Friday 27th March 2026

EYFS Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we excitedly approach Easter, the children have been learning all about the Easter story and exploring how Christians celebrate this special time of year. A huge **thank you** to everyone who joined us for our Easter service at **St Mark's Church**—it was wonderful to see so many of our families together.

🌍 Understanding the World

We have been linking our theme of *new life* with the arrival of spring. The children have loved becoming **Spring Detectives**, searching our school grounds for signs of the changing season. From budding leaves to birdsong, their curiosity and enthusiasm have been wonderful to see.

As part of our learning, we explored the **life cycle of a hen**. The children are becoming increasingly confident using the time connectives—**first**, **next**, **then**, and **finally**—to describe how things grow and change. We have also enjoyed reading a range of **non-fiction books about eggs**, helping us identify features such as contents pages, headings, labels, and photographs.

We also received a special visit from **Chrissy from Wessex Conservation Grazing**. She told us all about her life as a farmer and the animals she cares for. The children were fascinated to learn about the **story of our lunch** and where our food comes from, thinking carefully about whether we are eating the **roots, stem, fruit, or leaves** of different plants. We even prepared and tasted our own fruit and vegetables—there were lots of brave tasters and new favourites discovered!

🔤 Phonics Focus

This week in phonics we revisited **oi** and **nk**, with a particular focus on composing our own sentences using these sounds. We have also been working hard on spelling words with **oi-l** (e.g. *boil*), as some children are still writing *boiyall*. Please continue to support your child in saying **nk** clearly and not confusing it with **ng-k**.

📏 Maths in the Classroom

In maths, we have been naming and exploring **3-D shapes** including **cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, pyramid, cone**, and even a **hemisphere**. Using vocabulary such as **flat**, **curved**, **straight**, **face**, **vertex**, **roll**, and **edge**, the children are talking more confidently about shapes and suggesting whether they are best for **rolling, sliding or stacking**, explaining their reasoning beautifully.

Looking ahead

In readiness for our new topic, **Nature Detectives**, we have sent home a leaflet outlining the learning planned for next half term, along with a topic mat of key knowledge and vocabulary you can explore together at home.

PE Days

Our PE days for next half term will continue to be **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**.
Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit so they can take part safely in all physical activities—thank you.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all a **very happy Easter**.

Home learning Easter holiday challenge April 2026

Your challenge is to go on a bug hunt and then create your own mini beast. How you make it, is up to you. You are the BOSS of your learning!

Here are some ideas to get you started.





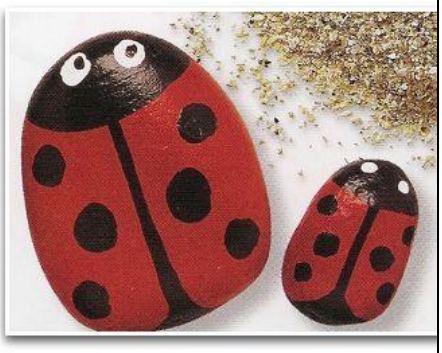














We will proudly display all our mini beasts in the classroom.
Have fun nature detectives!

