

THE PREP WEEKLY

8th November 2024



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The Week Ahead

Monday 11th November

Remembrance

Tuesday 12th November

Odd Socks Day

Year 6 Senior Progression Day

Reception '25 Transition Session

Wednesday 13th November

Reception & KS1 Cinema Trip

U11 ISA Tag @ St Christopher's

Thursday 14th November

KS2 Cinema Trip

U9 Rugby v St Peter's (A)

Friday 15th November

Children in Need – wear something spotty!

Message from Mr Lovett

I hope you all had a lovely 2 week break at half-term. I shared with our Prep pupils on Monday that it felt quite strange coming back into school in November having missed a big chunk of October and events such as Halloween. It is a busy time of year where events seem to lead into each other. On Monday we will be holding a whole school Remembrance service at the front of the White House – this will be a special way to mark this occasion as a new school community. We ask that all pupils are wearing a Poppy that can be laid on the ground at the end of the service. We will also be taking part in anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks, an important message reflecting embracing differences and standing up to bullying. Finally, on Friday we will be wearing mufti and something spotty for Children in Need – the children need to bring in a £2 donation. All very worthwhile causes, messages and events. Have a fantastic weekend.



Work of the Week

Friday 8th November

Harry Jeffery

Eliza Morgan

Kellan Hersey

Rose Hooper

Henry Foulds

Sam Robinson

Seb Baxter

Birthday's Coming Up

James Shill

Seb Baxter

Lucy Hughes



SW ISA Swimming



Yesterday, 12 of our Prep swimmers travelled to Millfield School to take part in the SW ISA Swim trials with the opportunity of qualifying for the National Finals at the Olympic Pool in London. All swimmers did themselves and our school proud in what was a great experience for all involved. We look forward to receiving the confirmed results!



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Around the classes



The Lodge By Miss Drewett

On November 5th, we celebrated Fireworks Night. We began by watching a CBeebies video titled "My First Festival," which covered the history of fireworks. Afterwards, we watched some fireworks displays. Inspired by this, we created our own firework pictures by sticking coloured rice onto black paper. We discussed the sounds that fireworks make, and some of us learned new words such as "whizz," "fizz," "pop," and "bang." We also took the opportunity to share our own experiences of watching fireworks over the weekend and the coming days. What a fun day we had. 🌟🌟🌟



The Stables By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have had an exciting time thinking about Fireworks. We have talked about Firework displays that we have watched, we have talked about the different noises fireworks make by using descriptive words, we have used fringed tubes to create colourful firework pictures and made rocket fireworks with a focus on shape to add to our beautiful display. Now, at the end of this week, we have been thinking about Poppy's, talking about why we wear them and the significance of them. The children have made beautiful Poppy pictures to add to our Remembrance display.



Reception By Mrs Ganner

Reception have started their first week back after half term with a little bit of sparkle ✨ They have been learning all about The Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. The children discussed Bonfire and Firework safety and then demonstrated super safety and responsible attitudes whilst lighting real sparklers! ✨

Around the classes



Prep 1 By Mrs May

Prep 1 have enjoyed a Bonfire night themed week. In Art, they collected sticks and twigs to make a bonfire collage, used flame templates to draw around and cut out four different coloured flames at a time, sprinkled glitter and used chalks for fireworks. In Literacy they have created firework sounds using onomatopoeia and their phonic knowledge, and they have recorded and role played different scenarios in the role play area.



Celebrating
Diwali



Prep 2 By Mrs Miller

This week, we had the opportunity to learn more about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights from our guest, Rekha from The Hindu Centre in Exeter. She told the story of Rama and Sita and how the wicked king Ravanna stole the princess and a long battle ensued. Fortunately it had a happy ending and Sita and Rama followed a row of lights back home. Through dance, clay diva lamp making, rangoli pattern creating, dressing up, book sharing, painting and more, the festival was celebrated in style.



Prep 3 By Mrs Young

This week in Prep 3 the class took on the role of spelling detectives. The children used highlighters to identify the BFG's spelling and grammatical errors whilst reading his description of a dream about suction boots. The class then corrected his errors. Super detective work Prep 3!

Around the classes



Prep 4 By Mrs Hughes

This week Prep 4 enjoyed learning about fire safety and making their own individual fires in Forest School. They showed great perseverance in windy conditions and everyone managed to independently light a fire. They are looking forward to the challenge of lighting and maintaining a fire for five minutes next week!



Prep 5 By Mrs Sutton

It has been a busy first week back at school with some children taking part in ISA swimming and others auditioning for our upcoming production of Matilda. We have taken advantage of the dry weather to brush up on our fire-making skills in Outdoor Learning. Everyone got a fire going but only one became fully established. Next week we will be trying to keep our fires going long enough to cook on them so we will be keeping our fingers crossed the weather stays fair!



Prep 6 By Mr Partridge

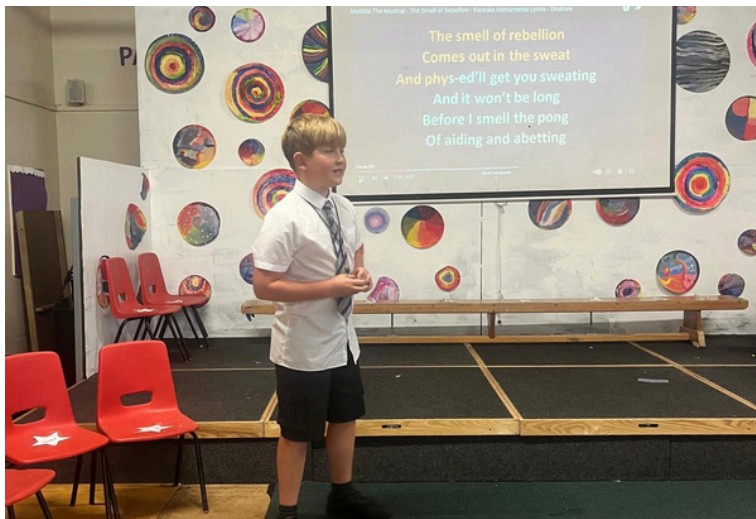
It has been great to get back into the groove after a fortnight off. Prep 6 have come back firing on all cylinders with some excellent work in maths and lots of creative story telling in English. Some of the class also participated in their first contact rugby fixture vs St John's and my weekend will be mainly spent trying to work out how we accommodate all of the amazing performers in Prep 6 (and younger years) as we cast Matilda Jr! Luckily it's a nice quiet week next week...



U11 Rugby

On Wednesday we were treated to a feast of Rugby for Our Under 11 players. Some of our girls enjoyed an afternoon at Stover winning both their games! They all played brilliantly showing great team work and progress in all aspects of the game. Our remaining squad stayed at school and took part in an adapted game against St John's where players were able to compete based on their confidence levels with contact rugby. It was clear that both schools took so much from the session.

Matilda Auditions



Auditions have begun for our Prep production of 'Matilda'. After the success of previous shows including 'Lion King & 'Shrek' there has certainly been lots of interest in taking up some of the principle roles. The children have had to sing on stage and deliver lines to help cast them. We can't wait to hear how you all get on and a huge well done for putting yourself forward.

KS1 Diwali Workshop



What a wonderful afternoon KS1 had on Wednesday as they celebrated Diwali with Rekha from the Hindu Centre in Exeter. She told the children the story of Rama and Sita and how Diwali and the festival of lights began. There was the opportunity for lots of art, dance, creating and asking questions.





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Prep Life Gallery

