Friday Round Up!

16th October 2026

School Vision

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

I have just returned from the wonderful Harvest Festival this morning. I am delighted that so many of you were able to join us today and thank you for the incredibly generous donations. It is always a pleasure to visit St Leonards but there is something really joyful about Harvest festival. It also celebrates the first time that Wrens have joined us in church. I thought all the children performed brilliantly today, it is a scary thing to stand up and perform but they were all fantastic. Thank you to all the staff who have supported them with song learning and a huge thank you to Rev Kate for, as always, giving us such a warm welcome.

Wrens had an amazing time at Tokes Farm this week. We collected eggs, met the cows, made flower petal confetti, washed pumpkin seeds to sow later and stroked some chickens. We were also blessed with a lovely sunny day! Thank you, Wrens, for your enthusiasm and lovely manners.

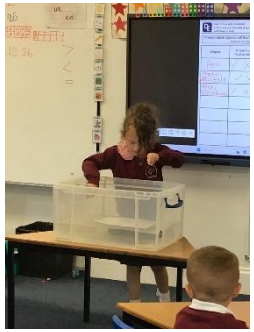
This week Robins have continued to expand their sentence writing by using some fabulous adjectives. They have also explored whether the material an object is made of has an effect on whether it is waterproof or absorbent in science.

The Doves ventured out to Dorchester to explore the Tutankhamun Exhibition. All the children were wonderful ambassadors for Semley School and greatly enjoyed the chance to see some of the incredible artefacts. We were so proud of not only their exemplary behaviour, but also the kindness they showed to each other, especially in the Mummification Room!

In Owls this week, we began our sculptural challenge, with some pupils experimenting with marbling techniques while others focused on building the structure of their sculptures. In English, we started our independent writing task, creating our own stories inspired by Voices in the Park. In history, we continued to explore Ancient Rome and what the Romans used to do for fun!

This week, Year 6 have been conquering division using 'bus stop' whilst Year 5 have been finishing up their addition and subtraction unit. We have begun learning about light in science – exploring how it travels. A huge thank you to the FOSS team for securing the funding for some much-needed science resources (picture below) – we can't wait to begin using it all!

We hope that you have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday ready for the last week before half term, I know that lots of the children are ready for the half term break.



Important Term Dates

October 2026
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
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*
Fri 27th: Adult's Bingo Night – *details to follow*

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

Semley School Cookbook

Please email any recipes or family favourite meals to semleyschoolcookbook@gmail.com or put into the purple folder by the office. Please see email for further details around this.

Value celebration certificates awarded this week to:

Wrens: Whole Class for Tokes Farm & St Leonards Church
Robins: Grace and Archie
Doves: Theo P and Max Mason
Owls: Sienna and Olivia
Kites: Jess