

Headteacher's Reflection on our year 2024–2025

I'm not quite sure where the time has gone—it feels like only yesterday we were welcoming the children back in September, full of excitement for the year ahead. And now, here we are, at the end of another incredible year. Taking a moment to pause and reflect, I am once again filled with pride and gratitude for all that we have achieved together.

This year, our school vision **“Together, let us Love, Encourage, Achieve and Flourish”**—has continued to guide and shape everything we do. It is more than just a statement on a wall; it is lived out daily in our classrooms, on the playground, in the community, and beyond. And our Christian values of **Generosity, Optimism, Determination, Curiosity and Courage** have been visible in abundance.

Our children have shown **generosity** through the thoughtful and proactive work of our **School Council**, who organised fundraising events for **Children's Mental Health Week** in support of **Young Minds**, and a truly impressive **cake sale for Burning Nights CRPS Support**. Their compassion and leadership have made a real difference.

They have shown **curiosity and optimism** through a wide range of learning experiences and adventures. This year, we've introduced **termly library visits for Reception and KS1**, thanks to the School Council's initiative. We've welcomed **community visitors** who shared their careers and life journeys, inspiring our children to dream big and explore new possibilities.

Our curriculum has been enriched with visits to **East Quay, Somerset Museum, Viper's Wood, Hestercombe, the Tacchi-Morris Theatre, and Minehead Beach**. Year 5 even had the joy of meeting author **Abi Elphinstone**, whose stories sparked imaginations and encouraged a love of reading.

Our **Kingfisher class** embarked on a memorable **residential to London**, while **Woodpeckers** embraced the great outdoors with a **forest camp out**—both experiences full of challenge, independence, and teamwork. We've also enjoyed **science workshops**, and a visit from a **West End theatre group**, who led a high-energy **dance workshop** that had everyone moving!

Our children have shown **determination and courage** in their performances—whether it was the heart-warming **'Big, Little Nativity'**, the hilarious **'Porridge'**, the joyful **KS2 Christmas concert**, or the ever-popular **Performing Arts Café**. They've also shared their voices with the wider community, singing during **community lunches** and the festive **Christmas Souper**.

In sport, our pupils have represented the school with pride and perseverance in **gymnastics, tag rugby, the KS2 dance festival, sportshall and quadkids athletics, netball, the KS1 cricket festival, cross country, and the invasion games festival**. Each event has been a celebration of teamwork, effort, and joy.

We've also celebrated the opening of our **refurbished play area**, made possible by the generous support of the **Carew and James Education Trust**, and the creation of a beautiful

new **outdoor classroom**, thanks to the tireless fundraising of our **PTA**. These spaces have brought new energy and opportunity to our school grounds.

Our **family services** and visits from '**Open the Book**' have continued to nurture our spiritual growth and sense of community. These moments of reflection and celebration remind us of the deeper values that unite us.

But none of this happens by accident.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our **PTA**, especially to **Suzie Fawden**, who is sadly leaving us this year after over **20 years** of incredible service. Suzie has been a constant source of support, energy, and kindness—always ready to lend a hand, organise an event, or step in when needed. Her contribution to school life has been immeasurable, and she will be deeply missed by us all. Thank you, Suzie, for everything.

To our **parent helpers and community volunteers**, thank you for giving your time so generously. Your support on trips, in classrooms, and behind the scenes helps make these experiences possible.

To our **governors**, thank you for your dedication and guidance. Your commitment to our vision and values ensures we continue to grow and flourish.

And to our **staff team**—thank you. Your passion, creativity, and care for every child is what makes this school so special. You go above and beyond every day, and I am so proud to work alongside you.

As we look ahead, we do so with excitement. But for now, I hope this reflection brings a smile to your face and a sense of pride in all we've achieved together.