

# Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 15th September 2023

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

A slightly cooler week this week has been a welcome break from the sweltering temperatures of the previous and gladly appreciated by all of us wearing long trousers and shirts.

Last week, our grounds maintenance team did a wonderful job clearing the brambles from the hedge row along the Burrows Way path. This means the school is now more accessible from that direction.

Looking around the school this week, I have noticed that the majority of children are wearing the correct uniform. Some children however are wearing trainers on non-PE days. As a reminder, our uniform expectations are below. PE Kits can be worn on PE days. On other days full school uniform (including black school shoes) must be worn.

- Red sweatshirt with school logo (can be purchased from the school office)
- White polo shirt
- Black tailored trousers, tailored shorts or skirt
- Red check or striped dresses in warmer weather
- Black shoes which are secure to your child's foot
- Black or grey tights, or socks of any colour



Have a restful weekend,  
Phil Lewis (Headteacher)

## School Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th September	Appledore Book Festival Author Visit
Thursday 28th September	School Photos
Friday 29th September	Appledore Book Festival Author Visit

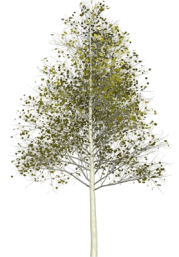
<b>Autumn Term</b>	6th Sept —15th Dec 2023
<b>Non Pupil Day</b>	20th Oct 2023
<b>October Half Term</b>	23rd –27th Oct 2023
<b>Spring Term</b>	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
<b>February Half Term</b>	12th—16th Feb 2024
<b>Non Pupil Day</b>	19th Feb 2024
<b>Summer Term</b>	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
<b>May Half Term</b>	27th –31st May 2024

# Around The Classes



## The Woodlands (Aspen and Beech Class)

What a fantastic start to a new term from all the children in The Woodlands! Everyone has quickly adjusted to new routines and new people. We have had lots of happy children who are all eager to explore their learning environment. There have been many models and paintings going home. The new sand pit has been busy since its opening and the water tray has been a big hit!



## Cherry Class

This week in Cherry class we read the story 'Dear Zoo'. We have enjoyed finding out about the animals in the book and talking about our own pets at home. Luckily, no one has a pet lion at home! In science we have been learning about the human body and the 5 senses. We went on a senses walk around the school to see what sights and smells there were. Well done to everyone in Cherry class for a fabulous first week in year one!



## Sycamore Class

This week we have enjoyed reading the story, 'Millie's Hat'. We have been writing some descriptive sentences in English to add more detail to the story. Maths we have been exploring place value and numbers to 100, using 10 frames and part-whole models. We have been solving some maths challenges! Music - we made sure we could find the beat in different pieces of music. Dance this week, we were finding ways to connect our movements to make them flow. What a busy first full week!



## Juniper Class

What a brilliant week it's been in Juniper's this week! We kicked off the week with History by looking at famous Astronauts and designing our own space helmets, as well as thinking about reasons why we would like to go to space! Secondly, in English, we have been creating noun phrases whilst focusing on our new book of Millie's Marvellous Hat. Can your child think up a noun phrase about something at home? Lastly, this week, in Science we have been looking at materials by exploring around the classroom to see what we can find, and discussing their properties. Well done this week Junipers, have a great weekend!



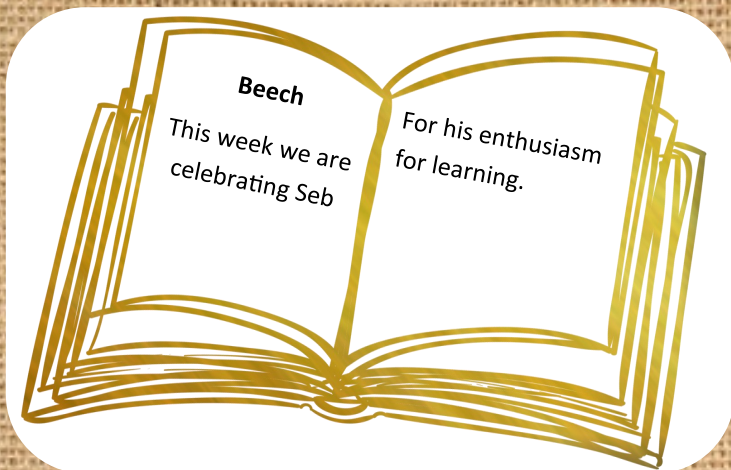
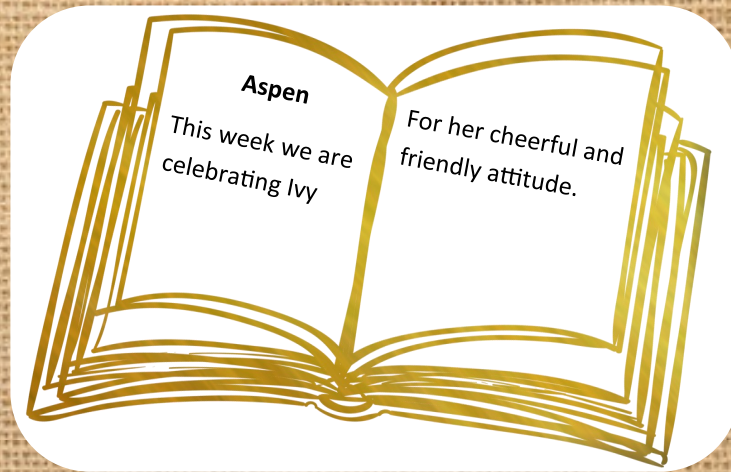
## The Dunes Class

Well done to all the children in the Dunes for having a great start to the new school year! This week, in the Dunes, we have started to learn about the Moon Landing. We have made astronaut helmets and discussed why we would want to go to the moon. In Art, we made planets using shaving foam and paint! We have started to identify common plants, by using our senses. We managed to find rosemary and mint by using our sense of smell.





# Golden Book





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## Weekly Attendance



'Poor attendance often starts at primary school, and children who fall into this pattern are likely to underachieve at secondary school. Friendships can be affected by persistent absence, too: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates.' *The School Run - Parents' Guide To School Attendance*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Aspen - 98.6%

Beech - 96.2%

Cherry - 96%

Sycamore - 97.2%

Juniper - 97.7%

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

## RUGBY FUN DAY AT BIDEFORD RUGBY CLUB!



COME ALONG AND TRY IT OUT!  
BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME FROM YEAR 2 to YEAR 8

**SUNDAY 24TH SEPT 11AM**

**FREE ENTRY**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Rugby themed games  
Meet the coaches and  
other players  
Hot food and drinks  
Kit and boots sale  
Prizes to be won

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## POETRY CHALLENGE

### AT NORTHAM LIBRARY

Entries welcome  
for ages 7 - 14

Write a poem for our challenge!  
Any theme!

#### PRIZES

1st prize - £50 book token  
Runner-up prizes of £10 and £5 book tokens

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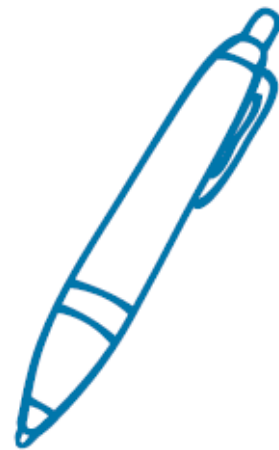
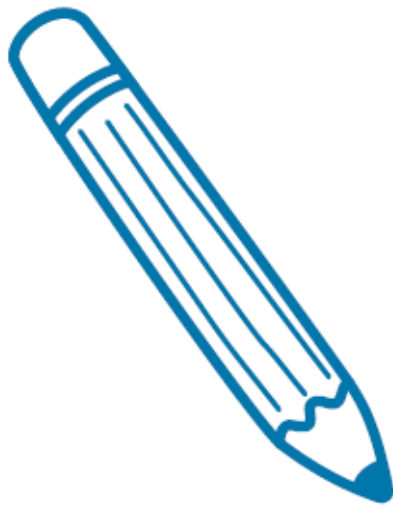
## Entry form

### Northam Library's Poetry Challenge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library card no. \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



Closing date:

29th September 2023

