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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. 10 2026

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a relaxing half term break. We are very much hoping for a drier term so that we can all get out to enjoy the wonderful playground and equipment we are so lucky to have.

This term we have lots of exciting events to look forward to. This includes World Book Day, Cathy Faulkner (published author) visiting KS2 pupils, Mother's Day shop and Year 4 T@3, to name just a few.

Later today (at 5pm), the parents' evening booking system will go live. From previous experience we have learnt two top tips:

1. Booking via a laptop works more effectively than a mobile phone (the confirm button can be obscured).
2. Remember, once your slot is selected, this needs to be confirmed. Reserving a slot does not mean it is booked.

If you have any questions re booking a parents' evening meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Mrs Woollven

### THANKING OUR SUPER SCHOOL GOVERNORS

LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

# Thank You

for your guidance, support and commitment, that helps our schools to flourish!

As we begin this new term, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our fantastic Governing Body. Led by our dedicated Chair of Governors, Sally Furniss, the team works tirelessly behind the scenes to support and challenge school leadership, ensuring our school continues to grow and thrive.

We are incredibly grateful to every governor for the time, care and expertise they give so generously. Their guidance and commitment make a real difference to the education and wellbeing of our children.

A huge thank you to our Governing Body for all you do to help our school and pupils flourish.

More information about our Governors and the work of the Governing Body can be found on our [school website](#).

## Don't forget!

- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Children back after half term break.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March additional transition day for group of Year 6 pupils.
- 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day – opportunity to dress like your favourite book character
- 6<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 T@3
- 6<sup>th</sup> March dress down day for Mather's Day gifts
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – introduction to football event for a group of pupils
- 9<sup>th</sup> March – 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 Bikeability
- 9<sup>th</sup> March- Cathy Faulkner author will be visiting KS2 to share her second book
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Evenings
- 10<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day shop – children to bring in £1 to buy a gift
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March Yr4 bikeability
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 bikeability
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Big Walk and Wheel event – see further information.
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – Bishop Michael's online service
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Years 3 and 4 visit St Mary's Church for Experience Easter event

## **THE BIG WALK AND WHEEL EVENT 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

This year we are participating in the 'Big Walk and Wheel' (the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge), to help inspire pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in our neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit our world.

On Wednesday, Miss Pike will be sharing the challenge with the children in our collective worship service. The aim is to get as many pupils as possible walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school. This still counts if you have to drive part of the way, park in one of our partner carparks (to be confirmed next week) and walk, wheel, scoot or cycle the remaining distance to school.

Last year 644,384 pupils participated, with just over 2.8 million active journeys were logged. That means just over 2,880 tonnes of CO2 and just over 4,550kg of Nitrogen Oxide car emissions were avoided. Please help our school make a difference, by taking part in this challenge.



## **CATHY FAULKNER - AUTHOR VISIT – 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, local award-winning children's author, Cathy Faulkner, will be visiting our school to speak to the children about being a writer and her historical novels, *Digging for Victory* and *The Treasure Seekers*, both published by Firefly Press. Cathy will be known to some of our families as she taught at Churchill Primary School from 2015 to 2020.

The *Treasure Seekers* is set in Yorkshire in 1918 and *Digging for Victory* is set in Devon, during the second world war. Both are accessible and exciting verse novels suitable for pupils in KS2. For further information about the books, please visit [www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk](http://www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk).

Signed copies of both books will be available to buy on the day. The *Treasure Seekers* costs £8.99 and *Digging for Victory* costs £7.99. Both books can be bought together for £15.00. For every ten books sold, Cathy will donate one to our school library.

If you would like your child to be able to buy one or both of the books, they will need to bring the money to their class teacher on or before the 9<sup>th</sup> March (in a named envelope). We will have some 1p coins for change on the day.

## **THE BEACON - LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP (LSP's) PARENTS / CARERS BULLETIN**

As you may be aware, our school is part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP), a Trust of 34 schools in the local area. The LSP has a parent/carer newsletter, called *The Beacon*, which is for anyone with children within a LSP school. Please [click here](#) to read the latest version of this newsletter which includes lots of exciting news and updates from across the trust. We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting things that have been happening across LSP.



**Author visit**  
**Monday 9th March**

**To celebrate the launch of her new book, Cathy Faulkner will be visiting our school.**



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Both books £15.00  
[www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk](http://www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk)

### **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.

## 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.



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# 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



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Access a range of emotional wellbeing tools



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



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

Hope to see you soon. *Richard*

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## 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](mailto:strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com) for more information