

Audrey, Coralie and Florence

Newspaper launches

The latest updates

Welcome to the first edition of our new school newspaper. Each half term students will be contributing articles to share school events and news. Hope you enjoy it!

Audrey

School council updates

This year we are fundraising for a sun shelter in memory of Jess Maggs. Last term, we organised an event: the colour dip hamper, which was a raffle. Everyone in the school had to donate an object that was either red, yellow, green or blue. Every class had a different colour and had to donate something that people could win. The student council then organised them into a first, second and third place for each colour, making 12 prizes.

This term we are planning to do a whole school movie night, which will take place on Friday 27th February 2026. We will be watching *How to train your dragon 2025* edition – a PG film. Our suggested donation is £3 for one child or £5 for 2 siblings. We are starting the film at 3:30pm and finishing at 6pm. So far, we have raised 28% of the money we need.



Movie evening poster.



Bristol museum

Florence

AMAZING ARTS WEEK!!

Daily news updates and opinions

Amazing Arts Week

This year's Arts Week took place during the week beginning 19th January 2026. It happens every year and has a different theme each time. Two years ago, the theme was the Olympics. This year, we focused on two artists.

KS2 focused on Norman Rockwell, an American illustrator who created front covers for many magazines and newspapers. One of his most famous paintings is called *The Problem We All Live With*.

KS1 focused on Quentin Blake, a children's illustrator who illustrated many books by Roald Dahl, including *The BFG*, *Matilda*, and many more.

On Thursday 24th January, the whole school attended Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. Everyone enjoyed the visit greatly and learned lots of new and interesting facts. Now you will hear from eight students about what they thought of the week and the Arts trip.

Billy from Buzzard Class said he really enjoyed making clay faces and seeing all the paintings in the art gallery.

Tommy said he liked drawing eyeballs and learning facts while looking at the stuffed animals, such as a tiger, a sloth, and an anglerfish.

Amber from Woodpecker Class said she really enjoyed sketching self-portraits and then painting them. Hunter said he liked taking a picture of himself posing and then recreating it out of clay.

Ralph from Owl Class said he liked drawing in the style of Quentin Blake and drawing several Roald Dahl characters. Isla said she enjoyed sketching and playing Roman-style Monopoly.

Elliot from Robin Class said he liked seeing the mummies, doing clay work, and sketching in the style of Quentin Blake. Matilda said she enjoyed making a monkey mask and seeing all the paintings

Everyone greatly enjoyed Arts Week and taking part in all the different activities.

CORALIE

Subject Specific

This term in Science, the school has been learning about lots of different things. We have interviewed a few people from each class to see what they have been doing.

In Buzzard class, they have immersed themselves in the topic of space. They learned about the order of the planets [including Pluto], saw the different phases of the moon and more! These people said some different things about what they have learned:

Rex said, "I have enjoyed it. I liked learning about the order of the planets."

Tommy and Billy did a joint interview: "I liked making the planet posters. My catchphrase was: My very expensive motorbike just sped up north."- Tommy.

Billy proudly spoke "My catchphrase was: My very edible monkey just served up nibbles."

April answered: "I learned that all of the planets move around the sun."

Woodpeckers and year three are learning the same thing this term, all about sound vibrations.

Amber told us: "We have been learning about sound vibrations. Last term we learnt about shadows and light. When we put the torch closer to the paper, the shadow got bigger."

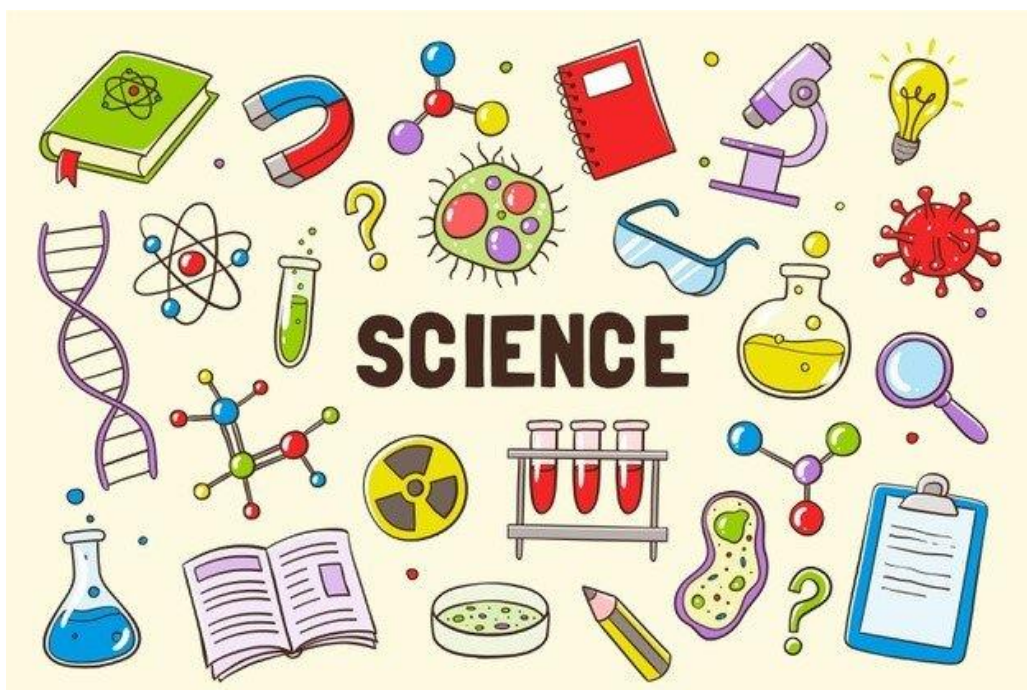
Ralph responded "I have enjoyed all of it. Vibrations can travel through your ears. Musical instruments make vibrations too."

The Robins have been grouping animals.

Matilda answered back "We have been grouping animals. My favourite animal is a fox, although I don't like the fact that they eat chickens."

Elliott stated "To group the animals, they have to be similar. One of the groups is mammals. My favourite animal is a dolphin. An Anaconda-the biggest snake in the world- is an example of a reptile."

That's it for this term! Next term, there will be another lovely subject that we will report.



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Staff Interview

Each half term we will be interviewing different members of staff. Up first is the amazing Miss Painter!

How long have you been teaching at the school?

This is my 11th year!

What did you do before teaching primary school?

Being a primary school teacher was my first proper job. I went from school to university to teaching so have never left education. I worked at a middle school in Cheddar for two years before coming to Chewton, teaching mainly maths to years 5,6,7 and 8.

What did you want to do when you were little?

I wanted to be a vet or a physiotherapist, but it didn't work out as I didn't do very well in biology at school.

What has been your favourite year to teach based on subjects you did in them?

Year 5 and 6 as I enjoy the challenging maths and grammar!

What is your favourite subject to teach?

I love maths! But also enjoy teaching all subjects.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

In the future we are planning our yearly event: Soup Lunch. All classes will join in, singing songs and lots more. Everyone can come and there are lots of different soups to choose from. It will take place on 13th March and is great fun to come and watch!



Thanks for reading!