

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Our school community

This week we're thinking about how everyone needs a smile. Now, we know some mornings it isn't always easy to find a smile so we're nominating happiness ambassadors for each class who will be there if anyone needs to share a smile. These will be nominated half termly and for this half term we will have:

Dove	Frankie
Pippin	Kevan
Sandew	Robyn

Golden	Arthur
Puffin	Elsie
Camelot	Gus
Hook	Lucas
Dunkerton	Penny

Morgan	Chloe
Ashton	Liwandile
Coker	Jack
Coopers	Mason
Gatcombe	Ruby

Shoebboxes for Blythswood Care

Don't forget that this Saturday 6th November is the last day to drop your shoebboxes into The Minster. Many thanks to all who have already donated.



Breakfast and After School Club

We have been made aware of an inaccurate statement circulating that wrap around care will be stopped in December. This is certainly not true and if anything we are looking to expand this provision to take more pupils as it is so popular. On the app we can only book so far in advance but please be reassured the breakfast and after school clubs are here to stay.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Thursday 18th November with a non uniform day of bright colours and if you like, wearing spots. We are asking for a voluntary donation of 50p per family to support Children in Need.



Christmas Plays

With the Covid situation currently so changeable and the issue of rates in Ilminster rising despite a fall in South Somerset we have made the decision to film and share our Christmas Nativities this year. This ensures our children still have the opportunity to enjoy performing and learn acting and singing skills and that families still have the chance to watch these performances. We will let you know when these will be available to watch and how secured access will be given.



Letters re missing lessons

If families are requesting for children to miss curriculum lessons, such as PE please can we have this in writing to the school office. Many thanks for your support.

History Day – Victorian Friday 19th November

Just a reminder that we have a Victorian day on Friday 19th November where staff and children can come dressed up. Costumes do not have to be bought, a chimney sweep or Victorian child costume can be created with a white/light shirt and trousers with long socks pulled over up to the knee . We are happy to help with ideas if any families want to contact us.

Covid

A reminder that any information e.g if your child is waiting for a test or when they have received a result should be sent by email to the school office at greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk, please don't send via School Comms as the office email is checked out of hours unlike the School Comms app. Your child must not come in if they have any Covid symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste/smell, new continuous cough). If your child has symptoms or is identified as a close contact, you should get a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. In these current amber measures, if your child is a close contact it is recommended that they lateral flow test daily until a negative PCR test result is received.

When reporting absence please state the symptoms your child is experiencing as depending on these it changes their coding on the register. If we receive messages with just descriptions such as 'unwell' then the office will need to follow this up with you in a telephone call.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars for this week.



Dove Richard D & Roman J
Pippin Arthur P & Ava H
Sandew Cameron M & Lila I

Golden Luke H & Frank R
Puffin Bradley G & Elsie R
Camelot Gus K & Daisy W
Hook Laila S & Jakob H
Dunkerton Freddie K & Elliott O

Morgan Reuben C & Liam C
Ashton Christopher B & Cody C
Coker Emily H & Harrison W
Coopers Kye H & Mason W
Gatcombe Grace B-R & Ruby G

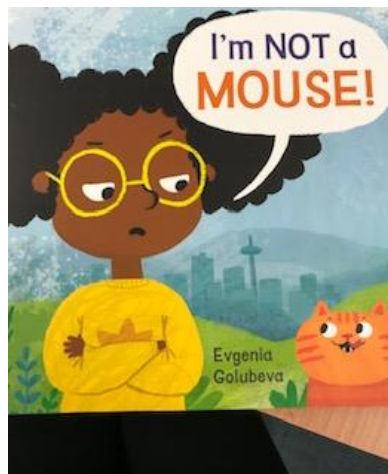
Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 11th November at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 12th November at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our stars. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. **Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.**

Have a look at a book!

This week's book is one of the nominated Lollies - Laugh out Loud awards!



Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2021/2022 Academic Year (Revised)

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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 22 October 2021 (35 days)
 Term 2: 02 November – 17 December 2021 (34 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

TOTAL = 194

Bank and public holidays 2021/22 – Revised to include the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Christmas Day Holiday	27 December 2021*	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day Holiday	28 December 2021*	Early May Day Holiday	02 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Spring Bank Holiday	02 June 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Platinum Jubilee	03 June 2022
		Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

* Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend.

The academic year 2021/22 has been reduced from 195 to 194 days to enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.



Sunny-Ile Pre-School
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Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre School

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families, hope you have all had a relaxing break, enjoying some family time. We would love to hear about your adventures, thank you to those parents who have posted these on tapestry.

COVID

Please remember that any information for example if your child is waiting for a test or has received results should be sent to hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk
Telephone Number 01460 259732

If your child has any symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste/smell) please do not send your child into Preschool.

Weather

What a change in weather we have had this week, the children love to play outside regardless of the weather, so please ensure your child has a warm coat, hats and mittens should they wish.

Dates for your Diary

18th November – ‘Children in Need’ information to follow shortly

29th November - 4th December - Christmas tree festival in the Minster Church

Cygnets Pre School

We would like to welcome you all back after a half term break.

Forest school

This term we will be having forest school sessions with Vernon on a Wednesday morning, please could all children bring welly boots and waterproof coats with them.

Labelling items

Please can we ensure all items of clothing, coats, lunchboxes and drink bottles are labelled for your children to ensure the right items go home with the right child.



**Sunny-Ile Pre-School
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Sunny Ile Preschool

It has been really nice to see all the children back again this week. The children have enjoyed making birthday cakes with the playdough, decorating them with candles and singing happy birthday to each other.

We have also done lots of mark making, decorating our pencils with feathers and ribbons first.

Christmas Tree Festival

Many of us don't want to think about it yet, but the children have been making Christmas tree decorations to display at the Christmas Tree Festival in the Minster Church at the end of November.



Letters and sounds

This week our focus letter is 'P'. We have been trying to think of as many verbs with the 'P' sound as we can, Pig, Pink, Panda, Play, maybe you could name some more at home.

TENNIS COACHING

with LA Tennis Coaching at Ilminster Tennis Club



SATURDAY JUNIOR COACHING

A brand NEW pay & play session for ages 5 to 12

Why not drop the kids off to have fun on court
whilst you shop!

- 🕒 9 - 10.30am
- 💷 £5 per session
- 👤 All standards welcome
- 🏆 LTA Qualified Coaches

Private Lessons

Individual or small group lessons available

clubspark.lta.org.uk/LATennisCoaching

TO BOOK



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latennis@hotmail.com



Tuning in to Kids Parenting Group

A **free** 5 week course for parents and carers of children aged 4-11.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Dates: Tuesday 11th, 18th, 25th January 2022, 1st and 8th February.

Time: 9.30a.m. - 12.noon

Venue: Greenfylde First School, Ilminster

For more information on this course and to book your place, please contact Parent & Family Support Advisers.

Please note it is first come first serve and places are limited.

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Or Rebecca Larcombe - 07825054695