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## Special Awards

### Special Award Winners this Week

Willow 1	Matteo L
Willow 2	Amber B
Yew 1	Amelia H
Yew 2	Sebastian A
Oak 1	Owen R
Oak 2	Joseph H
Cherry 1	Emma R
Cherry 2	Willow G
Beech 1	Sophie L & Finn S
Beech 2	Harry H
Maple 1	Mohammad F
Maple 2	Carter B
Red 1	Kieran L
Red 2	Kiera W

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## Well Done!

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## FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER Term 1 Issue 6 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,  
What a wonderful last week of term.

Thank you so much to all of you who engaged with our Parent consultations this week. It is so important to us that we keep lines of communication open between home and school. I have heard so many encouraging comments from staff about the meetings. In addition to these meetings, we have enjoyed a visit to Ufton Court in **Year 5**, football, cross country, multi sports, and harvest celebrations. Given the rising number of Covid cases in the area, our decision not to fill the church was definitely the right one. Huge gratitude to all for the contributions to the food bank. Such generosity and compassion for others is shown in this act. All the food is being collected during the half term break.



I was so impressed with the children's contributions to our celebration. There is so much creativity in the school and it really shone through this week. Thank you to all the staff for the preparation in order for children to share their learning. It has been a real team effort to enable the celebrations to succeed due to staff absences. Thank you, Ms Paterson for the musical direction. A massive thank you to Miss Bush for the coordination of the two celebrations – we really appreciate all you have done! The amazing depictions of the Parables of Jesus, have been inspiring and uplifting. All these have been recorded and will be able to be viewed via TEAMS.



I am also so grateful to Mrs Alison Walker, mum of Nia and Eve, for the stunning banner she has sewn for our school. When I shared my vision of the Mustard Tree being the basis for our school values and ethos, Alison stepped forward and has been working on this piece of art. All the different curriculum areas are sewn in with the hands representing the colours of our house teams. Our motto that with God's help, "together we plant, nurture and grow", is clearly depicted. Thank you, Alison - you are very talented and have been so generous with your time and skills. We will treasure this beautiful banner.



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Please don't forget to take some photos for **Project Soothe**. We haven't had many in yet....I am sure that is because you are waiting for the October holiday next week!

### What do you need to do?

It's really simple.

- Take a photo of something that you find soothing, calm or peaceful. This can be anything: a field of flowers, a member of your family who is very special to you, a seaside scene, a river, a pet, a special place. The photo could be a new one or an older one, it doesn't matter.
  - Add a sentence saying why the photo is special to you/why it makes you feel soothed.
  - Send it to [projectsoothe@combedown.com](mailto:projectsoothe@combedown.com) which is our special email for the project.
- The closing date for your photos is Monday 1st November.

I trust you all have a restful time over the half term break and take time with family and friends. Stay well.

*Mrs Gascoigne, Headteacher*

### Boys Football Match Report – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

On the 15<sup>th</sup> October 10 boys were picked to play against Saltford at 4pm. After school the 10 children set off to Saltford to play the game. We started to play and within 1 minute Alfie P scored right through the goal keepers legs. Then he scored again! After that Tom scored a cracker of a goal in the bottom corner. The final score was 6-0 to Combe Down and we would like to thank everyone for watching it and supporting!

*Charlie and Ben, Year 6*

### Year 5 and 6 Cross Country SSP Competition Report

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the inter-school cross country event. There were at least 50 people in each run and it was: Year 5 girls, year 5 boys, year 6 girls then year 6 boys. Kieran, Awena, Ben M, Faye, Hayden, Betsy, William and Tom were the Year 6 runners. Quite a few of us got into the top 10. The hardest bit was the very last sprint which was gruelling and I hardly thought I could manage. Overall out of 14 schools we came 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### Boys Football Match Report – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

On 21<sup>st</sup> October Year 5 and 6 attended a football match at Chew Stoke. The traffic was very bad especially opposite the Glasshouse. When we got there we noticed some very big boys. Chew Stoke had four subs and we only had one so we were quite tired. This is our team: Isaac, Yannic, Owen, Luke, Christopher, Harry, Stanley and Carter. They scored the first two goals, and we scored through Yannic, then they scored two more to win the match!

### Doodle Maths Summer Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who completed the Doodle Maths summer challenge and have now received their badges: Louis L, Lucy P, Lauren B, Maggie Z, Harry R, Charlotte R, Anca P, Tessa P, Freddie L-M, Lily A, Joseph H and Anabelle M. Well done!

### Fireworks Safety Poster Competition 2021

Congratulations to Katie W in Cherry 2 who won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for her age category 6-7 in the Rotary Club poster competition. She has won a lovely art set – well done Katie!



**Inappropriate viewing**

It has been brought to my attention that some children in school are discussing and playing Squid Games activities in school which is highly inappropriate. In case you are not aware you can read about it [here](#).

Mrs Bird

**Come and celebrate The Light rather than the darkness this Halloween**

Holy Trinity church invite you to book places to join us as a family for a party!

Please book places via our website - £1 a person.

[Light Party | HTCD](#)

It is 4-6pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at Holy Trinity Church. Come in your sparkly party outfits – there will be a prize for the best outfit.

There will be games, pumpkin carving, crafts, live worship and dance and tasty tea-time treats.

This is an event to come to as a family and enjoy altogether.



**Upcoming dates for October (subject to change, please always check the website):**

October 2021	
22 OCT	<b>Year 1 Forest School</b> ☑ Year 1
22 OCT	<b>End of Term 1</b> 🕒 15:15   ☑ Term Dates
November 2021	
01 NOV	<b>Term 2 Starts</b> 🕒 08:45   ☑ Term Dates
10 NOV - 16 NOV	<b>Travelling Book Fair is here!</b> 🕒 15:15 - 15:45   ☑ Whole School
15 NOV - 19 NOV	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b> ☑ Whole School
15 NOV	<b>Odd Socks Day, wear odd socks to school!</b> ☑ Whole School
18 NOV	<b>Open Day - Prebooking required</b> ☑ Open Days

**Letters home this week:**

*No letters home this week*

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