

Friday Round Up!

28th February 2025

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

Important Term Dates

March 2025

Mon 3rd: Owls trip – Billhay Farm
Weds 5th: Books at bedtime 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Thurs 6th: World Book Day
Mon 10th – Fri 14th: Science week
Fri 14: Robins trip- Longleat
Fri 21st: FOSS AGM 2pm
Tues 25th: Tennis Roadshow
Tues 25th & Thurs 27th: Parent Teacher Meetings
Weds 26th: Wrens Mother's Day Tea Party- 2pm
Fri 28th: Mother's Day Crafts FOSS -details to follow

April 2025

Fri 4th: Easter Holiday - 1:15pm finish
Sat 26th: Mini Photoshoot Sessions – slots available to book in the office

New dates will be added throughout the term

Congratulations to our snowdrop painting winners – chosen by the Arts Centre

Highly commended: Archie, Belle, Grace and Elivia

Overall winner: Iso

Congratulations to our School Values Award Winners:

Wrens: Max and Isadora
Robins: Noah and Theo S
Doves: Eli and Remy
Owls: The winners of the snowdrop competition
Kites: Leo and Ailsa

Lots of children are doing really well with their reading hitting 25, 50, 75 and 100 nights. Well done and keep going!

We have had a really busy and lovely week at Semley with several visitors and activities going on. Also, we are ending the week with sunshine which always makes such a difference! On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Author Keith Hatton who had carefully prepared different workshops for all classes throughout the school. All the children I have talked to about these workshops were really enthusiastic and had a great experience. Robins made the most extraordinary structures to help the cuddly toys! Wrens were inspired by the visit where Keith read his story and then some of the children enjoyed writing and drawing their very own storybooks! I hope that if you bought a book you enjoy it! Thank you to Mrs Gambier for organising this.

Our other visitor this week was Mrs Brickell who came and visited both Doves and Robins. The pictures that they drew in Doves were beautiful, careful observations. Robins listened very carefully to all that she discussed. We are so grateful to Mrs Brickell for giving up her time to spend time with us and also Mrs Beedle who came in to help for the afternoon.

On Thursday Mrs Merefield and I took a group of Year 4 footballers down to Wardour Primary to play a low key match. Although we were a long way from winning we had a lovely afternoon out and I'm grateful to Mrs Merefield for driving there and Wardour for hosting. With all these activities it was lovely to be able to see the children behaving incredibly well and being proud of all their efforts.

We are always so grateful when people take the time to make things for us at school. This week Monty's grandad has kindly built Mrs Rumney and her Forest Schoolers a potion table (see photo below). It is fabulous and we are so grateful, we know the children will have so much fun when it comes to their turn using it.

Mrs Gambier and Mrs Adcock also went to Wardour to discuss the Hub writing activity we have been doing with the other schools. This has been very successful and we will look forward to doing more collaborative work with our neighbouring schools. During the week I went to Devizes to learn about lockdown procedures in school which obviously we hope we will never need at Semley but I will be revising our lockdown policy to reflect information I learnt and will share more information with you when this is completed.

Alongside all of this, Kites are discovering the joy of Shakespeare as you will see by the dodgy looking witches at the bottom! The Year 5 team on Kites have done really well with their recent maths assessment – well done! After the snowdrop success Owls have been busy writing haiku poems also to submit to the Arts Centre.

Looking ahead to next week it is World Book Day. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for books at bedtime with refreshments if you have any time available. Also, we look forward to seeing the costumes the children come in but remember that we are also happy to welcome the children in wearing clothes ready to enjoy a story. Have a lovely weekend and Happy Saint David's Day for tomorrow. Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus.

