



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you were all able to make the most of the wonderful weather over the half term?

Once again, the last week of the half term was a busy one; the children all enjoyed a brilliant performance by the Coppice Theatre Company called Science Adventures: Deep Sea. The Foundation Stage children then had a lovely workshop with the performers making the most of our outside space and the glorious weather!

Year Four completed their two-week block of swimming and they all did incredibly well. The children all made rapid progress with their swimming abilities and maintained 'the Devoran Way' throughout. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help us throughout this swimming block!

The Year Six children enjoyed a fantastic three days in Bristol for their residential before half term. The children walked across the Clifton Suspension Bridge and learnt about the history of it, watched the Lion King at the Hippodrome, visited a Mosque, went to the M-Shed Museum followed by a tour around the SS Great Britain. As if that wasn't enough, the children then went on a river cruise followed by a trip to the aquarium. We certainly packed it all in! A huge thank you to Ms Dodson, Mr Griggs, Mrs Hubbard and Miss Fullard for looking after the children so well on camp, and another massive thank you to Mrs Tippett who was integral to the organisation of this jam-packed, fun-filled trip.

We hope you all have a lovely week.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Taking learning outside

It was lovely to see different aspects of learning taking place outside the week before last – including our weekly guitar lessons!

If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, please click on this [link](#).



Soccer Aid

Soccer Aid for UNICEF 2023 is just around the corner and we're really excited to be getting involved this year with our very own Soccer Aid Schools Challenge! This is a great opportunity to have fun, play and get the whole school together after two years of distance and disruption. Through the Schools Challenge, our pupils will learn about and raise money for children everywhere to help give them a childhood full of play.



How can you help?

We would love to invite you to join in the fun! On **Monday 12 June**, in return for a small donation, children can come to school dressed as a sports person or in sports kit, whilst making a difference to children's lives around the world.

Why are we doing it?

Childhood should be one endless playtime. But around the world, disease, hunger, conflict, poverty and disaster are disrupting play for millions of children. The money we raise can help provide clean water and vaccines, education and protection from violence so that children can grow up happy, healthy and able to play. Just like children should.

Just £6 could buy a large plastic brick to help build a classroom in Cote D'Ivoire.

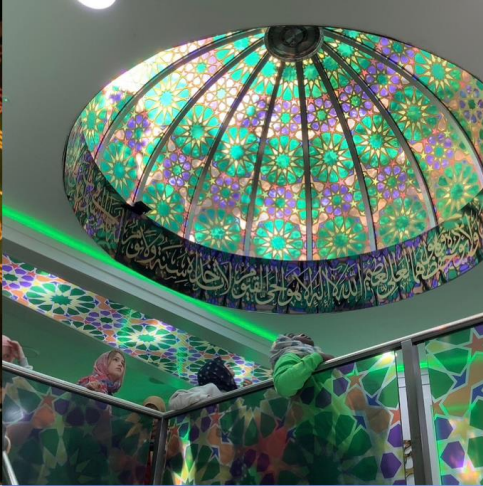
Just £30 could provide an emergency shelter kit to help protect children forced from their homes.

We have set a target of raising £350 which is enough to fund a water pump for a community in a developing country.

We really appreciate your support and hope that you will join us to play, fundraise and change children's lives.

Year Six Residential

We fitted so much into our three days in Bristol and had the best time! Here are a few highlights of our trip.



Sporting News

Hardball County Champions

We went to St Stephans to play the County Finals Hard Ball Tournament on Monday 5th. What a lovely day of cricket! The children did Devoran proud; they worked well together and encouraged each other. Every child enjoyed the day and it was great to see a real love for the game shining through.

The two results were:

Devoran 276

Archbishop Benson 234

Devoran 295

Bishops Cornish 216

This is what the children had to say:

Jack – “It was fun and a great place to play”.

Buddy – “I enjoyed everything today”.

Benjy – “I enjoyed the day and am glad we made it through”.

Milo – “I thought the batting was good, we worked well and we deserved to win”.

Rory – “Everyone did well - it was a great experience and we are looking forward to Taunton”.

Leo – “I think it was really fun and I enjoyed it, it made the day better when we found out we were going to Taunton!”

Beau – “It was a great experience, we played really well and I'm looking forward to Taunton”.

Harvey – “It was amazing, we won and we are now going to Taunton. I think we played really well and deserved to win”.

Congratulations to our team members! A huge thank you to all the parents who helped get our children to this event and stayed to watch and a massive thank you to Mrs French for giving out children this incredible opportunity.

