

Newsletter Spring Term 2025



World Book Day Magic at MVFS

World Book Day brought a real buzz of excitement across the school! Natalie transformed one of our cabins into an exciting bookshop, where every child had the chance to browse and choose two books to take home and treasure. Throughout the day, staff shared their favourite stories, reading aloud to different groups and sparking lots of imagination and laughter—celebrating stories and the joy of books in true MVFS style.



Forest School, Farm & Outdoors

Spring has arrived at MVFS, and with it, the forest has come to life. Almost overnight, buds and leaves have appeared on the trees, fresh green growth is emerging from the ground, and each forest school session brings something new to discover.

The children have embraced the changing season through a wide variety of hands-on experiences. As part of our continued conservation work, they've helped create a wood chip pathway to the fire circle – a fantastic team effort that will protect the forest floor for years to come. They've also been busy cooking on the fire, using tools like augers and bill hooks, and exploring new areas of the woodland through mapping and play.

In the polytunnel, we've seen our own signs of growth too. The children have planted beans, carrots, potatoes and peas, as well as colourful flowers. A highlight has been the creation of 'sweet pea teepees' – carefully constructed structures planted by our younger classes, which will grow into shady dens later in the year.

We also celebrated the traditional festival of Imbolc, marking the halfway point between winter and spring. Children made ground candles, said to 'warm the earth' and encourage new life — and with so much growing already, it seems to have worked!

Additional highlights this term have included:

- Dissecting owl pellets
- Taking part in the school's Bird Watch Week
- Building dens and bridges
- Learning new conservation and tool-use skills
- Exploring the forest through games and imaginative play

Meanwhile, the outdoor cabin continues to be a calm and welcoming space. Many children now ask if there's time to relax there after their farm jobs – a testament to how much they value that quiet, reflective time in nature.

Emoji Awareness

You may be aware of the recent Netflix series *Adolescence*, which explores the challenges young people face in navigating a world heavily influenced by social media. While it's a difficult watch, the series offers a powerful insight into the pressures and experiences many young people encounter today.

Following on from this, you might have come across resources that explain the meaning behind some of the Emojis commonly used in young people's online communication. We've been given a particularly useful poster guide, which you may find helpful as parents supporting your child. Let us know if you'd like a copy (contact Michelle (FSW) or office@mvfs.org.uk).