



# School Newsletter

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**For parents, carers, staff, pupils, governors and parishioners**



Today we say good bye to Mr Bell. Mr Bell joined the school in September 2019 and has been inspirational with his leadership across the last 6 years. He has personally invested so much in the school for the benefit of every child who has been part of the OLOL family in that period. Although Mr Bell will be moving onto new challenges, a part of him, through his legacy, will always remain with us for many years to come.

The children have pledged to care for the apple tree which Mr Bell has given to the school as a growing reminder of how many lives he has touched and helped over the years and as many children have grown whilst under his care and leadership.

Good luck and thank you Mr Bell!

## ***Term 4 round up....***

### ***Year 5 Camp Trip to Kilve Court***

By Hugo Year 5

Last week, Year 5 were very lucky to go on an adventure to Kilve Court (near Bridgewater). From the start, you could see the excitement beaming out of them.

Rock climbing brought courage and determination, while abseiling brought fear. However, everyone accomplished their own personal goals. Mrs Searle was very proud.

Grass sledging was one of the key highlights for some people. Several individuals whizzed down the gigantic hill with their friends pushing them, while others took it steady. "Isaac nearly went in the lake!" said one child with glee.

Archery was another highlight for some. They learnt how to hold a bow carefully and shoot accurately. "Some even hit the bullseye!" Reported Hugo.

After the busy activities, some boys played football, others chilled in their cabins. The weather allowed them to explore the grounds, with some collecting giant pinecones!

Nobody really wanted to leave at the end but when the time came, everyone was tired and ready to travel back to Bristol. Some even fell asleep on the coach. Everyone was excited to see their families and get a good night's sleep.

And by Millie Year 5

Last week, Year 5 went on an amazing trip to Kilve Court. They took part in lots of fun activities they all faced their fears.

When they got there, they completed activities such as rock climbing. Some went halfway, whilst others made it to the top of the climbing wall. Either way, they all did amazing. They all obviously loved it so much and pushed themselves to new heights.

Crate stacking made everyone work together. Some were stacking the crates, whilst others were pulling the rope or passing crates, so nobody gets hurt. They all learnt teamwork. They saw how high and fast they could stack in 7 minutes. Although it was hard, nobody gave up- it was very tiring.

The walk to the beach was very tiring. When they got there, it was worth it! Unfortunately one child slipped on the rocks, and another stepped in a puddle, they were rather messy. Year 5 had the best time. Some found fossils and shells, others found rocks. Even though they got wet, it was an amazing experience.

Sadly, Year 5's journey at Kilve Court was over. On the coach back, most of the class fell asleep. When they arrived back at school, they now have the best memories from Kilve Court they will never forget.

### ***Year 5: Net Zero Superheroes***

This term, Year 5 explored Engineering Net Zero with AtkinsRéalis, a global engineering firm tackling climate change. We learned about the UK's goal to reach Net Zero by 2050 and how engineers create solutions like renewable energy and sustainable transport.

Inspired by the Net Zero Superheroes competition, our class designed inventions to help the environment, support the homeless, and reduce costs for schools. Ideas included solar-powered shoes, energy-efficient school systems, and waste-reducing technology.

We are excited to be future problem-solvers and make a real difference!



### ***Our Lady of Lourdes EYFS/Year 1 Outdoor Area Celebration***

Earlier this week, we have hosted an exciting outdoor learning celebration event with our Reception and Year 1 children and parents.

We have been delighted to work with the outdoor education charity 'Learning Through Landscapes' to develop our outdoor learning and play. We have had £1000 worth of equipment along with support from a Learning Through Landscapes Training and Development Officer. The project has been funded by The Peoples Postcode Lottery.

Working together with Learning Through Landscapes we have been able to develop our outdoor area, creating an impressive mud kitchen, herb garden and lots more. The area provides ample opportunity for children to learn, whether that be investigating different herbs and insects in the gardening area, following recipes in the mud kitchen or working together to create a spaceship with loose parts!

To celebrate this, parents spent the afternoon in our outdoor area; engaging in activities and exploring the area with the children. The children were very proud to showcase their learning to parents, it was a lovely afternoon for all!



## World Book Day Author Visit

In Term 4, we had a visit from Mark Robertson who wowed the school with his dragon stories and amazing illustrations. Each class had the chance to learn how to draw a dragon and hear more about Mark's books. We would like to thank the PTFA who very kindly paid for the day. This meant that children were able to experience a different day and develop further their story and illustrating skills. Thank you PTFA!

## Term 5.....

### KS2 SATs

KS2 SATs take place this term for our Year 6 pupils. They are currently working really hard to revise their learning in preparation. As a school community, we keep them in our thoughts during this busy term.

## Important Notices & Reminders



- **PLEASE** ensure your children are in school every day and on time – unless unwell of course.
- **PLEASE** try to keep the reception area of the school clear before the beginning of the school day. I understand that adverse weather can make it tempting to wait here until the gates are opened, but this makes it really difficult for some who need to speak to the office staff about important matters.

It is also certainly not appropriate for children to be in this space on their own unsupervised.

- **PLEASE** continue to be respectful when parking outside the school. There are still too many instances where parking during drop-off and pick-up times is unsafe and/or disruptive to local residents. Let's put the safety of our children and local community at the top of our priority list here.

## Dates for your diary...



### TERM 5

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First day of Term 5
Tuesday 29 <sup>rd</sup> April	Louisa Aldridge - Kingswood Park Project visiting Year 4
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	UK Parliament assembly for KS2 children
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Cyber safety session Year 6 with STEM ambassadors
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 to attend Parish Mass- all welcome
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Mini Police Programme
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>KS2 SATS</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>KS2 SATS</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>KS2 SATS</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>KS2 SATS</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Cake and Uniform Sale Year 1
Tuesday 20 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 Mini Police Programme
Friday 23 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School closed INSET day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of Term 6

### TERM DATES 2023-2024

Term 5	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
Term 6	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for the start of Term 5!

*Anthony Hamlen*

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God made you and  
God made me, He made  
the world for us to see.  
God loves you and long ago,  
He sent his Son to tell us so.  
Jesus showed us many  
things, To love and share  
and dance and sing.  
To learn and pray, to help  
and care, He promised he'd  
always be there. He died  
but then came back to life,  
let's celebrate for he's alive!

Amen.”

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