



North Cadbury C of E Newsletter

Spring 2 2026



Dear Parents, Families and Friends

As we reach the end of a wonderful Spring 2 half term, I would like to reflect on the many experiences that have enriched our school community.

The children have enjoyed a range of opportunities beyond the classroom, including visits to the Tutankhamun exhibit in Dorchester and the phenomenal Roman Villa at The Newt, both of which brought history vividly to life. In school, World Book Day was a joyful celebration of reading, with fantastic costumes on display and the decorated egg competition showcased great creativity.

Our Farm Link workshops have continued to inspire hands-on learning, and the Living Eggs project has been a real highlight. Over the past six weeks, we have hosted seven hens, and the children have marvelled at how quickly they have grown, learning valuable lessons along the way. We also came together to support Comic Relief, showing generosity and community spirit.

This half term, our value has been integrity. The children have worked hard to understand and demonstrate honesty and strong moral principles in their daily lives.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of its message of hope and renewal. "Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14). May this continue to guide us as a school family.

Thank you sincerely for your continued support, encouragement, and goodwill. It is deeply appreciated and makes such a difference to our community.

Wishing you all a safe, restful and happy Easter.

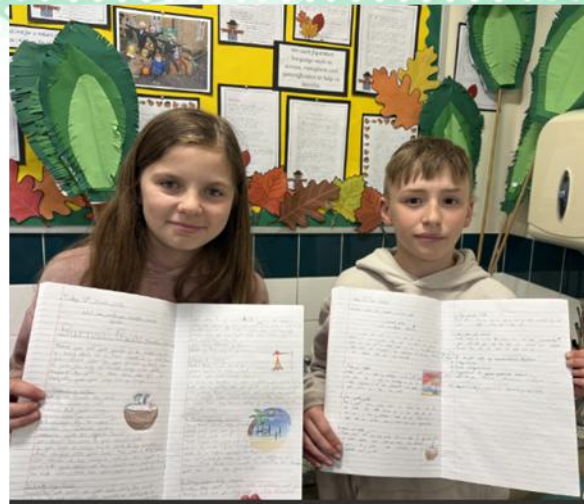
With warmest wishes,

Mrs Truett and the North Cadbury Team

**North Cadbury Church
of England Primary School**
'To be the best we can be'



Our Dragon Class



It has been another busy and exciting term in Dragon Class.

Throughout our English lessons, we have thoroughly enjoyed studying our class text *Kensuke's Kingdom*. The children have engaged brilliantly with the story, showing enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. Inspired by the text, we have produced a wide range of writing, including pieces to persuade, inform and entertain. It has been wonderful to see the children developing their creativity in their writing and to be excited for what might happen next in a story.

In our RE lessons, we have spent time discussing and reflecting on the events leading up to Easter. The children approached these discussions thoughtfully and showed great maturity in their reflections. As part of this learning, we explored the artwork of Leonardo da Vinci, focusing on *The Last Supper*. This led to an interesting discussion about how the disciples—and Jesus—might have been feeling, including the emotions surrounding betrayal. We also discussed why such a sad day would be called 'Good Friday' and why this is such an important day in the Christian calendar.

In addition, the children have had plenty of opportunities to take part in sporting activities this term, including dodgeball and netball at Ansford. It has been wonderful to see their teamwork and determination during these sessions, which have also fostered a love of new sports – netball appears to be a firm favourite on the playground now!

On Tuesday, we all enjoyed our visit to The Newt, where we had a guided tour of the Roman villa. It was fascinating to hear how they uncovered the remains, learnt about this period of History from what they found and then built the reimagined building. It was a lovely way to end the term. Overall, it has been a rewarding and productive term. We are very proud of all the children and the effort they have put into their learning.

We hope you enjoy a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you for the beginning of the summer term!

Mrs Ward & Miss Hobbs



Our Phoenix Class



This term has been incredibly busy and full of exciting opportunities for Phoenix class! We began with a fantastic trip to the Tutankhamun exhibition where the children were able to bring their learning about Ancient Egypt to life. They were fascinated by the artefacts and displays and it was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored the exhibition and deepened their understanding of this historic period.



Back in school, we continued our topic with our very own Ancient Egypt Day, which was a huge success. The children fully immersed themselves in the experience, creating Tutankhamun masks, building pyramids and engaging in a variety of creative and practical activities that really brought their learning together.



We also enjoyed a memorable visit to the Roman Villa at The Newt ahead of our new Roman focus in the Summer Term. The children took part in a range of hands-on activities and learned more about life in Roman Britain. They particularly enjoyed exploring the site and imagining what it would have been like to live there.

In addition to our topic work, the children have now completed their violin lessons with Miss Williams. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow week by week and they should be very proud of the progress they have made. Swimming sessions have also come to an end this term and again, the children have shown great determination and improvement in their skills. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this term—well done to everyone!



Have a lovely Easter break,

Miss Shave and Miss Davies

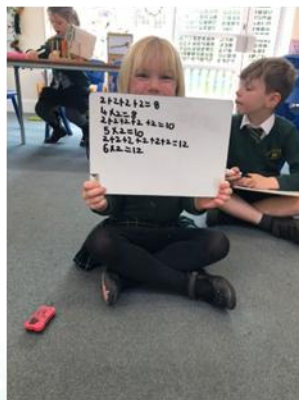
Our Unicorn Class

It has been a busy and exciting second spring term in Unicorn Class, and we are delighted to share some of the children's learning with you.

In English, the children have been developing their skills in persuasive letter writing as well as exploring story writing. They have shown great creativity and enthusiasm, producing some fantastic pieces of work.

In RE, we have been learning about the Easter story. The children particularly enjoyed reenacting the Last Supper—complete with blackcurrant juice instead of wine—which helped bring the story to life in a meaningful and memorable way.

Our History topic work this term has focused on the history of transport. The children were especially interested in



learning about Amelia Earhart and were fascinated by her achievements and adventures.

In Maths, during the final week of term, we explored measuring. The children used both standard and non-standard units to measure lengths and heights and they practised comparing these using greater than and less than symbols.

We are very proud of all the children's hard work this term and hope you all have a lovely break.

Best wishes

Mrs Stroud and Mrs Hawker

Our Sprites and Pixie Classes

We have had a wonderful and very busy half term in Pixies and Sprites!

Our topic this half term has been Space, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our key texts: Beegu, How to Catch a Star, and Aliens Love Underpants. These stories have inspired lots of imaginative thinking and engaging discussions.

In our Understanding the World learning, we have developed our knowledge of space by learning about gravity, the planets in our solar system, and the role of astronauts. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout this topic.

A particular highlight of the half term has been caring for our chicks. The children were fascinated to observe the entire process, from their arrival, to hatching, and then growing into young chicks. They especially enjoyed the opportunity to hold them and learn about how to care for living things.

We also had an exciting visit from Carymoor, where the children learned about hedgehogs, their habitats, and hibernation. The day was filled with engaging activities and games, and the children particularly enjoyed creating their own clay hedgehogs.

It has been a fantastic half term, and we are very proud of all the children and their achievements.

Miss Neville, Mrs Watson and Mrs Pett



Hygge this term With Mrs Hawker



This half term we have continued to compliment Phoenix Class's historical and geographical studies by creating some Egyptian arts and crafts. The children researched and painted their canopic jars. We used cardboard tubes and masking tape to make Mummy cats! During the past few weeks, we have turned our attention to Spring. The class Hygge display now reflects the changes found in nature.

Hygge this term With Mrs Hawker

The children have made a fantastic start with our new theme of woven textiles. We have learned how some textiles are made, practised weaving with paper strips, learned weaving vocabulary and are now establishing our knowledge of using yarn to weave on a loom to create wall hangings. We finished with a short reflection of what we have covered this term and a cup of Hygge hot chocolate!

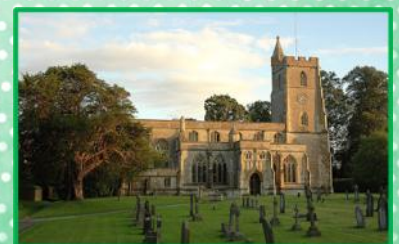
Wishing you a Hygge Easter.

Mrs Hawker



Christian Distinctiveness

Integrity has been our value this half term and has been woven through everything we do. We continue to welcome and enjoy our Open the Book team into Collective Worship who have supported us in exploring our value of integrity. We have also welcomed the Reverend Caroline into our Collective Worship and classrooms where she has delivered godly play sessions exploring stories of the bible. It was wonderful to see so many parents and community members attending our Easter service at St Michael's. The children are always excited to present and share their poems, prayers and new hymns.



World Book Day 2026



Comic Relief and Farmlink

Comic Relief at North Cadbury Primary School



183% **£184** raised of **£100** target by **13** supporters

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Red Nose Day 2026 - Primary Schools

Campaign by Comic Relief (RCN 326568)



Take learning off the page
and into the countryside

Farm Link provided a set of workshops to Years 1—6. The children used compasses to give directions and learnt about how tractors use this to help them. The older children also had a workshop about careers in agriculture.

The Newt Roman Villa



A huge thank you to The Newt for the fantastic trip they provided our KS2 children showing them the roman villa and sharing their knowledge.

Eggstraordinary Eggs - Pixies and Sprites



And the winners are Robin and Daniel in Sprites and Tilly in Pixies – Congratulations!

Eggstraordinary Eggs Competition



There were so many fantastic designs!

Eggstraordinary Egg Winners



Congratulations to all our winners :
Ellie and Harvey in Dragons,
Aiya and Charlotte in Phoenix &
Millie and Vinny in Unicorns



Music Lessons



Children continue to enjoy their music with Miss Williams teaching Phoenix Class violins, Mr Harrison teaching piano, guitar and violin to children who choose to do this and singing for everyone with the help of Mrs Bullock and her Singing Assemblies.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTAFAs for providing us with a new piano which is already being put to good use!



Attendance and Term Dates

Please find attached the term dates for the 26-27 academic year. I kindly ask that you consider these dates, when planning family holidays.

We know that regular attendance makes a real difference to every child's learning, wellbeing and future opportunities. The government expects pupils to attend at least **95%** of the time, with attendance below **90%** classed as **persistent absence**. While we understand that illness and exceptional family circumstances sometimes arise, holidays during term time cannot be authorised except in **very rare cases**. Schools have a duty to monitor attendance, and where concerns persist, the **Local Authority** may issue a **fine (£60–£120)**. As the DfE reminds us, **“Children who attend regularly are more likely to achieve and thrive.”** Thank you for working with us to ensure every child enjoys the full benefit of school each day.



Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year

September 2026					October 2026					November 2026								
M		7	14	21	28	Mo		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W	2	9	16	23	30	We		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24	Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26		
F	4	11	18	25	Fr	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27		
Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28		
Su	6	13	20	27	Su	4	11	18	25	S	1	8	15	22	29			
December 2026					January 2027					February 2027								
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	
Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25	
F	4	11	18	25	F	1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26		
Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		
Su	6	13	20	27	Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		
March 2027					April 2027					May 2027								
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	
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Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30			
June 2027					July 2027					August 2027								
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
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Su	6	13	20	27	Su	4	11	18	25	Su	1	8	15	22	29			

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
- Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
- Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
- Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
- Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
- Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2026/27








Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

<https://www.northcadburyprimaryschool.org.uk/term-dates>



What's on next term?

Monday 20 th April	Start of summer term
Tuesday 21 st April	Reception children Vision Screening.
Friday 24 th April 	'Purple up!' in recognition of our military families. A purple non uniform day (or bright colours) to mark the Month of the Military Child.
Friday 24 th April	Unicorn Class starts swimming
Tuesday 28 th April 	Year 3 Balance Sports Festival at Ansford
Thursday 30 th April 	Unicorns Class Trip to see a performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday. School closed
Tuesday 5 th May	Unicorn Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Week Commencing Monday 11 th May	SATs Week Details to follow 
Tuesday 12 th May 	Pixies and Sprites Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 18 th May 	Phoenix Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 18 th – Wednesday 20 th May	Bikeability 
Thursday 21 st May	Class Photos with Tulip Photography

What's on next term?

Thursday 4 th June		Dragons Cricket Tournament at Ansford	
Tuesday 9 th June		Dragons Sharing Assembly	
Tuesday 16 th June		Sports Day	
Thursday 18 th June		Dragons Rounders Tournament at Ansford	
Tuesday 23 rd June		Phoenix Class Trip to The Melbury Estate	
Wednesday 24 th June		Rags to Riches Collection	
Wednesday 24 th June		Year 6 Leavers Service at Bath Abbey	
Thursday 25 th June		Years 3 - 6 Athletics Tournament at Ansford	
Tuesday 30 th June		Farmlink Workshops for Years 1 - 6	
Tuesday 30 th June		Year 1 Indoor Athletics Festival at Ansford	
Thursday 2 nd July		Year 6 Sports Day at Ansford	
Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th		Residential for Years 4, 5 and 6.	
July		Letter dated 21.01.26	
Friday 17 th July		PTAFA Summer Fair	
Monday 20 th July 1.30pm		Year 6 Leavers Service at St Michael's Church	
Wednesday 22 nd July		Inset Day. No children in school	