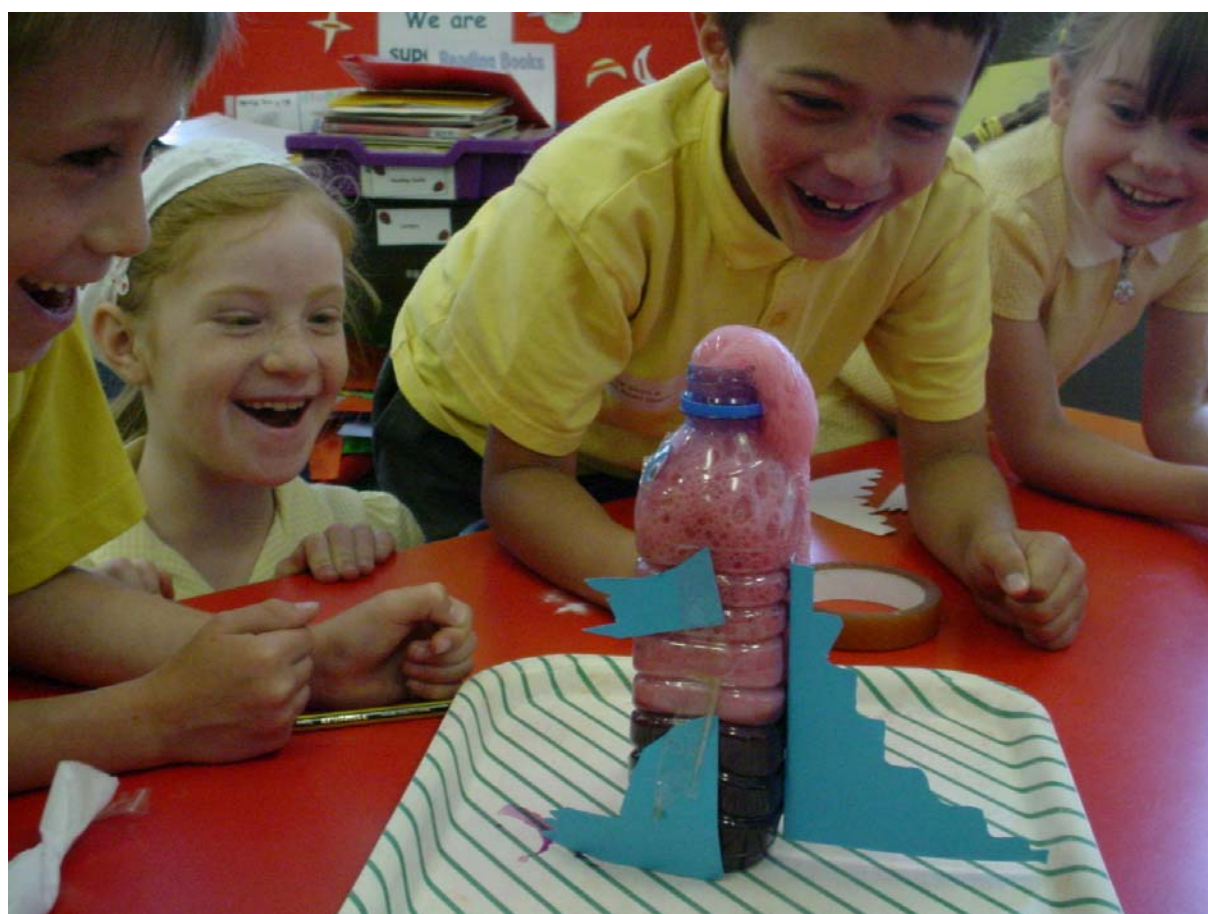


# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher?



**Science Week: Foaming Monsters in Red Class!**

**This week:**

Science Week, Meet the Teacher, Lost Property (again!!),  
dates for your diary and much more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**  
1860 KWh of Electricity Produced  
1060Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Heads Hair



I think the photograph on the front cover says it all this week – a week filled with excitement and wonder! The children have enjoyed Science Week and taken part in a wide range of practical activities and experiments involving investigations, chemical reactions, rocket launching, bug hunting, dyeing materials and much, much more. We have had a range of visitors to the school including parents who have helped to lead activities, both through assemblies and in the classroom. We have welcomed students and teachers from Cox Green who have worked with all the children to develop their scientific understanding, help them to learn and answer their questions.

One of the most exciting features of this week for the children was that they have ‘moved around’ to different classrooms and been taught by different teachers. This is a great way for the children to learn both in and about other parts of the school and also for teachers to get to know the children they don’t come across so regularly. Thursday ended with a ‘Science Fair’ in the Upper School hall and I was very proud to see children from Upper School demonstrating some of the experiments they had been undertaking. They did so with confidence, clearly explaining what was happening and in one or two cases getting very messy in the process! The school has been awash with food colouring, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar all week! There was a strong uptake in our science based competitions and the whole event was a great success. Competition winners were announced and other science prizes were awarded during Good News assemblies today, so well done to all our winners this week.

Actually, saying that, I think everyone has been a winner this week. The children have been buzzing about what they have been doing, and several parents have caught me on the gate to tell me how much they have really wanted to talk about their learning. (One or two won’t stop!!!!) Many of our children are trying out their experiments at home too, which is brilliant. I would really like to thank all the staff for their innovative and exciting ideas this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the hard work and preparation you have put in – well done. I would especially like to thank Mrs Maskell for driving this week and making it happen, along with all the shopping she did too (both Asda and Sainsbury’s are sold out of vinegar, so try elsewhere if you need some for your chips!).

Finally this week I would like to welcome back Mrs Dawson, who is returning to school on Monday from her maternity leave. The children and staff alike are really looking forward to seeing her again, and I am sure she is looking forward to getting back in to the classroom.

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**Childcare Voucher** We will soon be able to use some Childcare Vouchers to pay for Breakfast Club and Nursery Lunch Club. This is a very simple way of helping towards the cost of your childcare and can be used in schools for extended services such as the ones we offer. Please contact the school office for more information.

### Meet the Teacher Evening



Your opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher is on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July starting promptly at 6.30pm** with a short meeting led by Mr Stevens in the Upper School Hall. You will then have two opportunities to visit your child(ren)'s new classroom and teacher at 6.45pm and 7pm. The evening will finish at 7.15pm.

### Shine Week

The children will not be set any 'normal' homework for the next 2 weekends but we would encourage the children to spend the time thinking and practising for their Shine Week audition or planning and making their talent entry. There are lots of different categories, from cake decorating to comedy, and singing to sewing. There is also a Miscellaneous category to include just about anything! Whatever your talent – we want to see it!!



### Foundation Stage Sports Day



We are looking forward to our Foundation Stage Sports Day next **Thursday 2nd July** and hope the weather stays lovely! A reminder to parents that we would appreciate donations of cakes for our celebrations afterwards in the Nursery and Reception class gardens. Please take the cakes to the appropriate classroom before the sports day 'session' – thank you. Can we also remind parents that children will need to wear suitable footwear for running (trainers or plimsolls – not flip-flops!) and parents should bring their trainers too!!

### Lost Property

I know this is another of our more frequent reminders but our lost property box is (*again*) full to overflowing. This is an early warning – **we will dispose of all unclaimed lost property on the last day of term.** Please come and check the box (at the back of the Upper School hall) for any items that you are missing. Thank you.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
Would you rather be an astronaut or a deep sea diver?	Which is better – singing or dancing?

### Class Photos

The orders have now been sent off and should be back in the next two weeks. If you forgot to place your order you can still make it directly to the company. Please just follow the instructions on the envelope enclosed with your child's photograph. Class photos can still be viewed in the entrance hall to Upper School.

## Supermarket Voucher Schemes

Thanks to all those who collect vouchers and tokens for us. Tesco vouchers have now been sent off – any more Tesco vouchers can be banked for next year so please bring them in on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** next week. We are still collecting Sainsbury, Times Books for Schools and Flora tokens so please continue to bring these in.

## PTA Summer Fair

A reminder to parents to return raffle ticket stubs and money to the school office, together with any unsold tickets as soon as possible please. The ladies in the office will also take delivery of filled cups for the children's tombola and bottles and cans for the adults tombola. Thank you all for your generous donations.

## OOPS!

A reminder that this week, and every week, we will include a **very obvious** deliberate mistake somewhere in the newsletter. Please write your name/child's name, the 'gaff' and where it appeared in the newsletter and a contact number all on a piece of paper and pop it in the 'gaff' box. This weeks winners are Niamh Clark, Seran Yucel and Aaron Webb who have all won either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club! (Last week's Gaff was the Isle of WHITE in the Head's Chair section by the way!)

## Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reception Class Parents Consultations	Parents of children in Orange and Yellow base
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Foundation Stage sports day	Children and parents Nursery and Reception
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Shine Week	All children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Class swap day – children visit their new classes (or schools if in Y6)	All children
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the Teacher Evening – 6.30pm	All parents
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair 2pm	Everyone
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Performance – 6.30pm	Y6 Parents
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of term - 2pm	Everyone

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**He couldn't control his pupils!**