

Friday Round Up!

4th April 2025

School Vision

*Rooted and Growing in Love:
A culture of kindness in which all can flourish
(Ephesians 3 & 4)*

I always think that it is interesting to reflect on the term and this spring term is always one of huge change. We start back in the miserable winter, often arriving and leaving in the dark and have ended the term with some glorious sunshine! Lucky us and lucky children who have been able to play on the field over the last couple of weeks which I know they have very much enjoyed. We have had a hugely busy term with much learning and much fun had by all. A few highlights for me have been the fantastic science workshops, the wonderful enthusiasm with which the children always tackle our lent challenges, the arty owls and their snowdrops with pictures and haikus, World Book Day, film night but there are so many more.

Over this week the Kites have been gathering together their donations for Monkey World, a great team effort. They have also been writing some fabulous non chronological reports. Wrens have enjoyed some Hot Cross buns and also doing some baking of their own. They have also created a beautiful Easter Garden and made some very thoughtful comments around this activity. Doves have also had a foodie week after designing, creating and then taste testing their recipes. It looked like they were having a great time although Mrs Gambier and I agree that we are not sure that grated cheese and grated carrot would catch on but who knows! You might want to test this as a family over the holiday!

We look ahead to next term and today you will have received an email about the dates for Sports' Day and also the provisional date we will hold in case the first is too wet! We appreciate that this is on a Monday and wanted to give you advanced notice of this fun day. There are also a lot of year 6 trips planned and we will give you plenty of warning of these. Also please note the inset day on the 2nd June which will give a one day longer half term.

Every week I share with you the highlights that your children enjoy but the real highlights for me are the much smaller things, the fantastic phonics work that I'm shown from Wrens, an impromptu performance from a group of year 4 and 5 girls who feel confident enough to perform to the school, the chats we have about birthdays over the holidays. These are all the small things that we are privileged to hear about as teachers in a small school. Therefore, we thank you for your continued support. We are lucky to have a wonderful team around Semley school, our Governor's, the FOSS team, the community, our volunteers and yourselves. I am lucky to work with a dedicated body of staff who ensure that your children have a range of opportunities at school. Recently the Kites class made posies for St Leonards' Mothering Sunday Service, what a great activity to be involved in.

As is often the case the end of term comes with few goodbyes to children who are moving onto a new adventure. We wish them and their families, some of whom have been at Semley for a very long time, a fond farewell wishing them every success in the future. The team wish you a happy Easter and look forward to seeing you back next term.



Important Term Dates

April 2025

Fri 4th: End of term service at St Leonards – all welcome 9am
Fri 4th: Easter Holiday - 1:15pm finish
Wednesday 23rd April: Return to school
Owls and Kites – Field to Food trip
Sat 26th: Mini Photoshoot Sessions – slots available to book in the office

New dates will be added throughout the term.

School banner!

Each year the year 6s visit the Cathedral for their Leavers' service. We have been borrowing a banner from the church which is lovely but is actually a WI one! If you felt you had skills to help us make a Semley school banner please let us know!

Congratulations to our School Values Award Winners:

Doves: Isla and Daisy
Owls: Rupert
Kites: Flo and George

Lots of children are doing really well with their reading hitting 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150 and 175 nights.

Well done and keep going!