



# Pre-Prep News

## 2 February



Friday 10 February No after-school activities, crèche or late club - half-term  
 Monday 26 March 2.00 pm Swimming Gala for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – no activities  
 Thursday 29 March After-school activities, crèche and late club finish for the Spring Term

Welcome to Victoria who has joined Pre-School and to Flora who joined Reception this week.

### Tadpoles and Mini swimming

Each Friday after lunch the Pre-School Tadpoles and Millfield Minis have a swimming session in our pool. Chantal Collins and Tom Francis, both Prep School staff, are there to make sure that everyone has lots of fun!



### Music at Millfield Senior School

We have been invited by Julian Jensen, Director of Music at Millfield, to spend the morning in the Music Department. Each child will have a percussion instrument and there will be rhythm games to play. The children will learn a little beat to go with The Sabre Dance. After a break for a snack there will be time to look at and play all the different percussion instruments followed by a performance put together by the Millfield and Pre-Prep pupils! The performance will be recorded and put on the website for the children and parents to download. What an amazing morning!



### Stone Age Somerset

Following our wonderful visit to Cheddar Caves, Year 1 have been doing some exciting work in the classroom. As part of our science topic of 'materials and their properties' we have looked at the natural materials that would have been available. We have collected a range of items from the woods to decorate 3D caves.



Please come and see our own Cheddar Caves!

### Explore Day 7 February 2012

We have a day packed with outdoor activities for our second Explore Day of the academic year. All children will need waterproof clothing, wellingtons, hats, scarves, gloves and extra socks. We will be working outside all day unless the weather is particularly bad, so additional clothing is vitally important.



The children will be grouped into five mixed age working groups – Pre-School to Year 2

– the groups are named after familiar trees – holly, oak, horse chestnut, hawthorn and beech. Activities include making nesting boxes, planting a hazel hedge, building a willow den, creating natural mobiles and designing and making bug homes. We will be working in 'Orchard Mews' an orchard behind

St. Andrew's Chapel which we aim to develop as an outdoor learning area for use by both the Pre-Prep and the rest of the School. In the long term, we plan to have a bread oven, compost toilet and outdoor classroom.





# willfield minis

This week the Minis got active, moving and a grooving to well known songs and nursery rhymes. They also got creative making props to use during the songs.

Next week, our Minis will get the chance to become Masterchefs for the morning, stirring and mixing to create something delicious to take home.

After half term, our exciting programme continues with sessions including Mini Sensory, where the children discover the world through their five senses. Mini Gym, an action packed morning where they will get to jump, crawl, climb, roll and tumble and Mini Explorers, where they will have lots of fun in the forest, whatever the weather, playing games, singing songs and eating snacks prepared in our own clay oven.



### Liquorice and Allsorts

Our new school rabbits are continuing to enjoy lots of love and attention from everyone in the Pre-Prep.



### Wamba Community Trust

We have received a thank you letter from Claire Muir, Wamba Community Trust, "I would like to send my thanks and appreciation to the children, parents and staff at the Pre-Prep for their efforts in raising funds for my charity. I am visiting Wamba in a few weeks with 13 young people from Berkhamstead and we will be visiting all the projects that we support and the eight girls we currently sponsor to go to secondary school. We will be painting pictures on the walls of the school and buying books and other educational resources. Many thanks once again for your support."

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