

## Friday Round Up!

# 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### School Vision

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

### Important Term Dates

**January 2025**

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>:** Rail safety assemblies (whole school)

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup>:** Dance workshops from TLW

We are very aware that sometimes there is a delay getting children to school in the morning or collecting in the afternoon for a variety of reasons. We would be grateful, however, if you know you are going to be late at pick up that you let the office know so that we can explain to the children.

**FOSS News:** Thank you to all who contributed to FOSS last term. We hope you liked your gifts, the Christmas shop raised an amazing £1300 to support the children at Semley. FOSS are having a social at the Grosvenor Shaftesbury Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 1830-1945, all welcome.

Welcome back to Semley in 2025 and Happy New Year! It is lovely to see all the children back in school and hear about their adventures over the Christmas holidays. I hope you all had a good break.

It has been an exciting weather start to term in January with snow and a very icy playground. The children have coped really well with the excitement and annoyance that they couldn't play outside. I hope they got a little bit of time in the snow if you had any with you. Well done to Mrs Rumney for forging ahead with Forest School.

The classes are back into full swing of school life with new topics being introduced into classes. The Robins' classroom has been transported onto a pirate ship and we will enjoy watching their seafaring journey! They have also had a treasure chest delivered by Pirate Merefield! I had the great pleasure of being in Wrens this week with the fabulous Mrs Keeble, it was lovely to see how well they are doing with their phonics (they are much better than me at the actions) and also their confidence in speaking out in class is really growing. What a lovely group of children they are. Kites at the other end of the school have been looking at some practice SATs papers and I know that they have worked really hard with this. Owls are starting on their DT project making pop up books. We look forward to seeing the results. Doves are busy starting their science experiments. I was also delighted to be invited to watch the Doves' performance of their fantastic friendship song with accompanying xylophones. It was fantastic!

Thank you for all your votes for the Parent governor. We are so grateful for the two candidates who put themselves forward. Our Governors are a supportive and very hands on group who make a big difference to the running of the school. This time Jon Mclean was successful and we look forward to him joining the group.

We are very grateful for your patience with the differing drop off and pick up arrangements this week. As always our priority is keeping the children and you safe. Fingers crossed we will be back to normal next week. We wish you a happy weekend and look forward to seeing you safe and sound on Monday.

### **Congratulations to our School Values Award Winners:**

**Wrens: Cora and Lara**  
**Robins: Ralph and Tom**  
**Doves: Olivia and Aleah**  
**Owls: Tilda and Rupert**  
**Kites: Henry and Bronwyn**

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

