



ISBOURNE VALLEY NEWS

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Friday 5 June 2026

We're well underway and in the swing of things for our last half term of the year! Key Stage 2 had a fantastic visit to the Cheltenham Science Festival on Tuesday and were completely enthralled by Emma Young. She fielded an impressive range of questions about the human body, planet Earth and the animal world and not always the ones you might expect! Highlights included where snot actually comes from, what might happen if all the volcanoes erupted at once, and the wonderfully strange world of cross-bred animals. The children then had great fun exploring the Discover Zone, where curiosity ran wild and hands-on science kept everyone fully engaged.

Key Stage 1 also had a brilliant day at the Science Festival. They enjoyed a lively session with author Zanna Davidson, who introduced her book Science Inventor featuring Izzy the Inventor. They also took part in a hands-on workshop in the MakerShack, exploring different materials and using their creativity to design and build their own inventions. It was wonderful to see so many imaginative ideas taking shape, we may have a few future engineers in the making! Evenlode have thoroughly enjoyed their residential at the Wilderness Centre this week. From crate stacking (testing balance and bravery) to low ropes (teamwork and coordination), tunnelling (determination and a good sense of humour!) and shooting, the children have thrown themselves into every activity. The shooting in particular always sparks some friendly rivalry between staff and children and there were some very determined competitors on both sides! It has been a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, resilience and plenty of memories.

Mr Godding
Headteacher

All updated policies are available on the website or from the school office on request

Next Week

Monday: Phonics Screening Avon Class, Marvellous Monday, Transition Session with Parents

Tuesday: Open Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament

Wednesday: Girls Cricket Tournament, Coln Class Morning Forest School

Thursday: Coln Class Afternoon Forest School

Friday: Prince of Wales Athletics Competition

Respect Heroes

Coln – Ada for always showing independence with her work

Avon – Kian for his respectful attitude on our trip to the Science Festival this week

Windrush – Callum for showing respect to those he is learning with

Evenlode – Arthur for showing independence, resilience and determination on residential

Awards

Headteacher's Award this week goes to **Evenlode Class** for a super display of the school's values at residential this week

Gold cards awarded to **Isabelle** and **Phoebe**

Our Stars of the Week are:

* **Evvie** in **Coln** for her fantastic work with her handwriting

* **Ruan** in **Avon** for his dedication to improve his presentation across his learning, with fantastic results

* **Henry** in **Windrush** for a great effort with his mathematical reasoning

* **Lucy** in **Evenlode** for being brilliantly supportive of others on residential

Well done to everyone for their awards!