



## Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Newsletter – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy fortnight with many exciting events.

The whole school enjoyed a visit from two London Symphony Orchestra musicians for a special assembly yesterday.

Last Monday, children in Years 1 and 2 competed in a Multiskills Festival at Wodson Park, along with other schools from the local area. As you can see from the photos below, they gave 100% effort and performed well.



I wish all of you a safe and happy half term.

Kind regards,

*S Bridgman*

Mrs Bridgman

### **Arrival of new outdoor classroom**

Our brand new outdoor classroom is arriving this Friday. It will provide a base for Forest Schools learning and enable us to provide even more cross-curricular outdoor learning.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Gray will be leaving us to look for a teaching position closer to her home. I would like to thank her for her hard work supporting children across the juniors this half term. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Barnes will be joining us after half term to teach Mrs Gray's classes Monday to Thursday. I will teach on Fridays.

### **Parents' Forum Feedback**

Thank you to all of you who attended the Parents' Forum meeting last week. It was helpful to hear your feedback and suggestions about swimming, communication and Christmas. A full copy of the minutes is available on our website under 'Parents'.

### **Letterjoin**

You will find a link to Letterjoin, our online handwriting scheme, on the 'Parents' are of our website. You can practise at home on a tablet or laptop and you can print out sheets for your child to try. Teachers have been using it in class for the past two weeks and improvements are already evident.