



# October 2026 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy but truly wonderful first half term of the academic year it has been!

It has been such a pleasure to welcome new teachers, staff and children to both of our schools, and I am incredibly proud of the positive start we have made together. As I reflect on the past few weeks, I can clearly see our school vision, 'Climb to Your Highest, for Yourself, for Others and for All to Flourish,' being lived out in so many aspects of school life.

Our ACE curriculum continues to have a positive impact on children's progress, enthusiasm and engagement with their learning. One of the highlights of my role is spending time in classrooms, and it has been wonderful this half term to see the children's curiosity, growing confidence and determination to challenge themselves. It is lovely to see them taking such pride in their learning, and I am grateful to our dedicated staff for all they do to make this possible.

This week, we have also welcomed a SIAMS inspection at Burlescombe Church of England Primary School. It was a valuable opportunity to celebrate our school's journey, share our vision and demonstrate how it is making a difference to our children and wider school community. I look forward to sharing the published report with you all in due course.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support and encouragement. The strong sense of community across both schools is something I value enormously, and it is wonderful to see our schools continuing to grow and flourish together.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful half-term break, with plenty of opportunities to enjoy time together as families. I look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 2nd November, ready for another exciting half term.

Kirsty Page



## Diary Dates 2026

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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>  | <b>Back to school</b>                                                           |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>  | <b>Yr3/4/5/6 Cross Country @ Killerton House &amp; Gardens- 12.30pm -2.30pm</b> |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b> | <b>Rec Multi Skills @ Uffculme- 1.30pm- 3pm</b>                                 |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>  | <b>Christingle service -Webber's</b>                                            |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>  | <b>Christingle Service - Burlescombe</b>                                        |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | <b>Webber's Nativity</b>                                                        |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Burlescombe Nativity</b>                                                     |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>Both Schools - Christmas Dinner</b>                                          |

# Other News

## FARMWISE

Children from both Webber's and Burlescombe had an enjoyable day out at Farmwise. The aim of Farmwise Devon is to provide children with an interactive, "out-of-the-classroom" experience where they can touch, feel, and smell farming. The event helps children understand how farming connects to food production and the environment here in Devon.



## Webber's & Burlescombe Welcome Services

We all came together for a special welcome service at each school this was to greet our new pupils and their families and welcome them into our school community.

Each child was invited to hang a button on a tree to represent joining our school family. Every button was different, reflecting the unique qualities each person brings. Together, they created a lovely reminder that although we all have different strengths, when we join together we can all flourish!

We are delighted to welcome our new pupils and families and look forward to sharing many happy experiences as part of our community.



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, both schools were visited by Mr Bangs from CHAT for our Harvest celebration. CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team) is a local charity that provides vital support to individuals and families facing homelessness and financial hardship, including through their food bank. Children looked at our Christian Value of Compassion and donated food items to the

## CHAT DONATIONS



## ACORNS CLASS

In Acorns, we have had a super busy term! We have been busy geographers, exploring the weather, visiting the canal and making our own rain catchers. Reception and Year 1 have created their own weather forecasts, while Year 2 have written their own newspaper reports.

We have also been learning about Harvest and why it is important to celebrate and give thanks as a community. We explored where our food comes from and what makes food healthy. We then designed and made our own Harvest foods, including delicious soup and fruity kebabs. Yummy! What a fantastic term full of learning, exploring and new experiences!



## OAKS CLASS

Wow, it is crazy to think that we are already at half term! The children have settled in so well and have learnt new routines and have been consistently showing our 3Rs. Throughout the half-term, children have been exploring what it means to live in a multi-cultural society and why it is important to respect people's differences as well as thinking about our local area in Geography.

Ove the past two weeks, Oaks have been baking bread in preparation for the Harvest Service. They explored different bread types through taste testing and used this information to think about how they could improve the recipe, and decided what fillings or flavours could be added to best suit their taste. They then mixed, shaped, and baked their rolls, ready to share with family and friends.

The children should feel extremely proud of themselves for their hard work, drive and progress this half term. I wish you a restful and safe week off.



## WEBBERS CLASS 1

What a busy and exciting half term we have had in Class One! We have thoroughly enjoyed our Geography enquiry, exploring extreme weather and investigating how it can affect our local area, creating weather forecasts and newspaper reports.

More recently, we have been celebrating Harvest through our DT enquiry, learning about healthy eating, where our food comes from and the importance of a balanced diet. We learnt how to prepare food safely and then worked together to cut and prepare the fruit and vegetables. The children loved putting their skills into practice by preparing delicious homemade soup and colourful fruit kebabs to share with families after the Harvest Festival.



## WEBBERS CLASS 2

Class 2 have had a very busy first half term back in school and have settled excellently into their new routines.

We have really enjoyed our enquiries with children enthused and immersed in their learning, taking pride in their journals and really climbing to their highest! Well done everyone! We have enjoyed the Open the Book worships and discussed the bible stories that they have brought to life in a meaningful and sometimes humorous way.

Our newly elected school council representatives are actively organising the Shoebox collections and our volunteer change maker leaders have all met and are beginning to organise events which will support their peers and help share our skills and understanding of the world to the wider community...they are true advocates for change and pupil voice.

We were delighted to formally welcome Scarlett and Bobby during our Welcome Service, and they have settled so well, it is as if they have been with us for years!

Farm wise was a wonderful opportunity for us to take our learning out of the classroom. We enjoyed a wide range of activities and listened to lots of different organisations as they explained their role within the farming community as well and introducing us to recycling and water use across the county and methods tree surgeons use to get their ropes up in the highest branches of trees! We had a brilliant day, and to be honest, a lot of the children in Class 2 were able to share their knowledge and lived experiences with the exhibitors, which led to them learning a lot from the children!

Year 4 participated in the Orienteering event at Killerton, and worked together as small teams, using maps to find their way to different points around the grounds. They represented Webber's respectfully and looked after one another as there was a lot of running involved, so lots of encouragement was needed!

Our Harvest service in the church was wonderful and the children read and sang beautifully. It was a lovely opportunity to gather the school community together and celebrate the wonderful learning taking place in our class.

### WEBBERS CLASS 3

Wow! What a wonderful half-term we have had in Class 3. The children settled in very quickly and took on board new routines and a new teacher and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them all.

We have had numerous experiences such as our very immersive Farmwise trip to Westpoint; we have explored the world of Global Trade; made and designed coil pots and over the past fortnight, immersed ourselves in recipes from all around the world. They loved taste testing a variety of breads which subsequently inspired them to research their own recipes and then culminated in them making a proto-type bread roll adapting this to then create a sweet treat to share with their adults at our Harvest Community Food Share. The children spoke clearly and with confidence at our Harvest Festival at the church and we then welcomed parents back to school. We had a wonderful buzzing classroom where the children proudly shared their food for both evaluation and scrutiny.

I have been extremely proud of how much the children have progressed in such a short space of time and am looking forward to the next half term where we continue to explore the world through science and the arts in our lead up to Christmas. Thank you to all the children, and parents, who have so warmly welcomed me into your community. I am extremely happy to be here.

