



Debit Cards in 2025

New debit cards to hit school as early as next term

The new debit cards that we mentioned in the last issue will be coming in term 3. They will be proper cards like adult ones and will link to your Penguin Pounding account. They will have a QR code on them and you will even earn interest, so if you save a certain amount of money you will get extra added to your account.

According to Dr Saunders (school head), this will “support children’s understanding of having a bank account and saving money.”



a debit card, yesterday



Strictly winners Chris McCausland and Dianne Buswell

Strictly’s Chris is proof you can do anything

Chris McCausland becomes Strictly Come Dancing’s first blind winner!

Chris McCausland and partner Dianne Buswell won with an incredible waltz and an amazing “black out” moment which was meant to mimic blindness. It is amazing that Chris lifted the trophy as he can not see and his partner has

taught him all the dances without him seeing any examples. We think this inspires everyone to try new things. Chris said “it just shows with opportunity and support and determination, anything can happen.”

We hope seeing this win will inspire us to try our hardest in everything we do.

BREAKING NEWS School events for 2025!

We have the scoop on some great stuff happening next year...

Expect a trip to the Bristol Beacon for years 3 and above. The Beacon is a live music and arts venue right in the town centre.

Next we’ve got the Gym Run, so

get your trainers on!

We’ve also got weekly swimming for years 5-6 and an EDI day on mental health.

Other news

A round up of other news from Frome Vale Academy

After school clubs rock!



2024 has seen some great new after school clubs appear - what's in store for 2025?

We've had some great new after school clubs this year:

TIGER MARTIAL ARTS

This has proved a popular martial arts club, helping people keep fit and gain confidence.

SIGNATURE SPORTS

A multi-sport activity club which has been a great introduction to new sports.

DANCE CLUB

A contemporary street style dance class for all.

These can all be booked by parents on MyCAS.

Competition Alert!

We're hosting a very special competition for the best winter poem!

1. Get your poetry hat on and come up with a wonderful wintery poem.
2. It must be winter-themed but can be as long or as short as you want.

3. Write your name and year group on it and give it one of the FVA Times crew at break or Lunch.
4. Hand it in no later than the 10th of January.
5. Good luck!

Did You know?

Did you know that eating snow wont keep you hydrated? Only 10% of snow is water and you actually use more water eating it than you receive from it!

Did you know in some northern countries, colourful lights called 'Aurora Borealis' can be seen in the night sky! Italian astronomer

Galileo Galilei came up with the name in the 17th century

Did you know when our noses turn red in the cold, it's because the blood vessels in our skin constrict to conserve heat and the pigment in our noses shows through more prominently.

Maths Club

So, a little birdie told us that there is a new math club called The Mathstranuats! go and see Anwen in Yr3 For more!

The math club we've created is for fun and learning only!

Anwen Yr3.

Weather



MONDAY

Pretty cold, with some cold weather moving in later.

TUESDAY

Some cold, chilly weather making way later, leaving a cold afternoon.

WEDNESDAY

Cold all day.

THURSDAY

A sunny warm day with blue sky (will not be happening today)

FRIDAY

Colder than a penguins beak.



Candy Cane Hunt!

There are some candy canes hidden in this edition; can you find them all?



They look like this

Wordsearch

Find the following words!

- SNOW
- MERRY
- FROST
- WINTER
- HAT
- RED NOSE
- COLD
- CHRISTMAS
- FUN
- SCARF
- FIREPLACE
- SLEIGH

W C L S E G S R I R F R F A
 I L O I R N H F O D R A S P
 N T H L E E R T T C A I N A
 T R A A D S Y R O C W A O M
 E S T T N R N D S Y F S W C
 R F O U L M T E E O E R S S
 S I T R F R N H S C N E Y S
 P R D C F E T C S N S I M A
 A E R R S H A N D F F T I I
 R P R C O R W S E U M L E A
 E L S E F T S M E R R Y A R
 L A W C H R I S T M A S C E
 T C H N C H O E S L E I G H
 R E D N O S E N U F I M T E

Fun Stuff

The best part! Jokes, riddles and more, to keep you smiling

Maths Quiz

Can you figure out these tricky math questions?

$2 + 188 = ?$

$38 + 12 = ?$

$444 + 5 = ?$

$78 + 45 = ?$

Answers: 200, 50, 449, 123



Jokes

Why couldn't the pony sing a lullaby?

She was a little horse!

What did the mitten say to the hand?

I've got you covered!

House Horoscopes

FROME

Over Christmas, something will happen to give you a glimpse of your future career!

AVON

You've been on the naughty list this year! Your present will be a lump of coal.

SEVEN

Is 2025 the year you finally keep your new year's resolution? Maybe!

TRIM

Next year your favourite jumper may finally come back in to fashion!

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