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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. 9 2026

It is such a delight to look out of the window and see a little sunshine. It really has been a very wet and miserable term, with so many soggy playtimes. We are all hoping that the half term break will bring some drier and sunnier weather, for everyone.

Yesterday, the whole school joined with children from around the country to share a special service supporting our mental health awareness week. This year's focus was 'why feeling included matters'. Katie Hopper, children's author and mental wellbeing advocate, shared one of her stories with the children and then gave everyone time to reflect on how their words and actions can help others feel welcome and supported. This linked beautifully to a service led, earlier in the term, by our collective worship champions. They focused on belonging and inclusion. One of our pupils shared their story of having to move to the UK because of war in Ukraine. He spoke about how he had been made to feel included because, "the children in my class were really kind, they played with me and helped me throughout the year. I really felt included, definitely 100%. If someone was being unkind my friends would help me and make it better."



This afternoon the children are going to be bringing home an activity pack created by Mr Goodhand, our mental health leader, linked to our mental health awareness week. This may be something the


children will enjoy doing over the half term break. Attached to the newsletter, is some information for adults on our Mental Health Support Team and how parents can access this support.


Wishing you all a relaxing half term break.
Mrs Woollven

Support is here for you or/and your child/children

- Scan the QR code.
- Complete the online form to register your interest.
- Mr G will contact you to discuss your concerns.
- A time will be made to meet with your child's class teacher to complete the MHST referral form.
- Once the referral has been accepted by the MHST, you will be contacted to meet with them in school.

Parent MHST Enquiry Form





Don't forget!

- 9th – 13th February – mental health focus week
- 12th February – last day of term for pupils
- 13th February – School Closed for INSET.
- 23rd February – Children back after half term break.
- 3rd March additional transition day for group of Year 6 pupils.
- 6th March Year 4 T@3
- 6th March dress down day for Mather's Day gifts
- 6th March – introduction to football event for a group of pupils
- 9th March – 13th March Year 5 Bikeability
- 10th – 12th March Parents' Evenings
- 11th March Mother's Day shop
- 10th and 12th March Yr4 bikeability
- 13th March Year 5 bikeability
- 17th March – Bishop Michael's online service
- 19th March – Years 3 and 4 visit St Mary's Church for Experience Easter event

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

This week I sent out the latest round of attendance letters, as part of our drive to improve overall school attendance. Through this process, some families have shared that they did not fully appreciate how the Department for Education categorises levels of attendance. I am therefore including a summary chart that may be of help. In order to have attendance that is classified as good or better, it needs to be 96% or higher. Every day does count!

- Attendance below 90% means that a young person is missing a day of learning every fortnight.
- The table below shows the impact of this in days lost over time.
- 90% attendance across a child's time at school equates to a whole school year being missed.

	Attendance %	Sessions Missed	Days Missed	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100% - 99%	0 - 4	0 - 2	0 - 10
Good	98% - 96%	8 - 15	4 - 7.5	20 - 37.5
Requires Improvement	95% - 91%	19 - 34	9.5 - 17	47.5 - 85
Persistently Absent	90% - 86%	38 - 54	19 - 27	95 - 135
Critical	85% - 50%	57 - 190	28.5 - 95	142 - 475
Severe	Below 50%			

Class Attendance

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
8.1.2026	95.2%	94.5%	96.2%	94.4%	95.3%	96.3%	96%
11.2.2026	95.2%	94.5%	96.2%	94.8%	95.7%	95.9%	96%

95.5% is the overall school attendance, at this point in the year. This is 0.1% higher than at the start of term 3. Year 3 and Year 4 have made the most progress this term. Thank you to all families who are supporting our goal to raise attendance.

CELEBRATING OUR PUPILS' SUCCESS

It is lovely to have an opportunity to celebrate pupils' experiences and achievements out of school. This time, we have three.

A member of our Year 5 class and his North Somerset U10s team travelled to St George's park, the home of English football on the 17th January to play in the National Finals of the Junior Premier League. This was having won the regional finals, the south west finals and finally become South of England Champions!

There were four teams in the National Finals and they narrowly missed out to

deserved winners in a nail-biting final game. They were obviously disappointed but coming 2nd in the country is an amazing achievement for a brilliant bunch of lads. It was an incredible experience for all of the team.



Another member of our Year 5 class had the fantastic opportunity to be the mascot for his favourite team, Arsenal. He was interviewed in front of the whole stadium and then joined the players on the pitch for the warm up, finally leading the captain out onto the pitch at the start of the game. Despite the freezing rain, he said it was the most fantastic experience.

We are really proud of one of our Year 6 class, who demonstrated their amazing talent on track and the world stage, when he competed in the FAT Karting League World Finals, in California. He had 5 race wins out of 6, and also achieved the fastest lap title. Motorsport has many factors outside of the drivers control and unfortunately mechanical issues, in one race, cost the pupil the overall World Championship title. However, he demonstrated resilience and maturity and went on to win multiple races, highlighting his passion and talent in the sport. His parents shared that his 'performance on track was faultless.' We look forward to hearing more about his driving achievements in the future. Cadet Vice World Champion 2025 🏆



CERTIFICATES

Well done to all the children who have received class certificates over the last few months:

Reception: Carter/Albiarnna/Jack B/Ivy/Charlotte/Toby
P/Renee/Maisie/Mia/Rosie/Molly/Jace

Reception Super Readers: Toby W/Elsie/Freya/Tom K/Carter-Dean/Edvinas/Brooke/Jack B/
Albie/Aylani/Jack R

Year 1: Otis/Ella/Alice/Ollie/Enso/Ava/Nel/Rosie

Year 2: Ruby/ElsieF/Florence/Teddy HB/Hallie/Arthur/Jasmine/Milo/Martha/Teddy

Year 2 Super Readers: Reuen/Isla/Juliette/Harry/James/Alfie/Jessica-Lilly/Alistair/Jacob/BillyDean

Year 2 Super Spellers: Skylaa/Marcelo/Riley/Eden/Fletcher/Elsie V

Year 3: Tilly/Daisy/Morgan/Lara/Olivia/Logan/Neve/Archie/IsabelleSm/Sophia

Year 3 Super Readers: Samuel/Megan G/IsabelleSi/William/Sophia

Year 4: ArloB/Riley/Mia/Pippa/Jacob/Bella/Ivana/ArloA/Rae/Madeo/Jaxon/Chloe/Romaiyah

Year 4 Super Readers: Tymur/Riley/Wilfred/Mia/Haiden/Mateo/Chloe/Zubair/Harry

Year 5: Megan/Mea/Jack/Oliver/Sophie /Sonny/Elliot/Charlie/Finley/Ted/William

Year 5 Super Readers: Marnie/Esme/Ralph/Beatrix/Bethany/Roman/Jack/Alfie/Beatrix/Tia/Mea

Year 6: Issy/Immy/Ava/Sophia/Hugo/Phoebe/IslaS/Sinead

Year 6 Super Readers: IslaB/Riley/Martha/Jess/Ashton/GeorgeF/Ruben/Alivia/Amelia/Myla

Citizens Cup: Frida/Tymur/Pippa/Bella/Romaiyah/ Harry

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 12th 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


**Coffee for
Parent Carers
at
Churchill Primary**


with free training on
'An Introduction to Pathological Demand Avoidance'


**Thursday 12th February
1.30 to 3pm**





PINS: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools











SPORTS MASTERS COACHING – HOLIDAY CLUB

<https://bookwhen.com/smc-churchill-holiday-club>



February Half Term
Holiday Club at

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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 18th 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

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 0300 124 5515

Visit 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.



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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



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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



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



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



In partnership with
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



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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





Cycling Sessions For Young People



We have availability on Saturdays for FREE 1:1 Cycle lessons for young people.

These sessions are perfect for young people needing an extra bit of support to develop their cycling skills

These 30 minute sessions take full advantage of our fantastic range of bikes, trikes & adaptive bikes to introduce cycle skills & develop further confidence.

Email strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com for more information

February childrens half term workshops

all workshops
£20
£5 to stay over
lunch

Tues 17 Feb

Chinese NY abstract horses 9.30-12pm
Mardi Gras festival masks 1-3.30pm

Wed 18 Feb

Lunar lanterns 9.30-12pm
Pop art hearts 1-3.30pm

Thurs 19 Feb

Mixed media woven hearts 9.30-12pm
Foam and block printing 1-3.30pm

Suitable for 6yrs to teens

Venue: Farmlink, lower stock Farm. Wrington.

To book: contact Jo Sinclair 07905 289721
craftysewandsojo@gmail.com

YATTON LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



FEB 2026

WHATS ON?

CRAFT WORKSHOP

MARVELLOUS MAKERS IS BACK.

The half term and holiday craft sessions will now be in the mornings. This half terms workshop is 17th February.

10:00 - 11:00am

20 places, so first come first served



COSTUME SWAP

As World Book Day is in March we thought it would be useful to hold a costume swap event before the day. Please see other leaflet to see how it works but if you have any costumes you wish to donate or swap we would be most grateful if you could get involved.

17th February 11:00-12noon



CODING CLUB



The next Coding Club being hosted at the library is:

MINECRAFT CLUB - 31st January 2026

10:00 - 12:30pm

Website: www.codingbug.co.uk

Booking necessary

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk

Phone: 07909 226520



GO ALL IN



2026 is the National Year of Reading, so keep a look out throughout this year for our 'GO ALL IN' displays and focus subjects in the library.



'If you're into it, read into it'



Ongoing Clubs



Lego Club - Saturdays
10:00 - 12:00

Drawing Club - Tuesdays
3:15 - 4:30pm
(term time only)





www.somersetsoccerschools.com

20 YEARS at Churchill Primary!!!!

End of school until 4.45pm each Thursday

NEW 2025-6 COURSE RECEPTION 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

Hope to see you soon. *Richard*

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