



## New Ambassadors by Taylor

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Hello and welcome to the new school year (it's October at time of writing so we're nearly a sixth of the way through the new year ALREADY!)

I am so excited to share my ambassador news with you.

Ambassadors are eight, Year Six pupils who have been entrusted with the responsibility to be YOUR house role-models.

Your new Ambassadors are:

Lions  
Taylor &  
Daisy-Mae

Penguins  
Angelene  
Hanley

Dolphins  
Jada  
Mia

Kangaroos  
Isaac  
Florence

We are your Ambassadors and together we hope to make you thrive and be determined. Together we are dedicated to excellence through learning.

Over the academic year, we will be sharing important news and updates with you guys.

If you have any problems or suggestions for events or competitions please come and chat to us.

We will also be counting and adding up the house points each week.

So, keep working hard and earning those house points.

Only one house can win!



# A Message from the editor — Welcome Back!

## by Mrs Burdett

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you have all settled comfortably into your new classes, each named after a remarkable scientist. It's always exciting to start fresh, meet new friends, and dive into learning in a vibrant environment.

We at *Pupil Press* wish

you a fantastic year ahead, full of curiosity, growth, and memorable experiences.

As always, we want to hear from you! If you have any news you'd like to share, or if there are articles or topics you'd love to see in future editions of the newspaper, please post your

ideas in the comment box outside Sir Isaac Newton's classroom.

We can't wait to feature your stories, ideas, and creativity in the upcoming issues!

Here's to a brilliant year together!

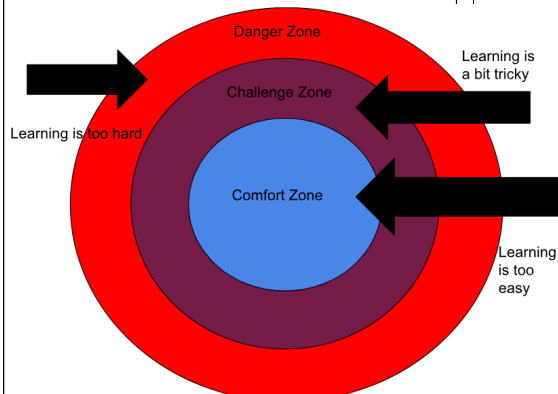
Mrs Burdett

# How to be a successful learner

## by Sonia

If you ever want to find out more about being a successful learner, you can look at the things in here. To be a successful learner, just follow these 14 tips!

- Ask a peer (peer means partner).
- Ask, "What is the next challenge?"



- Don't just sit doing nothing!
- Have a good go!
- Check a spelling by using a dictionary.
- Make mistakes! It's how we learn!
- Edit your work using purple pen.

- Use your imagination.
- Try your best!
- Try to ignore people who are talking to you and

get on with your work.

- Use a time tables grid in Maths.
- Use resources for Maths if you need them to find the answer.
- Use a Knowledge Organiser for words and support.
- Check your answer before saying, "finished!"



# Mr Birch Interview

by Lottie



Q. How long have you worked at Somerset Bridge as a sports coach?

A. I have worked here as a sports coach for 12 years.

Q. Do you enjoy working here?

A. I enjoy working here because of all the nice children and adults who

are at school.

Q. What is your favourite sport?

A. My favourite sports are football and table tennis.

Q. Do you play for a football team, if you do which one?

A. Yes Burnham United.

Q. What is the worst thing about your job?

A. Going home with a headache.

Q. Do you have a favourite class or year group?

A. No. But I love doing the competitions with year 5 and year 6. The

# What have we been learning?

by Alfie and Mrs Burdett

It's been a fantastic start to the autumn term, with lots of exciting learning happening across the school.

Our EYFS children have been exploring the world around them as part of their "Understanding the World" topic.

In Year 1, the children have been 'Going Wild' in science as they've learned all about animals.

Year 2 have taken their learning all the way to Africa with their topic on Kenya! They've been comparing life in Kenya

to life in the UK and have been fascinated by the animals, landscapes, and culture of this amazing country.

Year 3 have been learning all about our local area of Bridgwater. They've been developing their geography skills and showing great creativity by designing and making their very own carnival carts inspired by the town's famous carnival celebrations.

Year 4 have been travelling back in time to the Stone Age, learning how people lived

thousands of years ago and exploring how life has changed since then.

Year 5 have also stepped into the past with their topic on the Victorians, finding out what school and daily life were like during Queen Victoria's reign.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have been deepening their understanding of World War II — learning about the key events and the lives of evacuees.



# Harvest Festival

## by Esme

On Tuesday 14th October 2025, Phil from Bridgwater food bank



came into school to collect food bank donations that the staff and pupils at Somerset Bridge had donated.

Phil also did an assembly about Bridgwater food bank. Phil told us that in 2024 they processed over 6500 individual foodbank vouchers, and

distributed nearly 50 tons of food.

This helped so many people and families in Bridgwater through hard times.

The food bank always needs: Tea bags, Coffee, Juice/ squash, Tinned tomatoes, Noodles, Packet microwave rice, Small tins of potatoes, Tinned sweetcorn, Tinned soup, Jam, Tinned fruit and sugar.

If you have any of these spare, please drop them off at your local supermarket food bank collection.

Ambassadors will hopefully go to the food bank soon to help and explore the different jobs food bank. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return.



# New Class Names

## by Marnie

The children were very excited to here that this years class name theme was Scientists.

After some deliberation, the class names this year are as follows:



- Reception—Mrs Elkington - David Attenborough class
- Reception—Mrs

- Tweedie - Rachel Carson class
- Year 1 - Mrs Moseley - Marconi class
- Year 1—Miss Anderson - Nicolaus Copernicus class
- Year 2—Mrs Ferguson / Mrs Souto - Margaret Hamilton class
- Year 2—Mrs Bell / Mrs Smith - Ada Lovelace class
- Year 3—Mr Eva - Nikola Tesla class
- Year 3—Mrs Gatford -

- Charles Darwin class
- Year 4—Mrs Palmer - Albert Einstein class
- Year 4—Miss Lockwood - Neil deGrasse Tyson class
- Year 5—Mrs Burdett - Sir Isaac Newton class
- Year 6 - Ms Penfold Tim Peake class
- Year 6 - Mrs Argrave - Ignaz Semmelweis class



# Mental Health Tips

by Sonia

## HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

Good

Okay

Bad

Anxious

Depressed

Overwhelmed

Looking after your mental health is very important for both adults and children. If you want to keep your body and mind nice and healthy then follow my top ten tips!

- Eat a balanced diet.
- Get enough sleep at night.

- Watch mindfulness videos (you can find lots of free ones on YouTube).
- Exercise (you can do this anytime and anywhere).
- Do sports (such as PE, Dancing or football).
- Do creative, fun, calm activities such as art,

writing and cool mindfulness colouring.

- Talk (to family members, friends or teachers).
- Spend time with your family or your friends.
- Go outside and enjoy the fresh air.
- Ask for help if you need it! (You can always call Childline

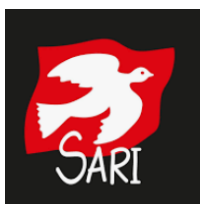
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## SARI Workshop

by Esme

On Tuesday 30th September 2025, Alex from SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) came to Year 5 to explain diversity and inequality.



Alex showed Year 5 a

slideshow about the nine protected characteristics and then they did a sorting activity in which they were asked to sort words into three categories, red (unacceptable), amber (context dependent) and green (acceptable).

On Monday 20th October 2025,

Year 5 repeated this workshop to Year 6. Giving them the opportunity to share what they have learnt.

Year 5 have also been creating a new diversity display board in the KS2 corridor. So, keep your eyes peeled for our new board.

# House Point Update

As we begin a brand new school year, it's a wonderful opportunity for every child to set fresh goals and show their best effort in all areas of school life.

Each of you plays an important part in representing your house with pride — whether through excellent behaviour, teamwork or determination in

learning.

By working hard, supporting one another, and always trying your best, you can earn valuable house points and help your house reach the top of the leader board. Let's make this year one filled with effort, achievement, and house spirit!

At the time of printing,

the house points were as follows:

Lions: 854 points  
Kangaroos: 825 points  
Dolphins: 811 points  
Penguins: 847 points

With two and a half terms to go, there's still plenty of time for everyone to show determination, and earn lots of house points.

# Dates for the Diary by Lottie

Want to know all the dates for the diary? Well get a pen and some paper because there are a lot of dates for your diary this term.



- 4th Nov - Year 5 'Gaia'
- 6th Nov - Reception vision test
- 18th Nov - Year 5- Cold Harbour mill trip

- 20th Nov - Year 4 Cheddar Gorge
- 20th Nov - Year 5 Start Swimming
- 24th Nov - 2nd Dec - Book Fair
- 28th Nov—INSET DAY
- 1st Dec -Whole school- Pantomime Dick Whittington
- 10th Dec - Year six - WWII workshop
- 10th Dec - Cross Country Years 3 & 5

- 11th Dec - Cross Country Years 4 & 6
- 17th Dec - Christmas Dinner
- 19th Dec—Last day of term
- 5th Jan - Back to school!



# Puzzle Page by Esme

Can you unscramble the names of the famous scientists who were chosen as our class names?

1. divad hguorobnetta
2. aelhcr racocs
3. rconiam
4. lausocin csoupceinr
5. mragtera notimahl
6. daa ecloveal

7. semaj sonwat
8. zangi siwelemmes
9. mit ekaep
10. lien ed essarg nosyt
11. olakin alset
12. altrbe sientsie
13. sir cassi tonwen
14. arhlecs ndairw

## Jokes by Marnie

What do you call a dragon that can fly?

Knock, knock

Who's there?

The interrupting  
cow

A dragon fly!

HAHA!



Why do bananas wear  
sunscreen?

Because they peel!

What do you call two  
robbers?

A pair of knickers!

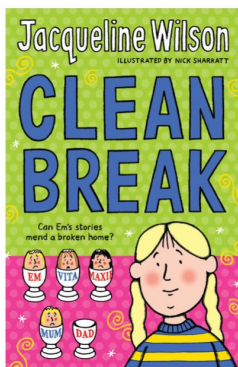
What do you call a  
three humped camel?

Pregnant



HA! HA!  
HA! HA!  
HA!

If you have any feedback, comments or have a suggestion of something you would like to see in the next issue, please enter it into the Pupil Press comment box outside Newton Classroom.



## Clean Break!

Written by  
Jacqueline Wilson  
and illustrated by  
Nick Sharratt

When Dad and Mum break up, Em does her best to cheer her up her little brother and sister, even though she's miserable too.

She tells them exciting tales because she knows a good

story can make life seem better. Meeting the author of her own favourite books would be a dream come true. But could her other greatest wish be granted? Is any story powerful enough to bring Dad back?

I recommend this book to anyone who is a bookworm and enjoys family dramas.

Jacqueline Wilson

is a great writer and Nick Sharratt is a great illustrator, he makes his pictures so detailed. Her vocabulary is popping and the illustrations are magnificent to see!

I rate this book:



# Conker Competitions

On Monday 20th October 2025, Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed taking part in a conker competition organised by Mr Bryant. The event began with an assembly where Mr Bryant shared the history of conker competitions, explaining how this traditional autumn game has been enjoyed for generations.

The children were eager to learn the rules and couldn't wait to put their skills to the test!

Each child had the opportunity to take part in their very own conker match, with plenty of excitement, laughter, and friendly competition along the way.

Even the rain didn't stop us — everyone showed great enthusiasm and resilience as the games continued despite the drizzly weather. A big thank you goes to Mr Buckley, who helped prepare for the event by drilling all of the

conkers — a vital job that made sure everyone could join in.

Well done to everyone who took part — it was a wonderful way to celebrate autumn and enjoy some traditional fun together!

