



NEWSLETTER NO. 17 22nd July 2026

Today is the last day of the school year, bringing to a close a memorable and hugely successful year for Churchill CE Primary School. It has been a real privilege to have been able to lead the school through its 200th anniversary

and to have received such positive feedback from the Nurture UK, Ofsted and SIAMS (church school) inspections. I am delighted to be able to share with you the report from the final of those inspections, our SIAMS church school inspection. It is attached to this email and also available on our school website. This is the third significant inspection we have had this year, and it further emphasises the strengths of our school and why it is regarded as a very special place. SIAMS highlighted:

- **Churchill Primary School is joyful, welcoming and nurturing, with strong partnerships among staff, pupils and families.**
- **Churchill School's actions demonstrate a lived commitment to supporting pupils, adults and families during difficult times.**
- **The vision and values of love, hope and respect are deeply embedded throughout school life and shape relationships, decision-making and school culture**
- **The school was praised as a nurturing and inclusive community where relationships are strong, respectful and rooted in love.**

Earlier in the year, Ofsted recognised that pupils at Churchill 'achieve well' and are 'well prepared for the next stage of their education'. We are immensely proud of all they have accomplished this year. Through their hard work, determination and positive attitudes, our pupils acquire the knowledge, skills and character to flourish in their future learning.

One of the ways a school's success is measured is in how pupils achieve in external assessments. The results of our phonics screening (PSC), multiplication tables check (MTC) and Year 6 SATs results, were shared with parents and carers in their annual school reports, last week. We are once again extremely proud of what our young people have achieved, with the percentage of children achieving the expected standard in the MTC and in reading, writing and maths combined (at age related expectation) being higher than both the national and Lighthouse School's Partnership averages. If you would like to learn more about our results, please click on this [link](#) to access our results page on the school website

Before we pause and take time to reflect on all that has been achieved, we are focusing our attention on the final celebration service of the year, where we wish our super Year 6 pupils a fond farewell and good luck for the future.

Yesterday, we celebrated the kindness, commitment and care of two very special members of the school team, Miss Woodfine and Ms Ford, who are both leaving at the end of this school year. We wish them both the very best in their future adventures, they will be deeply missed.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families, pupils, Governors, school team and members of the PTA for your continued support this year. I would like to express a very special thanks to the super team of colleagues who make Churchill CE Primary School a very special place to learn and work. They all work incredibly hard and are absolutely committed to help every child to be the very best they can be. It would be impossible to offer the high quality of education and care that we provide our children, without their expertise and dedication. I hope everyone is able to have a well-deserved break and I look forward to welcoming families, old and new, back on Monday 7th September.

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HUGE THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL PTA

This year, once again, our PTA team have worked incredibly hard to plan and lead special events for pupils and families. They are a really small team who give a huge amount of time, energy and support to the school community. We are extremely grateful for all they do for the school and for the money they have raised over the year to support. We recognise that they could not do this without your support as families and friends of the school and we really do appreciate all you have donated this year. As a result of your financial support, we have been able to buy equipment and pay for experiences we would otherwise not be able to offer. These have included:

- Visualisers for each classroom (these are a tool that allows teachers to share and celebrate pupils' work on the large screen. I see them used in all of the lessons and their use is often commended by our school improvement partner)
- A new shed to store and organise all of the Reception class resources
- Our new PA system for the school hall
- New laptops to ensure there will be enough for children to use in their learning
- Equipment to set up our new forest school area
- Money towards the future replacement of the trim trail and matting.

The PTA are also donating a commemorative mug to each child in the school, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of our school. These will be coming home today so please look out for them in your child's bag.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

Last week, our Year 6 class raised the roof of the school hall with their performances of their production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. They received wonderful applause from the audience, after fantastic performances enjoyed by everyone, no more so than the children themselves. Another very proud moment for the children, team and families of our Year 6 leavers.



LSP NEWSLETTER – THE BEACON

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/carers 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.

Looking ahead to next year

2026-27 TERM DATES

Term 1 - 3rd September 2026 to 23rd October 2026
Term 2 - 2nd November 2026 to 18th December 2026
Term 3 - 4th January 2027 to 12th February 2027
Term 4 - 22nd February 2027 to 25th March 2027
Term 5 - 12th April 2027 to 28th May 2027
Term 6 - 7th June 2027 to 23rd July 2027

Churchill Primary School inset days: -

Thursday 3rd September 2026
Friday 4th September 2026
Friday 20th November 2026
Friday 15th January 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027 (Trust Training Day)
Monday 7th June 2027

YEAR 6 SATs WEEK 2027

Statutory KS2 SATs for Year 6 in England will take place from

Monday 10 May to Thursday 13 May 2027.

As we plan ahead for next year, we would like to remind families that we expect all Year 6 pupils to attend school throughout the assessment period unless there are exceptional circumstances. At Churchill, SATs are not simply tests. They are an opportunity for children to showcase all that they have learned and achieved during their primary years. Our pupils work incredibly hard, and SATs Week is a chance to celebrate their successes and demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed.

Children are exceptionally well supported throughout the process, and the atmosphere in Year 6 is always one of teamwork, encouragement and confidence. We want pupils to feel proud of what they know and excited to show it.

SATs outcomes also play an important role in the transition to secondary school. They form part of the information shared with receiving schools and underpin many of the discussions that help ensure pupils are well supported as they move into Year 7.

Attendance during SATs Week is an expectation across Lighthouse Schools Partnership and is fully supported by our Governing Board. By sharing the dates early, we hope families can avoid diary clashes and help ensure every child has the opportunity to shine. Thank you for your support in helping our pupils finish their primary years with confidence and pride.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As many of you will be looking to renew uniform ahead of the new school year, I would like to remind everyone of the uniform expectations. Uniform can be ordered from the school office or you can select from our large stock of high quality pre-loved items. For the order form and further information on uniform, please see our [school website](#).

In summary

- white or blue shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Grey/black plain full-length tailored trousers, shorts or skirts
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- Plain black flat polishable shoes are the only acceptable shoes for school. Shoes should enclose and protect toes and heels. **No trainers or boots.**
- a blue/white or yellow/white dress in the warmer weather

All items of school uniform should be labelled – you will be surprised what children can lose!

Pre-loved School Uniform

We hold a significant stock of high-quality pre-loved uniform that can be acquired from the school office. We also hold regular uniform sales, on the playground at the end of the school day, where uniform can be acquired. If you have any questions about accessing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office team.

Don't forget:

- 7th September (Monday) – school year starts
 - 7th September – home visits for new Reception pupils
- We look forward to welcoming you all back from a new school year.**

We also offer a fleece, with the school logo, as an option to be worn over a school jumper or cardigan. These can require a special order and are not always kept in our general school uniform stock.



PE KIT:

Each pupil needs a named PE bag containing a shirt, shorts and plimsolls (daps). Trainers are recommended for field sports (Key stage 2). Football boots (or trainers) may be advised for certain activities.

School year starts, for years 1 – 6, on Monday 7th September

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7th September. New Reception pupils will be joining us on Wednesday 9th September, following their home visits.

As a reminder:

- For pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 **school starts at 8:40am**. The gates will be opened at 8:30am and pupils are **expected to be in class for 8:40am**. Arrival after 8:45am is marked as late.
- For pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 **school starts at 8:50am**. Classroom doors will be opened from 8:45am and pupils are **expected to be in class for 8:50am**. Arrival after 8:55am is marked as late.

Please note, the school gates will be **locked for 8:55am** and any pupils arriving after this time will need to come to the main front school entrance. If your child arrives after the register closes (9:10am for KS2 and 9:20am for KS1), they will be marked **as absent for the morning session**. This is in line with the LSP Attendance Policy and Department for Education guidance and will count against their overall attendance.

Scooters and bikes can be ridden (wearing a helmet is essential) to and from school, but we ask that they are not ridden or used on the school site. There is a bike/scooter shed by the Larch Close entrance.

Children in Years R to 4 will need to be collected from the **classroom door by an adult**. A permission form for parents and carers of pupils joining Years 5 and 6, has already been sent home. If you have not already completed a form for next academic year, please request one from the class teacher or school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Don't forget to order your school photos!



Order before **Monday 3rd August** to view discount options.



Every order helps the school with commission from photo sales.

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](#)



<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/supplier/sports-masters-coaching-75d025e7-2456-4d23-8add-6da52e38e7a4>



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>



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www.churchill-academy.org

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.somersetsoccerschools.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.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school

Hope to see you soon. Richard

www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchoolswithRichardBourton

www.somersetsoccerschools.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 Wroughton



Contact: Jo Sinclair

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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.

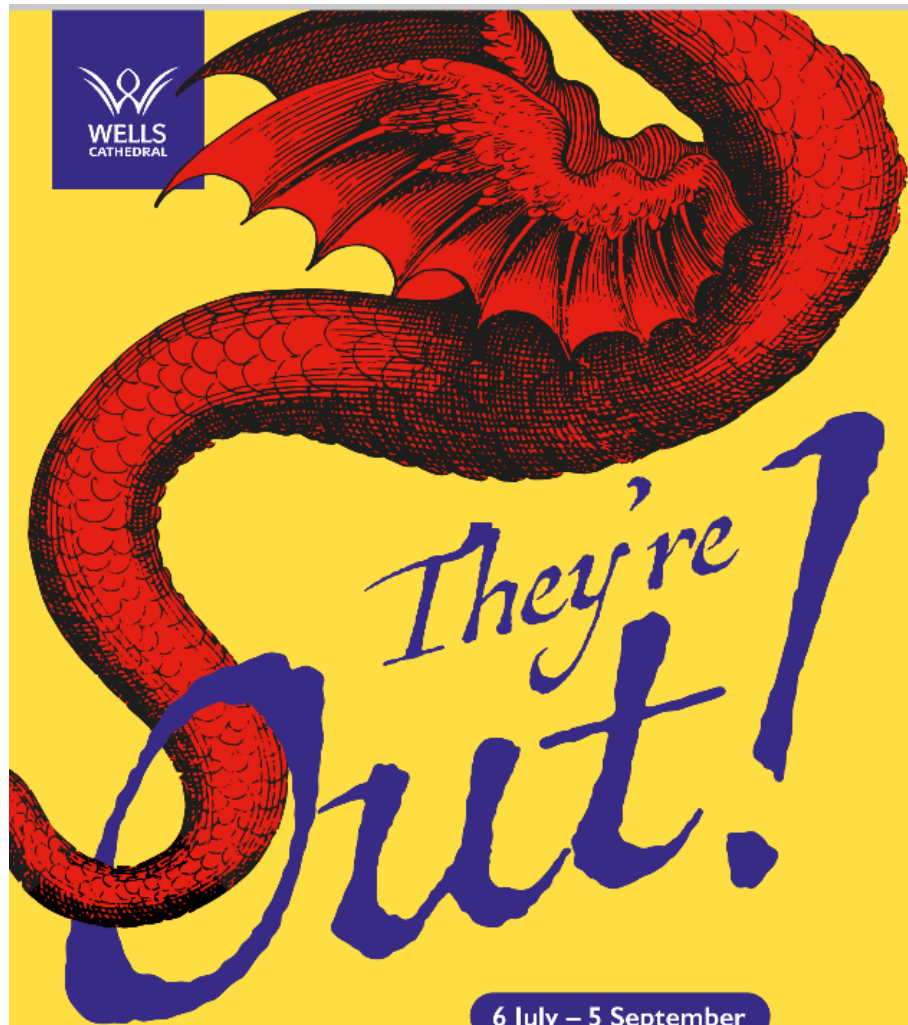
Limited spaces available!

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



<https://wells.cathedral.school>

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



www.wellscathedral.org.uk