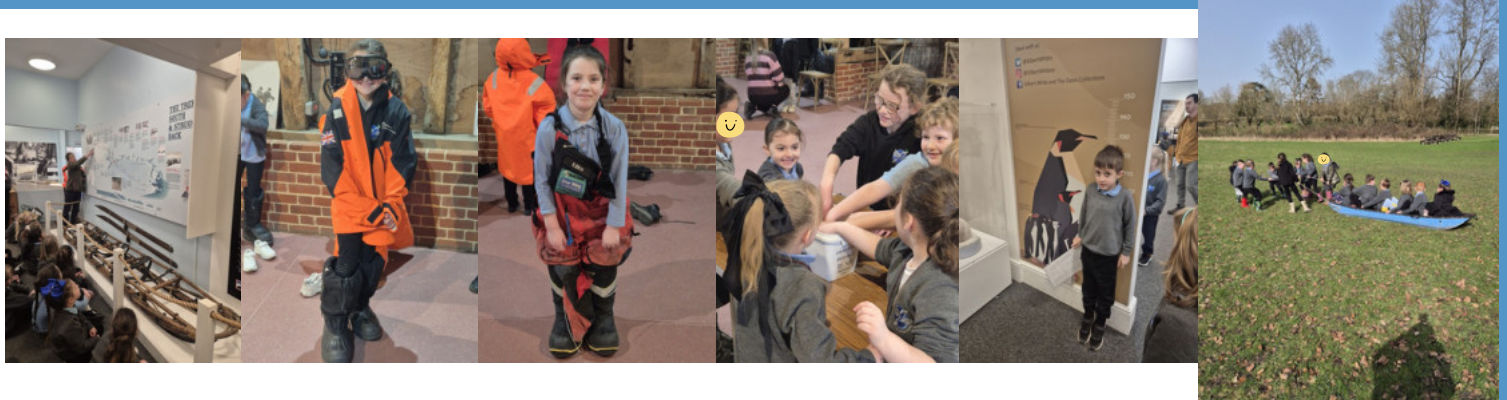
HAZEL CLASS



Last half term has been bursting with excitement and wonderful learning for our Year R and 1 class! The children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day, arriving in their cosy pyjamas, sharing their favourite stories with friends, visiting our special “book shop” to choose a book to take home, and enjoying a story read by a new teacher. They were captivated while learning about the Easter story, showing great enthusiasm as they discovered why Christians celebrate Easter—and even brought the story to life through their imaginative play on the playground! At our Easter service in the church, the class truly shone, delivering a confident and heartwarming performance of the Easter story in front of the whole school and their proud grown-ups. We have also loved watching our caterpillars grow, and we are eagerly awaiting the magical moment when they transform into beautiful butterflies! We are now looking forward to an exciting summer term full of new learning and adventures!



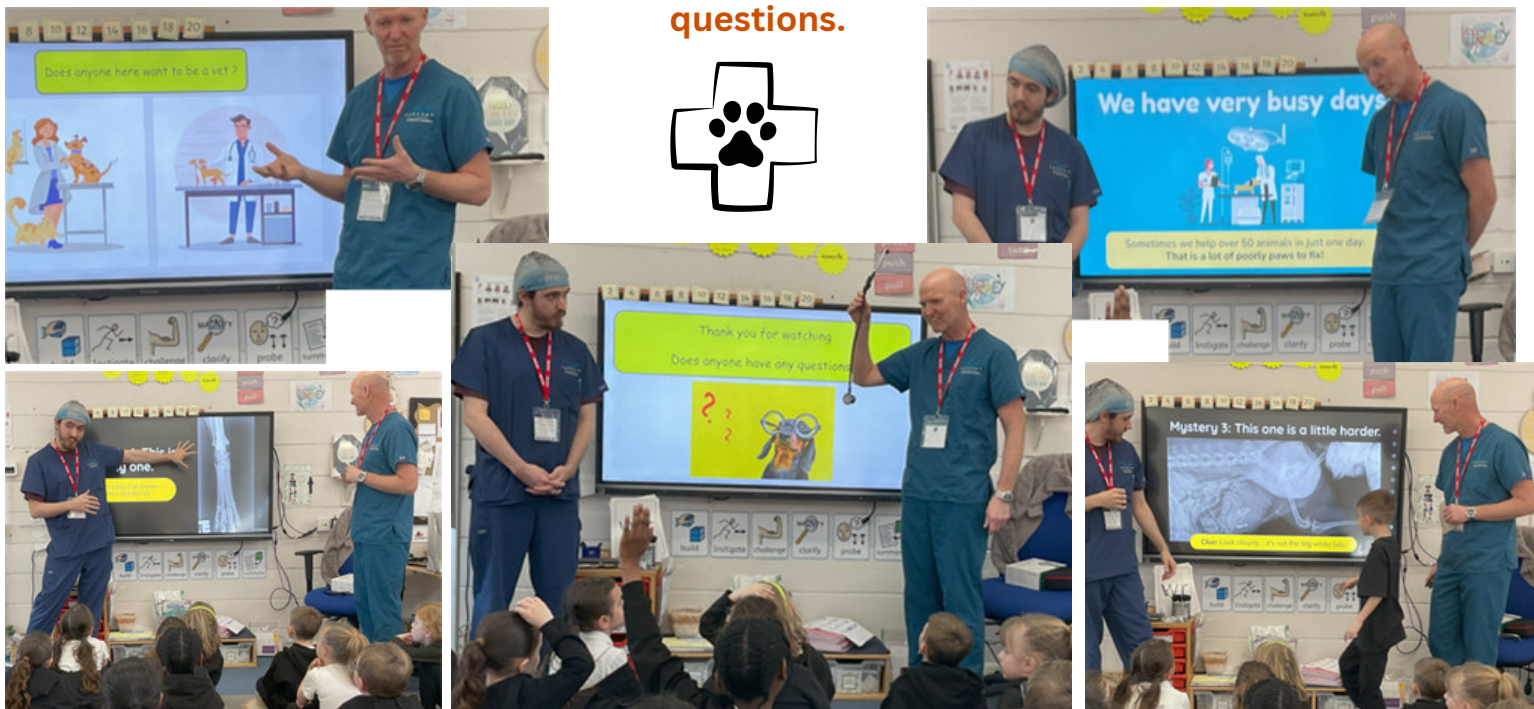
WILLOW CLASS



Willow class had an amazing time at the Gilbert White Museum and Gardens, courtesy of the South Downs Project. We tested our knowledge on the explorer, Captain Scott, tried out explorer clothing and tents, undertook a hunt using a map and looked at the features of penguins and albatrosses. We made St Columba and ourselves proud with our focus, knowledge, thinking and oracy skills. Here are some pictures of our adventures!



We were really lucky to have a visit from Peter and Ben from Fareham Creek Vet, who took time out of their busy day to talk to us about life as a vet. They told us about what the job involves, gave us lots of tips on how to keep our pets healthy and answered lots of our questions.



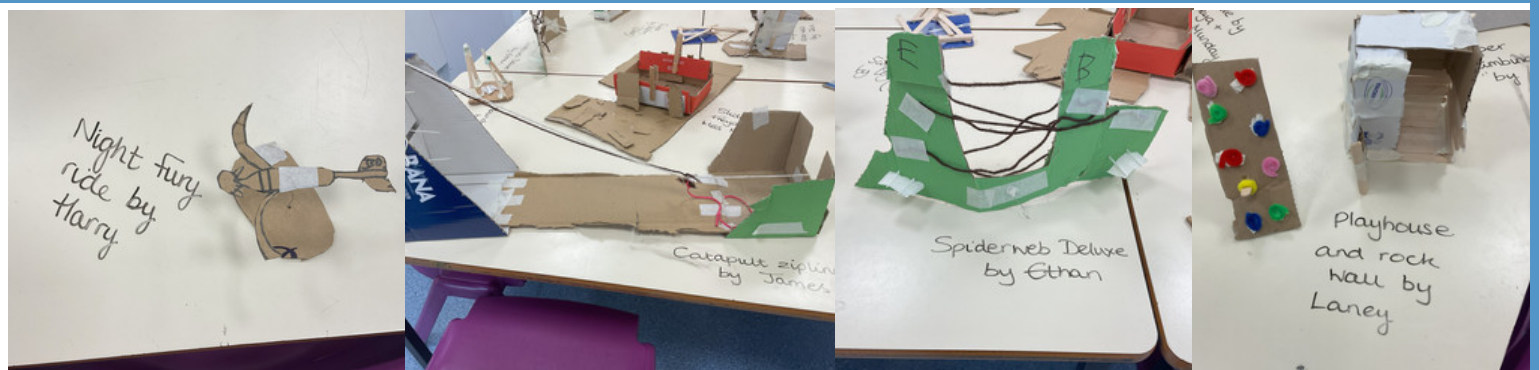
BEECH CLASS



What a busy five weeks we have had. Although short we have crammed a lot of learning into these weeks. The children have enjoyed learning about sound in science, going outside to investigate how pitch and volume can change and to use a sound meter to measure how noisy we can be! In DT we have made slingshot cars, continued with our drumming with Hampshire music and researched the Anglo-Saxons. In addition we thoroughly enjoyed being in our pjs for World Book Day, and were brilliant in our Easter Service. We hope you have a restful Easter and look forward to seeing you for the Summer Term...



OAK CLASS



This half term, we celebrated World Book Day in style with pyjamas, teddies and blanket forts! We explored and shared our favourite books, and took a trip to the St Columba Book Swap Shop to choose a new favourite to take home!

In DT, we have been making our own playground structures. After discussing our favourite thing about playgrounds and what makes them fun AND safe, we had a go at making our own! You might spot some rock walls, zip lines and slides!

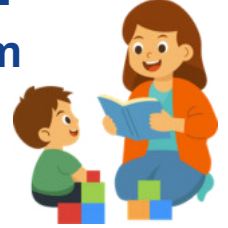




WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



What a great day we had for World Book Day. KS2 were amazing Reader Mentors to our visitors from Pre-School.



The Book Shop was a huge success!
Thank you again for all of your donations.



KELLY SIMM VISIT



What an amazing day!
We were thrilled to welcome Gold medalist Kelly Simm to St Columba, and the children absolutely loved their session with her. Their enthusiasm and effort truly paid off – together they raised an incredible £550 in sponsorship money! This fantastic amount will go straight towards new sports equipment for the school.
A huge well done to all our superstars!



**Let's talk
oracy!**

Question

**If you could have
one super power,
what would it be
and why?**

Tip

**Look in the direction
of the person who is
talking/you are
talking to.**