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"The child Jesus grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom gaining favour with God and with people." Luke 2:54

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sorry to inform you that Stewart Berry was killed in a tragic accident yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah, Charlotte, Sophie, Mollie and all their family. Knowing the Bishop Wilton community, we know that you will all be there to support the family.

In school today, the children have been informed. Children all have a different understanding of the concept of death depending on their age and stage of development. It may be processed and pass quickly; it may take longer. Sometimes children will need to come back and ask other questions.

It is perfectly OK for them to see that you are upset or cry. This is understandable and part of the grieving process. They might want a little more time or attention from you. They may not seem any different. We will be available for the children to talk to at school if they need to and will deal sensitively with anything that the children bring up in school in an age-appropriate manner.

If you would like some further information about speaking to children about bereavement, then I suggest a charity called Winston's Wish. We have accessed training from them recently. Their website has a wealth of information and support. You can find them at <https://winstonswish.org/>. They also have a support line on 08088 020021 open from 8am to 8pm on weekdays

With every good wish,

Rim Mellonby & all the staff at Bishop Wilton primary school.
Assistant Head

