



# UPPER KENNET NEWS

May 2021

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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 15 Max Dissanayake  
£75 Number 35 Elizabeth Musgrove  
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(Some winners prefer that their names were not published, in which case we just state the winning numbers)

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## Notice Board

### Funerals

Peter Dodds 30 March  
North Wiltshire Crematorium  
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1st	£48.00	68	Ben Woodward
2nd	£36.00	33	Nigel Fielder
3rd	£24.00	39	Mark Wightman
4th	£12.00	9	Mark Saunders

### Draw Results for April

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## MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service

**Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 7.00 to 7.25pm: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing and some words of wisdom.**

*Future dates for your diary:*

*Wednesday 12th May, Wednesday 26th May & Wednesday 9th June*

## View from the Rectory

### LIGHT UP THE WORLD WITH PRAYER

#### Thy Kingdom Come 2021

A question I am often asked is this one - 'What is the point of prayer?'. It is just as often followed by the sentence 'I prayed and it didn't work'. We could write pages about the ensuing conversations, especially around the question of what is it we ask for and how prayers are answered but that is another matter. At the root of prayer is relationship: relationship with God, relationship with each other and relationship with neighbours, the world and creation, within which we may experience God at work if we learn to look and really see. The tradition of prayer is not exclusive, is open to everyone who connects with that something Other - that some of us find easier to name as God than others.

Christians believe that after the very first Ascension Day, when Jesus left the disciples, they gathered with Mary, his Mother, devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, we believe the gift of the Holy Spirit is crucial in how we live our lives and how we build up relationships - on our own we can do nothing. This is why through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past five years more and more worshipping communities have rediscovered the riches of this tradition and have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'. We are praying that the Spirit will light up our world at this time of pandemic and flow and flood through the world in all its needs, shining the bright light of Christ into every corner in need of healing, blowing away the cobwebs of our faith, refreshing and renewing us.

One Sunday, just after Easter, at the end of the service before the blessing, I was startled to see a beautiful butterfly land beside me and clamber onto my hand. When this happened in a church in Ireland, we felt it was an outwards visible sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit, bringing as it did joy, and the reminder of the continuity of new life emerging from the chrysalis. I could hear its wings beating, and the iridescent glow of its wings. In itself, by itself, it was the purest form of prayer- creation.

We need to emerge from the chrysalis of the pandemic ready to rediscover how to live life again, and hold fast to the community spirit, the relationships built and developed through service and care over these long months. Like the butterfly, lighting up our hearts and eyes that Sunday, we are invited to pray for the Holy Spirit to come and transform our world afresh.

Will you join us?

Between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May there will be a range of prayer times, events, even a prayer journal to download and keep to remind you of where you see God at work in the world. Whether you are able to get out and about, or are still shielding at home, you can join in with this world prayer novena and Light up the World.

Thy Kingdom Come. What would this look like for you? Heaven on earth? what could be transformed? A deeper relationship with God and creation - what do you yearn to see happen?

Join in the prayer – and Light up Our World.

# UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERBOU RNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBOU RNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
2 May Easter 5	9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – WINTERBOURNE BASSETT <b>11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer</b>						
Wednesday 5 May				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
9 May Easter 6	9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – BROAD HINTON <b>11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer</b>						
Wednesday 12 May			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
16 May Easter 7	8.30 AM – PRAYER BOOK COMMUNION – FYFIELD 9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – WINTERBOURNE MONKTON <b>11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer</b>						
Wednesday 19 May				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
23 May Pentecost	9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – WEST OVERTON <b>11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer</b>						
Wednesday 26 May			<u>7 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			
30 May Trinity Sunday	8 AM – HOLY COMMUNION – EAST KENNETT 9.45 AM – BENEFICE SERVICE – COMMUNION – AVEBURY <b>11am - ZOOM – Online Service of Morning Prayer</b> 2 pm - Flowers Baptism - Winterbourne Monkton						
Wednesday 2 June				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion			



## A Space to Breathe with Talking Tuesdays

Relaunch Date: **Tuesday 25th May, 730pm**, with refreshments

A chance to meet, AT LAST, catch up with others, pray and meditate, and plot the next stage of the Sacred Space as we think about a prayer labyrinth.

Please book your space: [revmariashepherdson@outlook.com](mailto:revmariashepherdson@outlook.com)

Other dates: (Subject to lifting of restrictions)

Tuesday 1st June  
Thursday June 10th

## Readings

**Sunday 2 May – White  
Easter 5**  
Acts 8.26-end  
John 15.1-8

**White  
Trinity Sunday**  
Isaiah 6.1-8  
John 3.1-17

**Sunday 9 May – White  
Easter 6**  
Acts 10.44-end  
John 15.9-17

**Sunday 6 June – Green  
Trinity 1**  
2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1  
Mark 3.20-end

**Sunday 16 May – White  
Easter 7**  
Acts 1.15-17,21-end  
John 17.6-19

**Sunday 23 May – Red  
Pentecost**  
Acts 2.1-21  
John 15.26-27,16.4b-15  
**Sunday 30 May – Gold or**



## THY KINGDOM COME 2021

Please see below dates of additional prayer opportunities across the Benefice as we participate in the global prayer movement from Ascension Day to Pentecost

**Thursday 13th May**

West Overton. Ascension Day. Music, readings and prayers from 6pm to 7pm

**Sunday 16th May**

Winterbourne Monkton. Benefice Service at 9.45am

**Monday 17th May**

Winterbourne Bassett. Private prayers and reflection from 5pm to 6pm

**Tuesday 18th May**

East Kennett. Private prayers and reflection from 2pm to 3pm

**Wednesday 19th May**

Avebury. Celtic communion at 10.30am followed by a break for tea and an hour of prayer.

Fyfield. Private prayers and reflection from 3pm to 4pm.

**Thursday 20th May**

Broad Hinton. Private prayers and reflection from 5pm to 6pm.

**Sunday 23rd May**

West Overton. Pentecost Benefice Service at 9.45am

There will be printed prayer sheets available, and recorded music at some churches - see posters next month for further details.

## **Take away Cream Tea**

**Bank Holiday  
Monday 3rd May**



**Pre order your take away  
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jam and cream £5.00**

**St James Churchyard,  
Avebury  
Collection 1---3pm  
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needed church funds  
Orders to Sandra**

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Tel: 01672 539444**

## **WINTERBOURNE MONKTON SPRING**

A strong team attacked the churchyard for its annual spring clean. Ages ranged from 5 months to over 80 years and in no time at all the edges had been done, the grass mown and the gravestones tidied. Thank you all so much.



Our Easter Day service was delightful and it was wonderful to be back in church having missed last year's service due to COVID.



The church was looking beautiful with the stunning Easter decorations and Easter garden, some shown here. Many thanks to all those talented people.

There was a lovely congregation from across the Benefice and beyond, of all ages, and the Hallam Family choir were a joy to hear. With the fine weather we emerged at the end of the service to sing our last hymn in the churchyard, accompanied by an accordion.



**DIARY NOTE:** We will be holding a charity lunch get-together in Monkton to mark the end of lockdown on **Sat 26 June**, hopefully a tombola and cake stall as well, to raise funds for our church and another charity. Details to follow.



## Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number:  
01672 539200

**Revised Opening Hours**  
10am–4pm every day

### Bank Holiday Opening

We will be open 10am-4pm over the May Bank Holidays as normal.

### Meet the Team



Jane has been a volunteer for about 3 ½ years. She first got involved in the shop when her neighbours, Brian and Helen, suggested that she might enjoy the shop and getting to know people in the village. Jane wanted to volunteer because she genuinely wanted to give something back to our lovely community. Jane says that working in the shop is a great opportunity to meet people.

Her favourite products are flapjacks, Burts beef crisps and Rose lemonade.

During the week, Jane is a district nurse, which has been very busy recently. However, she still finds

time to help in the shop on some Sundays. Jane is also the booking clerk for the Social Centre.

Jane is looking forward to seeing everyone in Avebury very soon once lockdown is over.

### Call and Collect Service

We provide a call and collect service for people who don't want to go into the shop or are unable to go into the shop. Please call us on 01672 539200 to place your order, we will then contact you for payment and have your shopping ready to collect from the door, or we can load it into your car.

### Extension of Free Delivery Service

Avebury Community shop will be providing a FREE delivery service of food and other essentials to anyone in our community who is in self isolation due to the Coronavirus. This is an extension of the service we already provide to the elderly and others in our community who are unable to get to the shop.

Please call 01672 539200 to arrange a delivery. We would prefer payment by card, but can accept cash on delivery if necessary.

Michele Lomas (Chair of Avebury Community Shop)

## AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

The Avebury Social Centre re opened at the earliest possible date on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

This was to enable the Art and Craft Exhibition to go ahead, as it was one of the few activities permitted. According to the current restrictions an Exhibition is permissible while an art class at the time of writing, is not. As the Hall had been closed for some time there were a list of checks and actions to be undertaken such as informing our insurance provider, checking electrics and water/plumbing functions ensuring cleaning was up to date and notices in place; many thanks to all of the committee for their help in doing this. A Committee meeting is due to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April via Zoom and we will be open for the elections on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Judith Farthing  
Secretary

## WINTERBOURNE MONKTON VILLAGE PLANT STALL ...COMING SOON!

Please save your surplus seedlings, divided plants and spare fruit/veg and support the Village Plant Stall which will be opening in

**May** outside the New Inn.



## DONATIONS WILL BE FOR THE TRUSSELL TRUST FOOD BANK AND THE CHURCH



## News from the Tower

As the rules about the safety of bell ringing haven't changed yet, I have been looking back at the old records. The following was in the Team News.

In a note appearing recently, in the Newsletter, on Richard Phelps, who cast the Avebury Tenor bell, the writer said, "It would be interesting to know the circumstances under which Richard Phelps cast this bell for the village of his birth". Some time ago, Miss E. Kemm, whose family had lived at the Manor for the greater part of the last century, came to give a talk to the W.I. about Avebury in Victorian times. Miss Kemm had many early records and she told this story. "John White, vicar of Avebury for 42 years at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, was a very eccentric man. When a parishioner died, he rang bell no. 3, but if it was an important or rich person he rang the tenor. Unfortunately for the old parson, as he lay dying, the tenor became cracked so they had to ring the 3 for him. John White died in 1712. Richard Phelps is known to have visited Avebury from time to time to attend to his properties, it would seem therefore, that a few years after White's death, he had the bell taken to Whitechapel to be recast".

All of Avebury's eight bells were cast at Whitechapel. The old tenor bell is now the clock bell and the chiming bell for funerals etc. Richard Phelps was the Master at Whitechapel from 1700 – 1735. The foundry was the oldest business in the world until June, 2017 when it was sold.

Mary Davidge  
Belfry Correspondent. Tel: 01672 513819



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## AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Headlines from Avebury Parish Council's online meeting on 6 April 2021

**High Street:** Huge thanks to the Paradise family whose members designed, constructed, and installed nine planters outside Manor Farm and for transferring the shrubs and other contents from the old planters – and for doing it over Easter Weekend! Thanks also to residents who have kindly come forward as 'planter custodians' and for generously undertaking to keep the planters in good order.

**Road safety:** We have submitted the petition to reduce the speed limit on the A4361 from 60mph to 40mph between Beckhampton and Avebury and northwards from Avebury. Thanks are due to our shops for helping us to reach 264 signatures – an impressive total, especially given reduced visitor numbers during lockdown – and to all who added theirs. Plans are being laid for the installation of the Speed Indicator Device or SID, which we hope to buy soon with APC funds and to which the Marlborough Area Board has made a 50% contribution.

**Local issues:** BT has confirmed that the telephone box at West Kennett layby is on its list for summer painting. A replacement mirror has been obtained and will be installed at a right-angle turn in Beckhampton. We continue to search for the owner of the concrete steps leading from the Waggon and Horses layby into Beckhampton since we would like to re-install the long-lost handrail.

**The Ridgeway:** Wiltshire Council has recently published its intention to extend the traffic restriction order currently in place for not more than eighteen months from 1 May. This will prohibit access to the relevant section to all motorised vehicles except motorbikes and farm and emergency vehicles. We agreed to join the Friends of the Ridgeway (subscription £15/year).

**Summer Solstice:** Anticipating that Wiltshire Council will provide the usual security arrangements and enforce parking restrictions, APC will manage a car parking scheme, for which arrangements will be announced as soon as possible. Please keep a beady eye on the noticeboards in Beckhampton, Trusloe, and West Kennett and at the community shop.

**National Trust update:** Jan explained that access to the Manor gardens was free of charge to all Avebury residents. She said that she welcomed feedback from the community on the Trust's Easter arrangements. Whilst there would be no camping or special arrangements for Beltane (1-2 May), Trust staff would be on site. The Trust was planning to have at least the usual security presence over the Summer Solstice. We thanked the Trust for scattering woodchip on a section of Kyter's Way to give a safer walking surface.

**Dates of next meetings:** an ordinary meeting on 4 May at 19h30 (online) and our Annual General Meeting on 18 May at 19h30 (probably in the Social Centre). As always, residents wishing to participate in these meetings are most welcome to do so.

*Draft minutes of this meeting may be found on the Avebury Parish Council website.*

# Kennet Valley Parish Council

## Parish Defibrillators

The Parish Council is delighted that the last of 4 defibrillators in Kennet Valley Parish has been installed at St. Nicholas Church, Lower Fyfield.

3 defibrillators, essential for saving lives in our village communities were installed in September 2020 at:

Kennet Valley Hall in the front porch  
West Overton in the GPO telephone box next to the bus shelter  
Lockeridge in the front porch of the Who'da Thought It pub

Location of the 4th defibrillator, destined for Fyfield posed a significant challenge. There was no ideal location in Fyfield: the bus shelter had no electrical supply the other locations kindly offered were too far from the village centre and vital seconds are crucial when a defibrillator is needed to save life in the event of cardiac arrest.

The most appropriate location was identified as the front porch of St Nicholas Church, Fyfield. But this posed its own challenges as the church is a Grade 2\* listed building, of significant architectural merit, charming and serene.

How to preserve that centuries-old charm, yet deliver a critical, life-saving service to the villagers?

Kennet Valley Parish Council collaborated with the Fyfield, West

Overton and East Kennett Parochial Church Council (the PCC) to solve this challenge, sensitively and pragmatically. The PCC has approved the installation in October, but to strict criteria and guidelines, to entirely uphold the character and innate quality of the church.

An application was approved by the Archdeacon of Salisbury on 3rd March and the defibrillator was installed on 30th March out of direct sight, under the existing, restored, reconditioned bench within the porch. This will ensure the church remains the ancient treasure it has always been within our beloved community.

Kennet Valley Parish Council has funded the reconditioning, restoration, repainting and reinforcement of the church benches and is most thankful to Chris Flood for his superb work.

The Defibrillators require a brief daily status check. The Council is currently seeking volunteers to carry out the checks on the newly installed defibrillator at Fyfield, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01672 861262 or email [parishclerk.fyfield@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerk.fyfield@gmail.com) if you are willing to assist.

## Parish Council Elections

These will not take place on 6 May 2021 as the election is uncontested. The number of candidates validly standing is equal to or less than the number of vacant seats and therefore all candidates are duly elected.

## Lockeridge High Street

It is currently necessary for St John's School to use a 70-seat vehicle on the school bus route due to Covid 19 social distancing requirements, this makes it difficult for the bus when turning from Lockeridge High Street into West Overton Road, most notably when cars are parked in the vicinity of the junction. The Parish Council has been informed by the bus company that on 2 occasions during the first week of last term minor damage was caused to the bus when attempting to make the turn. In response we are seeking the assistance of Lockeridge residents, parents of children at St Johns and Kennet Valley School to help alleviate the problem. We would like to politely request no parking on the white line at this location at any time. Kennet Valley School has also been contacted on this matter and they will be reminding parents to depart promptly following the 3.10pm school pick up and a notification has gone out to St Johns from Wiltshire Transport. We do understand how difficult it can be to park in the village, especially during school term time but very much appreciate your cooperation to avoid congestion and possible vehicle damage.

## Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, virtually on Zoom. Please email the Parish Clerk if you would like to join the meeting.

[Parishclerk.fyfield@gmail.com](mailto:Parishclerk.fyfield@gmail.com)

## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library is back - complete with hand sanitiser, a 'one person on board at a time' policy and a box for returned books to be placed in so that they can be quarantined before they are re-issued.

The next visit to our villages will be on

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Lockeridge	Who'd a Thought It	10.45-11.15
West Overton	Peacock	11.25-12.05
Avebury Trusloe	Bungalows	12.15-12.45
Avebury	High Street	1.55-2.25
Avebury	Caravan Park	2.30-3.00
Broad Hinton	Village Hall	3.15-4.00

Please remember to wear a mask.



## CURIOSITY COMPASSION COURAGE

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Voluntary Aided School  
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### Ofsted 'Good school' April 2021

It was lovely to start term 5 in the bright sunshine after everyone had a happy and safe holiday.

#### Curriculum

This term we started our three topic blocks with Science for three weeks. Throughout the school children and staff have been looking at Living Things, Habitats and Humans. There has been much planting going on, walks around the local area and investigations into the human body and bodies of other animals.

Children have been inspired by this topic and the warmer weather at the start of the term certainly helped when we were planting seeds and making cuttings of different plants.

A year 4 child said, "It has been great to find out more about how plants and animals grow and change throughout their lifetimes", with another remarking "I loved dissecting the daffodils and tulips in class to find the different parts of the plant".

Year 1 and Reception started their science blocks by investigating the local area more, going on several walks to West Woods and around Lockeridge. Staff took fantastic pictures of them on these walks, which they were able to share with parents via our Seesaw app. Two Year 1 children shared their thoughts about their walks – "It was good fun and very exciting" and "I liked seeing all the trees in the woods".

As we move into May, we will be having a Modern Foreign Language Block and an Art Block, which all the staff are looking forward to teaching.

#### PE

At the start of Term 5, the whole school returned to the Kennet Valley Hall for PE on a Wednesday. It was fantastic to see the children playing such a wide variety of sports again. Staff also love going again, as it means that they are able to teach all the children across the school on a Wednesday. This has always been one of the things that helps with the 'Family Feel' to our wonderful small school.

Year 5 and 6 were also delighted to start Fencing in term 5. They have a weekly session of 1 and ½ hours of Fencing with a trained coach and are working towards an award of BFA Grade 1. After just one session a year 6 child said "Fencing was good because the coach taught us new moves and positions", while another said "It was great that we got to try the new things we had been taught". The Year 5 children joined in, adding that the fencing sessions were fun and it was "Good to experience this new skill while using all the equipment".

While the Year 5 and 6 children were learning all about fencing, the year 2, 3 and 4 children were have gymnastic sessions with our coach Jeremy from PH Sports. They started off using floor mats but then went on to use more equipment such as boxes and the wall bars. Children commented, "It was really exciting to learn new positions and poses", and "I liked that we were working on creating our own gymnastic sequences".

We have also restarted our after school sports clubs. These were multi-skills for the younger children and cricket for the older children.

#### Playground Update

During the Easter holidays we held a community consultation meeting to show off our plans for our playground refurbishment. We talked to those joining the meeting about the equipment that we are planning to put into the site, once the old play equipment has been taken away. We will also be moving the cars to a more suitable position and adding a pedestrian gateway.

As a school, we started this project several years ago, and it is down to the hard work of our Friends Association and the incredibly kind donations from our parents and community that has allowed us to get to this exciting point. We are hoping that the site will be cleaned and the new equipment will be added in the summer holidays, ready for our return to school in September. I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all that have helped with the project so far.

#### Values

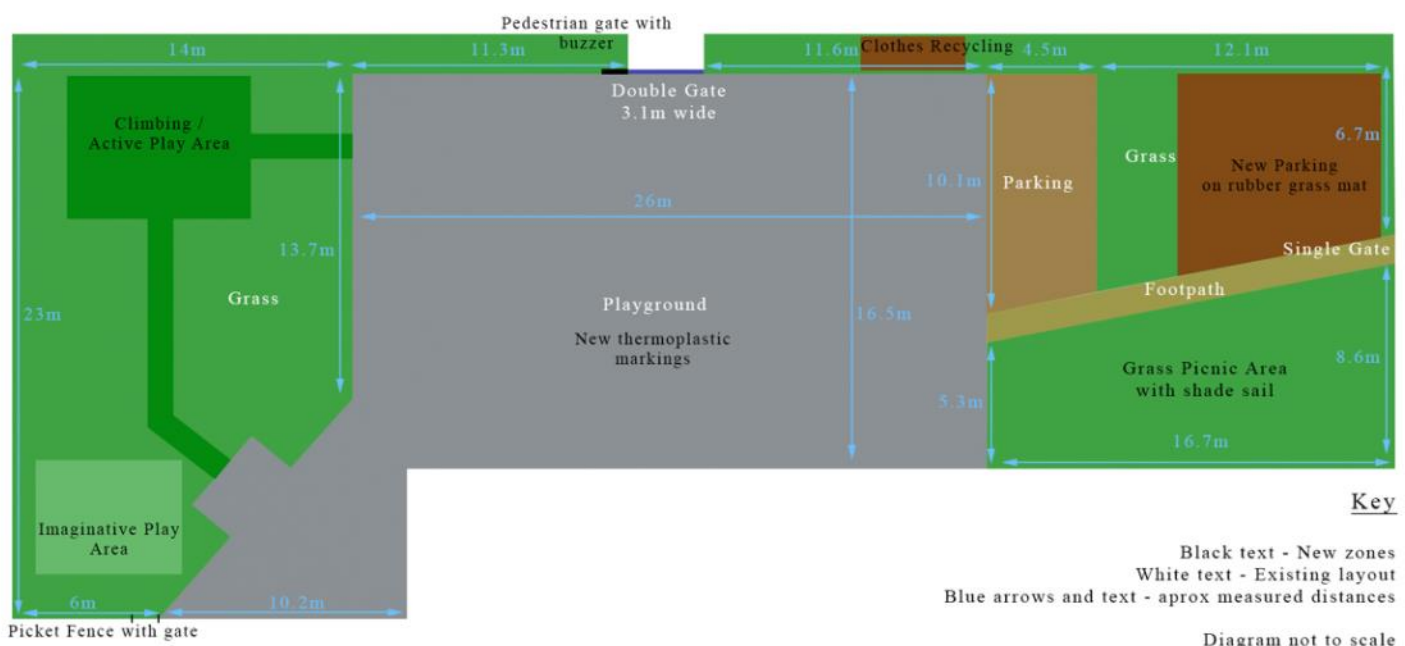
This term we are looking at the value of Thankfulness. The children have been finding out more about this in their Collective worships each day. We are also delighted that Maria has been able to come back into school to lead a collective worship each week – talking with each bubble in turn.

#### School Places

If you are looking for a school place for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school so that we can arrange a time to show you around our lovely little school.

*Emma Russell*

Mrs Emma Russell, Headteacher  
01672 861202





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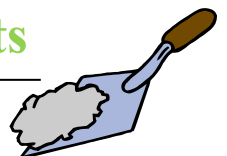
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