



Dear Parents/Carers With the school focusing on reading this year, it was lovely to see parents coming in yesterday to learn more about the phonics we teach. Throughout the year, we will continue to focus on this very important subject. If you would like more details about how we teach reading, please do ask. Kind regards, Chris Burman

Current attendance is a very good 95.3% which is above the national average.



Despite the wet weather last week-end, the annual Guides' scarecrow festival had another successful year. This is a real community event with school staff - Mrs Weston, Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Sinnott - taking on their other volunteering role as Guide and Rainbow leaders. The girls involved, such as Eleanor and Emily in the photo left, also played a very important part in ensuring the visitors were well-catered for.

The members of Vallis and Kingston classes enjoyed a day in Axbridge this week (photo below), exploring the town and the local museum as part of their Tudor topic. The children had a very entertaining and informative tour of the King John's Hunting Lodge (which actually had nothing to do with the real King John) by local historian and friend of the school, Mr John Page. Mr Page shared his knowledge of everything, from how the Tudors used to be entertained by town-centre bull runs (as still seen in Pamplona) to their liking of putting fellow citizens in the pillory or stocks. Many thanks also go to our parent volunteers who came along with Kingston Class.

### DIARY DATES

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October: railway exhibition at St. Michael's church, Brent Knoll

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October: school's harvest festival at St. Michael's church. All welcome

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: end of Term 1

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: start of Term 2

Congratulations to the members of Camelot class (our Y6s) who organised today's Macmillan Coffee Morning. Having discovered the great work of this national charity, the children worked hard to ensure everything was ready for the visitors, including preparing the food, tables, raffle and drinks (photos below).



Flu vaccinations take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember to sign up.

