Semley CE VA Primary School

Friday Round Up!

9th October 2026

School Vision

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

We have had a busy week of visitors this week. We are welcoming lots of prospective families though the school at the moment as the deadline for applications approaches. We also had a visit from all of the Hub headteachers to review our teaching. This is always a good opportunity to think about how we can strengthen our provision. We were also really pleased to welcome lots of our parents and carers to come and talk to staff about how children have settled into school and the progress that they are making. Thank you for coming in to do this and the staff for their commitment.

Wrens enjoyed a visit from Alex, the lovely librarian at Shaftesbury library on Monday. She read us a very funny story about a grumpy bear in Autumn. Wrens also showed great self-control trying to see who could stretch their Curly Wurly bar the longest as part of our learning about different properties of materials. Congratulations to Freya who almost doubled the length of her bar!

The Doves have been improving their scientific skills this week by testing which substances were the most effective coin cleaners. They enjoyed using litmus paper to test how acidic or alkaline a substance was. They also wrote some incredible Ancient Egyptian stories.

Robins have been writing noun phrases in English and have thought of some fantastic sentences to describe various settings from our story. In maths they have begun adding numbers together and doubling!

Owls have enjoyed consolidating their understanding of the different states of matter by investigating the melting points of different foods. They made predictions about which foods would have the highest/lowest melting points then put them to the test! They also put their willpower to the test when faced with gooey, melting chocolate.

In Kites this week, we have begun studying the Pendle Witch Trials which will be the focus of our history for the rest of the term. On Thursday, our Sports Ambassadors went to Gillingham for their training. Mrs Marshall said they were excellent! We look forward to seeing the impact they will make this year.

Please can we remind you that now the weather has changed could you bring a coat to school. Also, can we remind you of the importance of naming items so we can return them to their owners. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Important Term Dates

October 2026
Weds 14th: Wrens Trip to Tokes Farm
Thurs 15th: Doves trip to Dorchester Museum
Fri 16th: Harvest Festival in church 9am – *all welcome*
Weds 21: Owls and Kites trip Field to Food
Weds 21st: FOSS Pumpkin Sale
Mon 26th-Fri 30th: Half term

November 2026
Mon 2nd: Children return to school
Tues 3rd: Kites Trip to Shepton Mallet Prison & Owls Trip to Dorchester Museum and Roman Townhouse – *letter to follow*
Tues 10th: Flu Vaccinations – *see email*
Weds 11th: Remembrance service in church 2pm – *all welcome*
Tues 17th: Skipping Ninja workshop – *letter to follow*
Fri 20th: Children in Need – *details to follow*
Fri 27th: Decorations Day – *children to wear old clothes to school*

More dates will be added throughout the year, please keep checking

Value celebration certificates awarded this week to:

Wrens: Hugo
Robins: Angeliki and Charlie
Doves: Cora, Cosi and Ronnie I
Owls: Aleah and Lily
Kites: Belle, Ted, Flynn and Albie