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To create a nurturing community in which we ignite curious minds, encourage generous hearts and embrace a changing world so our children can live life in all its fullness

## NEWSLETTER NO. 8 2026

The Spring Term is now well under way and classes are full of the buzz of learning. Over the last few weeks, the children have been working hard on their assessments. These will be used to help inform teachers on the children's next steps and any gaps that need to be filled. We will share the outcomes of these assessments with you at the next round of parents' evenings, which are planned for the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

As we have been sharing in our newsletters this year, **attendance is an area of priority.** Before the Christmas break, we awarded Year 2 the class prize for the highest attendance for terms 1 and 2. Below are the current class attendance percentages.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.2%	94.6%	96.2%	94.4%	95.3%	96.3%	96%

95.4% is the overall school attendance, at this point in the year. We are aspiring to raise this further so really appreciate your support in helping children to be in school every day and on time.

Mrs Woollven

### **Nobel Prize Service**

The children were incredibly fortunate last week to find out about the Nobel Prize from Leslie, who was part of a team who won the Peace Prize in 2020 when working for the United Nation's World Food Programme. She told them about the work of the World Food Programme and the importance of 'advocating' for those who are going through difficult times, inspiring the children with a quote from the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Anan.

**"You are never too young to lead and you should never doubt your capacity to triumph where others have not."**

This service linked beautifully with the work being led by our Collective Worship Champions, who have been thinking about Anne Frank's quote, 'How wonderful that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.' The children made the link to their harvest service, where they had organised a collection for the local food bank. They shared that, *"by collecting food for our local food bank, we are showing compassion and standing up for those in our community who are struggling. This is helping to make our world a little better."*



Don't forget!

- 19<sup>th</sup> January – group of Yr5/6 visiting Sidcot School to meet Jacob North, author of children's literature.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Golden Table @ lunch for Aspen's competition winners.
- 30<sup>th</sup> January - Year 6 T@3 and class service.
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February – mental health focus week
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – last day of term for pupils
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – School Closed for INSET.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Children back after half term break

## **PARTNERSHIP FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS (PINS) programme**

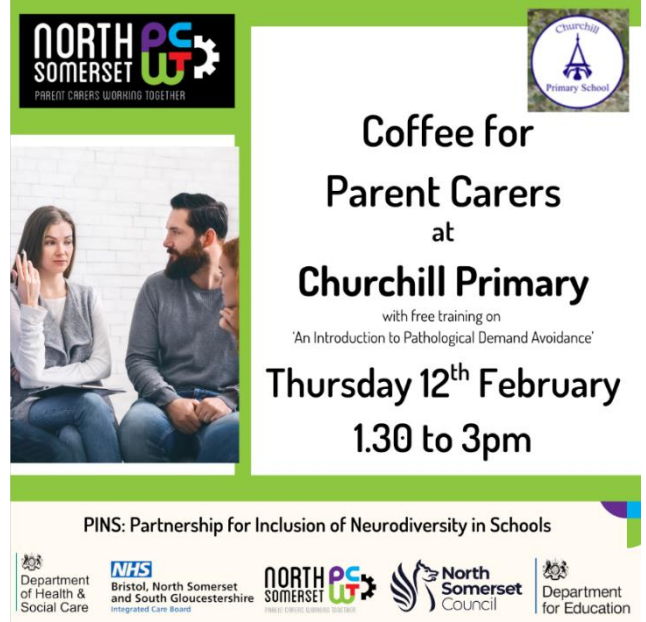
As you may be aware, we have been working with 'North Somerset Parents and Carers Working Together' to learn more about how we can support pupils and families in school. We are really grateful to parents and carers who joined our previous sessions, they have been really useful in helping shape our next steps.

Our next session will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, at 1:30pm and families are most welcome.

I have included below a little more information on the purpose of the meetings.

We are pleased to share that we have been chosen to participate in the PINS programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs in schools. PINS is a national programme which brings together health and education workforces, and expert parent carers to support schools to work closely with families to support their children. At the heart of the programme is a Parent Carer Participation Group. The Participation Group is for all parent carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND); no diagnosis or EHCP is required. They will hold regular meetings to:

- Work co-operatively with the school
- Ensure that parent carers have their voices heard by the school
- Bring parent carers together to share experiences



**North Somerset**  
PARENT CARERS WORKING TOGETHER

**Churchill Primary School**

**Coffee for Parent Carers**  
at  
**Churchill Primary**  
with free training on  
'An Introduction to Pathological Demand Avoidance'

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**1.30 to 3pm**

PINS: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

Department of Health & Social Care | NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire | **North Somerset** | North Somerset Council | Department for Education

## **Make the School Run Work for You and Your Child**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Choosing active and sustainable travel - walking, scooting, cycling, or Park and Stride - is one of the easiest ways to make the school run healthier and happier for everyone.

Benefits for your child:

- Arrives calm, focused, and ready to learn.
- Builds independence and confidence.
- Daily movement supports physical and mental wellbeing.

Benefits for you:

- Less stress at the school gate.
- A chance to fit exercise into your day.
- Helps create a safer, cleaner environment for our whole school community.

If you need to drive, Park and Stride is a great option - just 10 minutes of walking makes a big difference for health and safety, especially in winter. Thank you for helping make our school a safer, healthier place! Miss Pike

## **OFSTED**

As I shared before the Christmas break, in September 2025 Ofsted changed how it reports to parents following an inspection. The new format, known as a report card, was designed with parents and carers in mind. It is intended to give you a clearer picture of what's working well and any next steps for improvement. One of the main changes is that Ofsted will no longer give one overall judgement, such as 'good', 'outstanding' or 'requires improvement'. Instead, the report cards show colour-coded grades for different areas like 'attendance and behaviour', 'achievement', 'personal development and well-being', and 'inclusion' (meaning how well the school or other provider meets the needs of all children). They grade these areas on a new scale: 'exceptional', 'strong standard', 'expected standard', 'needs attention' or 'urgent improvement'. They also tell you whether safeguarding responsibilities are 'met' or 'not met'. It's important to understand that the new grades can't be compared to the old ones: this is a different approach to inspection and a new way of reporting to you. **This 3-minute video** is really helpful in explaining a little more about what families will receive, following an inspection. From next term, we will be in the official window for inspection.

### **PARKING AND BEING NEIGHBOURLY**

We have had some contact with neighbours regarding parking around driveways. Please be mindful of how you park, leaving enough room either side of a driveway for residents to negotiate around safely. A reminder also of Rule 243 of the Highway Code that you must not park opposite or within 10 meters (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.

### **PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING**

We are getting lots of parents searching for lost fleeces and jumpers. With 30 identical jumpers in a class, it is hard to match them to their owners without name labels. Please help us; a lot of time is lost holding up jumpers and trying to find their owners.



### **NO MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL**

A polite reminder to everyone that Churchill Primary School is a mobile free zone. This applies both in school and also the playground. If you need to use your mobile phone whilst you are in school, please come to the school office. We appreciate your support in this matter.



### **WATER ONLY IN DRINKS BOTTLES**

As part of our 'healthy schools' initiative, we ask that pupils only bring water in their water bottles. Squash, flavourings or fizzy drinks are not permitted.



Churchill School Violin Club

Wednesdays 3.15-3.45pm

7th January to 18<sup>th</sup> March

(10 sessions)

Cost: £25



Run by Helen Page (Y3 Violin Project Leader)

Violins provided by Churchill Music

Open to any who have taken part in school violin group lessons and would like to play music games, increase violin skills and create their own music (Maximum 10 places)

To sign up, please email [Helen.Page@wema.org.uk](mailto:Helen.Page@wema.org.uk)

If your child receives free school meals and/or is in receipt of pupil premium, (or there are other hardship reasons) please let us know as financial support can be offered to meet the cost of attending the club

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We receive a lot of posters for local events which we upload to the school website. Included is auditions for Winscombe Youth Theatre's auditions, Planet Pretend, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Churchill events to name but a few.

- Lifeskills
- Wells Cathedral – holiday activities
- Create Sunday
- Churchill & Baby Toddler Group
- We're In! providing spaces with respect, dignity and warmth.
- School Health Nursing Team – various webinars available for parents and carers covering dental health, sleep and emotional wellbeing. [School Health Nursing - CCHP | Community Children's Health Partnership](#)



### FREE NHS app HELPS PARENTS CARE FOR THEIR POORLY CHILD

As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child.

The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of 4 childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies.

The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999. The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or iTunes and for Android phones at Google Play. Alternatively, please use the following QR code:



### SIRONA CARE & HEALTH

The scan code below will take you Sirona Care & Health and lists services for parents with children at different ages. Universal services include services and information available to everyone and specialist services show which provide further support for children and young people.



### School Aged Immunisations



We are commissioned by the NHS to deliver the national school-aged immunisation programmes across Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset

#### We deliver vaccinations including:

- Childhood flu
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Meningococcal ACWY
- Diphtheria, tetanus and polio booster

Please contact us for more information

[Sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:Sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) 0300 124 5515

Visit [nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/](https://nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/) or scan this QR code with your phone to reach a guide to help you understand the vaccines offered and when to have them.



Service provided by  
**Sirona**  
care & health



## Become a Mix Master with our DJ Workshops!

Learn to beat match, loop, and get a crowd into the groove with our DJ workshops in Bath, hosted by Komedia Club. Featuring local DJ Elley Phunk! Starts January 2026, for ages 11-18.

Details & Booking  
[wema.org.uk/DJ-course](http://wema.org.uk/DJ-course)



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**KOMEDIA**



## UNSCRIPTED!

A short creative music course for young people with additional needs or barriers to learning, providing a safe and creative space for young people to explore, discover and create music.

Details & Booking  
[wema.org.uk/unscripted](http://wema.org.uk/unscripted)



A musical treat for the festive season!

## Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

**Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day**  
**Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day**

More Information:  
[wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops](http://wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops)



## Get Into The Groove!

with our new music production courses

In Years 9-13 and love creating music? Whether you've been playing around on GarageBand or dreaming of dropping your own EP, this is your chance to go next level.

Over 10 weeks, expert music production tutors will help you shape your sound, master Logic Pro, and create a great track.

**Next Course: Wednesdays, 6 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)**  
**Final Course: Wednesdays, 22 April - 1 July (May half term off)**

Details and booking at:  
[wema.org.uk/music-production-courses](http://wema.org.uk/music-production-courses)



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 Bath College





# DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit:  
[wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres](http://wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres)



Free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support in North Somerset for all parents & carers.

Whatever you're going through, we're here to help



Connect with our supportive online community



Find practical advice and information



Chat anonymously with a counsellor



Access a range of emotional wellbeing tools



Get support today  
[qwell.io](http://qwell.io)

Churchill & Langford Village Fund  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**Saturday 21st Feb**



Churchill Memorial Hall  
7pm for 7:30pm

Tickets: £7 pp  
Licensed Bar

Teams of up to Eight  
Nibbles provided

All Welcome — Support Your Village

Tickets available from:

[www.thevillagefund.org.uk](http://www.thevillagefund.org.uk)



[www.somersetsoccerschools.com](http://www.somersetsoccerschools.com)

**20 YEARS at Churchill Primary!!!!**  
**End of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday**

**NEW 2025-6 COURSE REC TO YEAR 6**

To celebrate 20 years of Afterschool Soccer courses at the school, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking more enrolments and have frozen prices.

Following the advancement of players through the groups, **WE ARE ESPECIALLY KEEN TO ENROL NEW KS1 PLAYERS** [Years R, 1 and 2], but welcome all ages.

Run by a schoolteacher and coach of 35+ years' experience, the courses are structured and fun. Each eligible player receives a Skills Award trophy upon course completion at the end of Terms 3 & 6!

**Fees are paid termly and children get around 90 minutes tuition, coaching and trophies, for around £6 per week!**

For referrals please PTO. For philosophy, more general information, info about Holiday Camps, contacts and to book your place, please go directly to

[www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school](http://www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school)

Hope to see you soon. *Richard*

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