



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. 16

The end of the school year is in sight but there is still lots to look forward to, before we break up for the summer. On Wednesday, Year 2 are off to the SS Great Britain, Year 6 have their final school production (as well as their final 2 day residential) and we have the much loved 'Churchill's Got Talent', next week. Not to mention Leavers' services and end of year sports activities.



These activities will top off a special few weeks, where there has been so much to enjoy and celebrate. After the success of sports day (some photograph highlights below), on Friday the whole school took part in a day of celebrations all linked to the 200th anniversary of Churchill Church of England Primary School. It was so lovely to see the children working together, in groups from Year 6 to Year R, helping each other and having a fun filled day. Thank you to families who were able to come and join us at the end of the day, it was lovely to be able to share what the children had been learning.

Below is a picture of the completed mural, kindly gifted to the school by Ms Ford. Matt has worked so incredibly hard, in extreme heat, to finish this beautiful mural, celebrating the 200 years of our school.



In my last newsletter of the year, I will be sharing the outcome from our recent SIAMS inspection and also celebrating the pupils who are moving on at the end of this academic year. Mrs Woollven



HAPPY MIND – SAFE ONLINE

Last week, the children took part in our whole school 'Happy Mind, Safe Online' assembly, where we explored how staying safe online is not just about protecting our personal information but also about looking after our feelings and mental wellbeing.

We talked about how the internet is a fantastic place for learning, creativity and fun, while recognising that the things we see and do online can sometimes affect how we feel. Together, we discussed the importance of using privacy settings, choosing games, apps and websites that are suitable for our age, being kind to others online and knowing when it is time to take a break from our screens.

One of our key messages was that our brains are amazing and deserve to be looked after. Children were encouraged to enjoy a healthy balance between technology, spending time outdoors, reading, playing, getting plenty of sleep and being with family and friends.

Finally, we reminded everyone that if something online ever makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable, they should always speak to a trusted adult. Whether this is a parent, carer, family member or someone at school, asking for help is always the right thing to do.

Why not continue the conversation at home by asking your child what they learnt during the assembly and discussing how your family can work together to enjoy technology safely and positively.

ECO CHAMPIONS

Our Eco Champions have been working hard this year to find ways to increase the biodiversity of our school grounds.

Their latest project has been to work with Keith, our site supervisor, to add bird boxes, a squirrel box, bug hotel and bee hotel – chosen by themselves - to our new forest school area. One of the children was so inspired to make a difference, she built and painted her own bird box to bring into school – which has taken pride of place.



CERTIFICATES

Well done to all the children who have received class certificates recently:-

Reception: Carter-Dean / Tom

Year 1: Whole Class / Edie

Year 2: Riley Hall / Marcello & Harry G

Year 3: Zachary / Skyla-Rose

Year 4: JJ / Frankie

Year 5: Edward & Zofia / Zack & Bethany

Year 6: Riley / Vinny

Readers: Leon, Romilly, Elliot, Esme G, Ruby, Neve / Sophie (Y1), Nancie, Ivana, Sophie, Finley

Nessy: Edward & Bethany

Citizens Cup: Daisy / Sophia (Y6)

House Points: **Dolebury** 471 **Lyncombe** 345 **Mendip** 665 **Windmill** 439

NATIONAL SURVEY

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England is completing a vital national survey, The Big Future. With the summer holidays fast approaching, she is making one final push to ensure that children and young people in every school and college take part before the end of term. She is asking for your support in ensuring pupils from our school complete the survey here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.



It is crucial that she hears from as many children as possible in every school and college, in every community, across the country.

FOOTBALL FREESTYLE WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all of the families who so kindly sponsored the children in our annual sporting extravaganza. The children had a fantastic day, learning from Jamie Knight as he dazzled us with his freestyling skills. The children also had the chance to have a go at other sports that they don't usually have chance to play, including drumba, golf (shout out to Morgan for achieving the first hole in one of the day) and yoga. We raised an incredible £3378.00. This money is so helpful to the school. We have already used some to buy new footballs and nets for the field. A large proportion of this money will also go towards our project to upgrade the much-loved trim trail and matting on the playground. This is a very costly project so we are saving hard and really appreciate this support in working towards our target.





GIRLS' FOOTBALL

A selection of Year 4 and 5 girls played 6 matches against other schools, in the World Cup themed tournament. Showing great teamwork and tenacity, they managed to win all 6 matches, while conceding just 1 goal throughout. The trophy and gold medals capped off a very successful year, both through the achievements of the school, in the classroom and on the sporting field. Well done to all! Mr Davis

YEAR 1 RAISING MONEY FOR THE RSPCA

Over the past few months, a Year 1 pupil has been raising money by baking and selling cupcakes after school. With the support of the RSPCA, she recently organised a fundraising event outside the local RSPCA charity shop. On 20th June, she and her friends welcomed visitors, promoted the fundraiser and raised an amazing £150 in one day, bringing her total fundraising (so far) to £400. Her current target is £500, although she hopes to continue supporting animal welfare long after reaching that goal. We were incredibly proud to see the children show such wonderful teamwork, confidence and community spirit throughout the event. Our Year 1 pupil said "I wanted to help animals and I was really happy that so many people came to support us. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped, and to my friends who helped me on the day."



SPORTING SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



Last week, one of our Year 3 pupils took part in his club championship at Mendip Spring Golf Club, in the junior section for 7-13 year olds, and incredibly won the championship!

He played exceptionally well, in windy conditions, scoring on each hole for Stableford points, achieving 23 points, winning the championship by 1 point. As the youngest player taking part, it really is an incredible achievement for him. He wrote a speech which he delivered in front of an audience of adults, who were quite amazed by his achievement and professionalism. Photos of our pupil with Tom Dimond, Junior Captain, and with 'Woody' who won the junior 14-17 year olds.

The Department of Health and Social Care - survey



Department
of Health &
Social Care

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) are asking parents to carry out a short survey regarding the national child health and measurement programme. The survey hopes to make future data collections more efficient and transform how they communicate with parents about their child's growth. Please follow the link to participate in the survey.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mcBMHJgh5U-](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mcBMHJgh5U-dhxQoWaNpHpnn_1V8EuJKgYyk70sZgXhUOExZVUxVRFJTWjRXRUk3QVVSRTThBMINPTS4u)

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CHESS CLUB

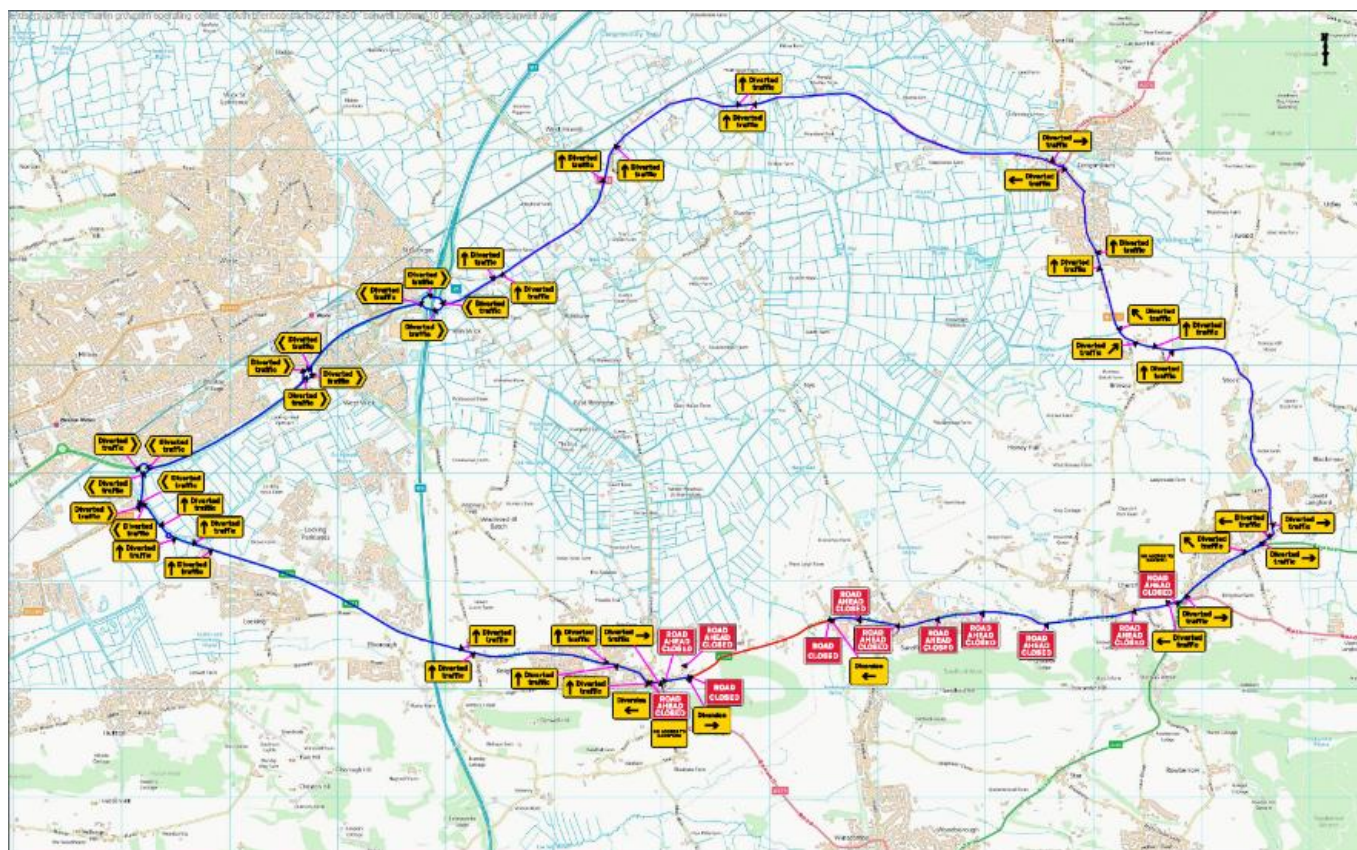
One of our pupils in Year 5 is very keen to set up a chess club, in the new school year. If anyone has any unused chess sets, that they would be happy to donate to the school, we would be very grateful. Any donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for your support.



ROAD CLOSURE – EAST STREET, BANWELL

East Street in Banwell will be fully closed 27 July- 29 August 2026 to enable completion of essential construction work on the new Banwell Bypass and Southern Link Road. A diversion route will be in place, see below.

When East Street reopens further works will be undertaken using two-way traffic light during September and October. When the Banwell Bypass opens it will remove the notorious traffic pinch point from Banwell, improving traffic flows and road capacity throughout the local area.



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.



Service provided by
Sirona
care & health

Open Evening 2026

Wednesday 30th September 2026
5pm - 8pm

Scan the QR code or visit the
website address below for event
details and ticket booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churchill-academy-sixth-form-open-evening-2026-tickets-1992051867761>



Open Evening - Wednesday 30th September

We invite you to our Open Evening, where you can tour the site, hear from the Headteacher, speak to staff members about our curriculum and the transition from primary school to the Academy.

For event details and ticket booking, follow the link below or scan the QR code on the reverse:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churchill-academy-sixth-form-open-evening-2026-tickets-1992051867761>



Open Mornings

We are also holding Open Mornings on Tuesday 6th October and Wednesday 7th October from 9am-12pm for anyone who would like to see how the Academy operates during a normal school day. For details about the Open Morning and to book tickets, scan the QR code below or visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churchill-academy-sixth-form-open-mornings-6th-7th-october-tickets-1992202006831>



Churchill School Violin Club

Wednesdays 3.15-3.45pm

16th Sept to 25th Nov 2026

(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



www.somersetsockerschools.com

20 YEARS at Churchill Primary!!!!

3.25 to 4.50 pm each Thursday REC TO YEAR 6

NEW COURSE STARTING Thursday 17 September 2026

To celebrate 20 years of Afterschool Soccer courses at the school, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking new 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.somersetsockerschools.com/after-school

Hope to see you soon. Richard

www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchoolswithRichardBourton

www.somersetsockerschools.com



NEW COURSE DATES

MEN GET COOKING!

CHURCHILL METHODIST BS25 5NG

Cookery Course :

1. For beginners & all abilities
2. Build skills over 6 weeks
3. Experienced tutor
4. Handbook provided
5. Choice of recipes
6. Bring own ingredients
7. Cook then eat at home
9. Cost £46



WEDNESDAY MORNINGS STARTS 8 or 15 JULY



Churchill Methodist Church
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com

Summer Holiday Creative Workshops

27,28 & 29 July

9:00am-3.00pm
 (stay and play until 4pm - £6 extra)
 £39 per day including materials
 Suitable for 6-14 yr olds
 Lower Stock Farm Writington



Contact: Jo Sinclair
E. craftysewandsojo@gmail.com
M. 07905 289721



Codingbug

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CODERS & MAKERS

Robotics Club for children

At our Robotics Club, children design and program robots through hands-on activities that combine coding and artificial intelligence. Using sensors, cameras, voice control and AI-powered vision, they learn how robots 'see', 'hear', and respond to the world around them while also building their problem-solving, creativity and teamwork skills.

Children will:

- ✓ design, build and program robots
- ✓ use sensors, cameras and AI-powered vision
- ✓ program robots to respond to voice commands
- ✓ code, problem-solve and debug
- ✓ develop creativity and build confidence

WHERE

Yatton library
 48 High Street,
 Yatton,
 BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Mondays
 3:45pm - 4:45pm

FOR AGES

Children aged 8-12 years
 For curious beginners and
 those up for a fun challenge

HOW TO JOIN

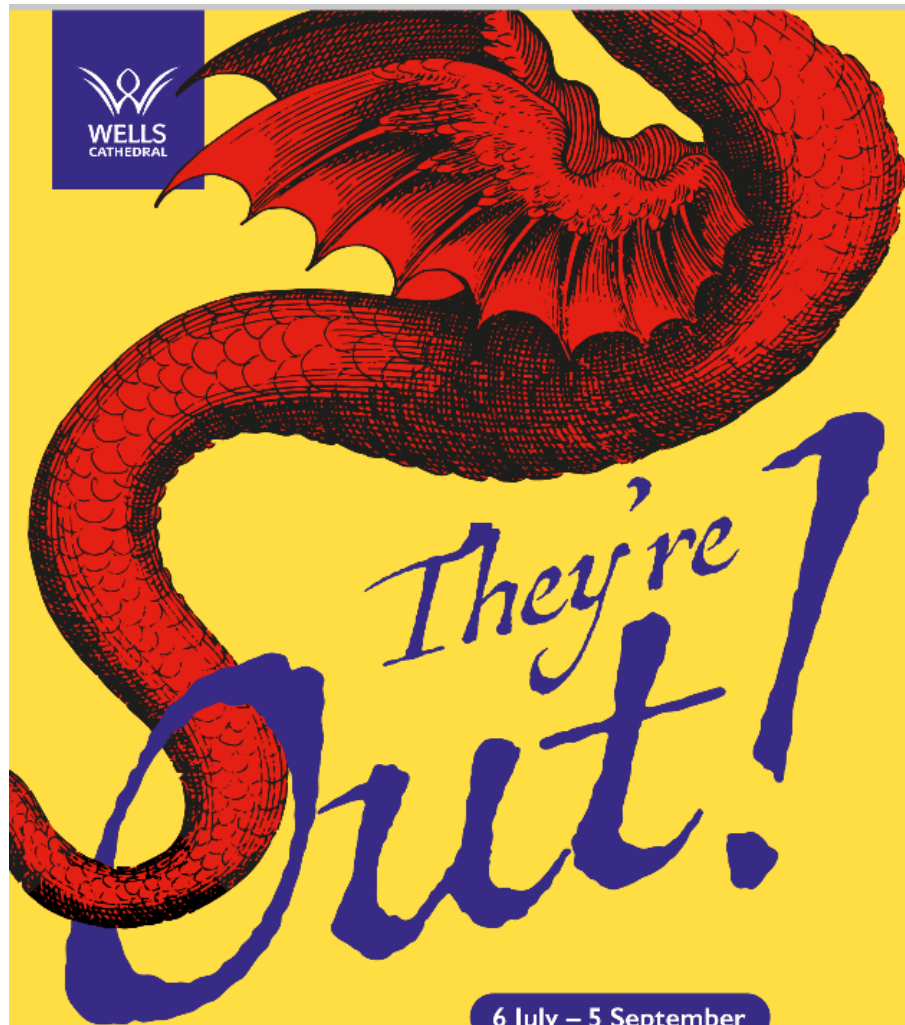
Scan the QR code to join
 and book a spot.
 Limited spaces available!

codingbug.co.uk/robotics-club/



codingbug.co.uk

info@codingbug.co.uk



They're
Out!

*Mythical
Creatures*
WELLS CATHEDRAL

6 July – 5 September

Mythical creatures have escaped from the books in Wells Cathedral's medieval library – and they need your help!



Fly over to:
wellscathedral.org.uk/creatures

Wells Cathedral is a Registered Charity, No. 1207269

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY at Wells Cathedral



SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong

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<https://wells.cathedral.school>

For more details, and to book your place, please contact: musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk

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