



# North Cadbury C of E Newsletter

## Easter 2025

Dear all,



As we welcome the Easter season, we are excited to share the wonderful activities and achievements that have taken place throughout our school this half term. From our usual excellent academic determination, sharing assemblies, road safety visits, to musical ensembles, our students have truly embraced the spirit of spring and renewal. Let's take a look at the highlights from each year group.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Truett



Photos from our 150th Birthday celebration on Monday 31st March.



Well done to the lucky winners of our Mother's Day hamper raffle. Superb prizes again this year. A HUGE Thank you to our wonderful PTAFA!



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# Our Pixies and Sprites



This term, we have fully immersed ourselves in the world of traditional tales, exploring stories such as *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Billy Goats Gruff*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children have loved bringing these stories to life through role play, as well as using junk modelling to create bridges, castles, and towering beanstalks.



In English, we have been working hard on our writing skills, with our most recent challenge being to rewrite the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children did an incredible job, showcasing their creativity and growing confidence in storytelling.



In Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, taking our learning beyond the classroom with a walk around the village to spot shapes in the environment. This hands-on experience helped the children make real-world connections to their learning.

As part of our Hygge approach, we have been learning all about spring, focusing on the changing seasons and the life cycles of different animals. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered how animals grow and change.

It has been a wonderfully busy and enriching term of learning, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved!



## Our Unicorn Class

Welcome to this term's edition of the Unicorn Class Newsletter! We've had an action-packed time full of exciting activities, learning opportunities, and lots of fun. Here's a roundup of what we've been up to in class:

One of the highlights of this term was our class assembly. The children worked so hard to prepare, and it was wonderful to see all of their efforts come together. They were absolutely delighted to share their performance with you and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. From singing to presenting our projects, every child had the chance to shine, and we are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm.

This month, we were also lucky to have a visit from Somerset Road Safety. The children learned valuable lessons about staying safe on the roads, whether they are walking, cycling, or in the car. The interactive talk was engaging and generated thought-provoking discussions about the importance of wearing seatbelts, looking both ways before crossing the street, and wearing helmets while cycling.

What's a better way to learn about traditions than by experiencing them firsthand? The children had a fantastic time celebrating Shrove Tuesday! They enjoyed making pancakes, flipping them, and, of course, tasting them with different toppings. It was a fun way to incorporate some hands-on learning into our discussions about food, traditions, and the seasons. Many of the children are still talking about their favorite toppings! As Easter approaches, we've been learning about the Easter story in class. The children have been exploring the themes of hope, renewal, and kindness, which are central to this time of year.

In English, we began a new topic book this month, *The Girl and the Dinosaur*, and the children absolutely loved it! This beautiful story has sparked so much excitement and creativity in the classroom. We've been using the book to inspire our writing, particularly character descriptions. The children have been describing the main characters in detail, focusing on their personalities, actions, and feelings. They've even been creating newspaper reports based on events in the story. It's been wonderful to see how imaginative the children are becoming as they explore the themes of friendship, adventure, and dinosaurs!



## Our Unicorn Class continued

During Maths, the class have been doing a wonderful job learning about fractions. We've been exploring how fractions are part of a whole, using everyday objects like pizzas and playdough to make it more visual and fun. The children have been practising identifying and naming fractions such as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and we've used various hands-on activities to help them understand the concept of dividing things into equal parts. They are gaining confidence in using fractions in different contexts, and we're really impressed by their enthusiasm and problem-solving skills! We also dove into the world of 3D shapes! The children have been learning about various shapes like cubes, spheres, pyramids, and cylinders. We explored their properties, such as the number of faces, edges, and vertices. The children enjoyed being shape detectives whilst searching the school grounds and identifying these shapes in their surroundings. It's been fantastic to see them apply their new knowledge of 3D shapes to everyday objects around the classroom.



Led by Mrs. Hawker, as part of our focus on creativity and well-being, the children have been learning about the famous artist Vincent van Gogh and his incredible works of art. They've studied his use of colour, brushstrokes, and the emotions conveyed in his paintings. During our Hygge sessions, which focus on creating a warm, cozy, and creative environment, the children have been inspired by Van Gogh's paintings, especially his Sunflowers.

To bring their learning to life, the children had the opportunity to create their own sculptures inspired by Van Gogh's iconic Sunflower painting. It was amazing to see their creativity come to life as they experimented with different techniques to recreate Van Gogh's swirling, vibrant petals. The finished sculptures now adorn our classroom, and they look absolutely beautiful! We are so proud of the children's hard work and their growing appreciation for art.



As you can see, it's been a month full of creativity, exploration, and learning! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to even more exciting activities next term!



## Our Phoenix Class



Another busy half term for Phoenix with plenty of visitors helping to bring fun to our lessons.

Recently, we had a visit from Reverend Caroline and she told us the Parable of the Good Shepherd. She used props to tell the Parable and then let us have a go at retelling it in our own way. The children also had the opportunity to respond to the Parable through art.

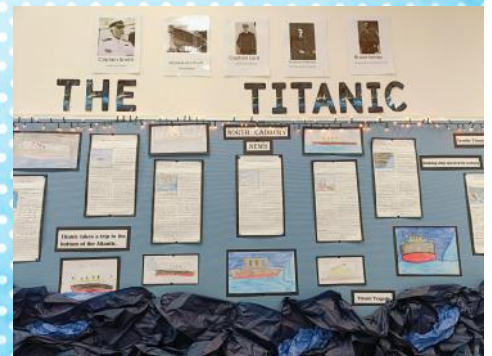
The children have continued to wow us with their musical skills throughout their violin and singing lessons. They have been working on using the bow to play musical notes, read music and sing in harmony. They will put all of this together to showcase their new skills at our Easter service.



As part of our maths unit of work, we all enjoyed a trip to the local shop to spend some money! The children enjoyed adding up amounts and working out how much change they should be owed. It was lovely to see the children have fun and use their maths skills in real life situations.

In addition to all of this, the children enjoyed having their parents in school to watch their class sharing assembly. They spoke about their recent topic 'The Titanic' and the water cycle. We were very proud of their efforts!

Well done, Phoenix! Enjoy the Easter break!



## Our Dragon Class

The children in Dragon class have been exceptionally busy this term. We have had several children take part in the cross-country leagues and being placed within the top ten on numerous occasions, and we have consistently been able to represent our school in netball and dodgeball tournaments. At our most recent event, we had another school approach us to say how impressed they were by our children and their sportsmanship qualities.



Our science this term has looked at forces. One of the highlights of teaching this unit was to get the children to create their own parachutes to investigate air resistance. The children worked in pairs and they had to make three parachutes that were either different in size or shape, had a different weight attached to the bottom or if they adjusted the length of string that was attached to the paperclip at the bottom. The children then dropped the parachutes from the same height, whilst their partners timed from the release to when the parachute landed on the floor. The children loved this activity, and it was an extra bonus to be able to do it in the Spring sunshine!

For topic this term, the children had to carry out an in-depth enquiry, investigating many aspects of Guatemala. This country played a pivotal role in the Mayan civilisation and for this half term, the children got to carry out research that covered key features, such as the population, the sports they play, the food, landscape and the languages spoken. The children found out that although Spanish is the official language, there are in fact 21 other languages spoken.

Linking closely to our topic work, the children have been incredibly creative in putting together a Mayan mask. The children used Mudrock for this task, followed by using tissue paper, PVA glue before painting and adding the finishing details. The children learnt that the Mayan people wore masks to scare off evil spirits and is also a way of respecting the Gods.

This half term in English, the children have written many pieces from book reviews, persuasive letters to entice their idols into school to writing non-chronological reports. The children continue to impress me with their efforts, as they are always trying to challenge themselves.

The children have all worked very hard this term and they should be proud of their achievements. I hope that they all have a restful Easter- well done children!



## *Hygge this term*

*BY Mrs Hawker*

*This term seems to have gone by so quickly and it is only when I look back that I realise how much learning we have squeezed in!*

*We have looked at materials and recycling, with tuff tray activities using our new recycling trucks. We have enjoyed playing recycling games along with a class favourite book called Fiery Fox learns; recycling, reuse and take rubbish home.*

*To compliment our maths learning of 3D shapes, we looked at shapes found in nature and designed and coloured our own net of a square based pyramid, with some fantastic colourful and bold designs.*

*We have explored different artists in particular Andrew Goldsworthy, looking at his natural creations and recreating some of our own. We have also looked at Van Gough, learning about his life, techniques, colours and the 'Sunflowers' series of paintings. We have crafted our own Sunflowers using different materials, patiently learning new techniques to create the colourful swirling petals.*

*We have added these to our 3D wall vase to create a collaborative display inspired by the Van Gough Sunflower paintings and it is looking absolutely beautiful. Do pop in at home time for a look if you can! We are so proud of the children's hard work and their growing appreciation for art.*

*Spring has now arrived and we have changed our Winter display to Spring and our learning has reflected this as we study plant and different animal life cycles. We have also been busy growing Sunflower seeds as part of our Sunflower challenge to further develop our maths estimating, comparison and measuring skills next term.*

*Wishing you all a Hygge Easter*



# Enrichment this Half Term

We have continued to welcome our 'Open The Book' Assembly Team in to school. The children have loved acting alongside them and bringing the bible stories to life.

## Open The Book Assemblies



World Book Day this year saw us competing in the 'Caught Reading' contest.



# Easter at North Cadbury

The Easter Bonnets have been phenomenal this year! Well done, for all the effort and creativity. The children have really enjoyed themselves.



*John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



# The PTAFAs Disco Thank you!



# Dates for your diary

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| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Holidays</b>   |   |    |
| <i>Children return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i>   |   |   |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b><br> | <b>Phoenix Class Trip to Field to Food Day at the Bath &amp; West Showground</b><br>Please see letter dated 28.02.25. |   |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>   | Swimming begins for Pixies and Unicorns   |    |
| <b>Tuesday 29<sup>nd</sup> April</b>  | Year 3 Balance Control at Ansford<br>Please see letter dated 12.03.25   |   |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | V.E Day Celebrations Red, White and Blue Sports<br>Mufti  |      |
| <b>WB Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | KS2 SATS Week<br>Further details to follow . . .  |   |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup>-Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>   | Bikeability for Yr 6  |  |
| <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | KS2 Trip to The Houses of Parliament, Westminster.  |   |
| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | Class Photo Day   |   |





**Easter Holidays**

📅 4th - 22nd Apr 2025  
🕒 10am - 5:30pm

This Easter, Haynes Motor Museum invites families on an eggs-hilarating journey through racing motoring history!

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

FREE WITH MUSEUM ENTRY



Happy Easter!



*Revelation 1:17b-18a:*

*"Don't be afraid! I am the First and Last. I am the living one. I died, but look-I am alive forever and ever!"*



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