

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. 3

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a restful half term break. This term promises to be full of lots of great learning and, during the last week of term, lots of Christmas magic.

As we set out into this new term, I again need to raise the **important issue of attendance.** I am saddened to say that we have ranked 4th from bottom, out of all of the primary schools in LSP, for our attendance. This sits in stark contrast to Churchill Academy who, this term, celebrated being top of the table and receiving national recognition for their attendance. **It is essential that we all work together to address this issue.**

	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%			

We currently have 141 children with good or better attendance. This number can increase, if pupils attend every day.

This term, we are relaunching our weekly rewards for attendance. There will be prizes for classes who have the best, and most improved, attendance. We will also be sending out updated guidance for families on the help and support you can receive if you are experiencing any difficulty in getting your child into school. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your child attending, please contact their class teachers or speak to one of the members of the school leadership team who are out on the playground each day. Please remember, if your child is feeling a little under the weather, we can still support them in school, provide Calpol (with your permission) and enable them to access a valuable day of learning.

Don't forget:

- 2nd November – Term 2 starts
- 3rd November - Year 6 Choice and consequences session with PCSO
- 5th November Flu immunisations
- 6th November - Year 5/6 Boy's football team competition
- 10th and 12th November – Parents' Evenings – see note about new My Child At School APP.
- 13th November – Children in Need. Dress down day for donation to the charity.
- 13th November - Year 5/6 Girl's football team competition
- 16th November – wear odd socks day – anti bullying week
- 19th November – **keep the date** – Cyber Protection evening for parents and carers, including pizza and a drink
- 20th November – school closed to pupils for INSET
- 27th November – Year 3 T@3
- 3rd December – Years 3-6 to St Mary's Church for Christingle
- 11th December – PTA Winter Warmer after school
- 14th December Reception / KS1 matinee performance of the nativity
- 15th December Reception / KS1 morning performance of the nativity
- 16th December 6pm KS2 Carol Concert
- 18th December Christmas jumper and Christmas Lunch Day. Last day of term.
- 4th January – term starts

THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL PTA

Today, I have had the pleasure of sharing with the children some of the new equipment we have been able to purchase, as a result of the generous support of our PTA. To ensure lunchtimes can be great fun, even without the pleasure of being able to access our great school field, we have invested in a new selection of games and equipment for your children to enjoy. We are extremely grateful to all the PTA committee as well as families who support their many events. Without this support, we would not be able to buy this great equipment. Thank you!









Thank you!





CERTIFICATES

Well done to all the children who have received class certificates over the last few months:
Reception: Lily ~ Rupert P
Year 1: Freya ~ Toby ~ Maisie ~ Ivy
Year 2: Caesar / Mia ~ Enso / Emily ~ Avah ~ Phoebe
Year 3: Jasmine ~ Jessica-Lilly / Fletcher / Jasmine ~ Reuben ~ Elsie F & whole class
Year 4: Daisy ~ Neve / Eloise ~ Rose
Year 5: Riley / Arlo ~ Ivy / Harper ~ Austin
Year 6: Jude ~ Olivia / Jack ~ Poppy ~ Trixie
Readers: Charlie G / Harry G / Edie / Brooke / Freddie ~ William W / Lottie / Elsie V / Alba-Rose / Joey ~ Toby / Otiz / James / Eloise / Bethany
Citizens Cup: Mateo ~ Riley C ~ Henry R
House points: **Dolebury 689 / 460** **Lyncombe 627 / 514** **Mendip 695 / 311** **Windmill 658 / 374**

YEAR 5 T@3 AND CLASS SERVICE



Thank you to all of the families who supported our Year 5 T@3. During their class service, Year 5 pupils showcased everything they had achieved during their memorable week away, at Osmington Bay.

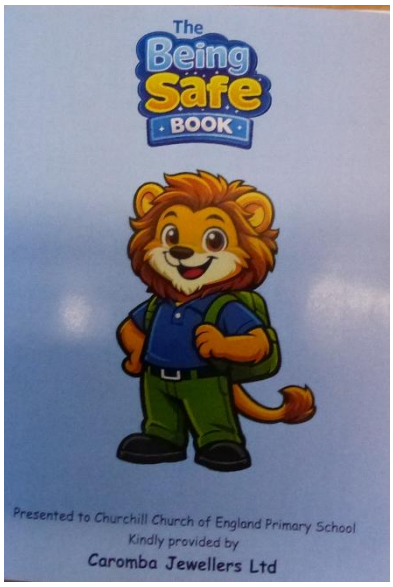
This term we are looking forward to Year 3 sharing their learning and T@3, on Friday 27th November 2026

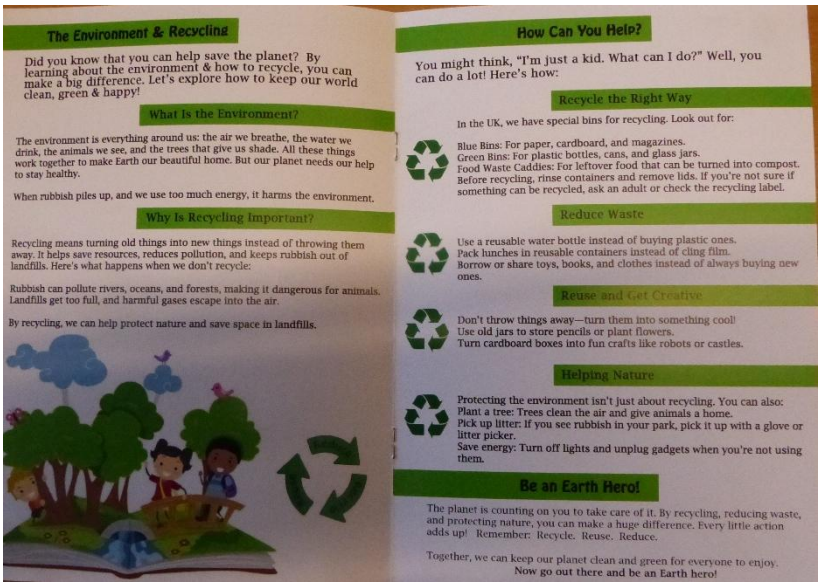




THE BEING SAFE BOOK

We are really grateful to Mr Caromba, and Caromba Jewellers LTD, who have kindly sponsored a special book for pupils in Years 2 and 3. The Being Safe Book, which will be coming home with your children later this week, provides lots of helpful information for children on topics such as mental health, road safety, the environment and recycling as well as internet safety. Please take some time to read this through with your children.





NEW LADYMEAD LANE SYSTEM

The top of Ladymead Lane, leading to the A38 is now a NO ENTRY from the lane end. Therefore, if you are leaving school and driving up towards the A38 you do not have access onto main road. You are able to drive into Ladymead Lane from the A38 as it is now a one-way system. Please be respectful of the new road layout, we have received multiple complaints from local residents that these restrictions are not being followed at school pick up and drop off.

HARVEST FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you to all of the families who kindly donated to the harvest collection for the foodbank. We are keen to give the foodbank a positive donation towards their hard work, supporting families who are struggling. With this in mind, we have extended the time for the collection and will have a box out near Year 1 class for any extra donations that you can spare. This will be going to the foodbank on Wednesday the 11th November. Thank you again for your kindness.



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.



LUNCHTIME

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

WEEK 1
Autumn/Winter 2026-27
02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 04/01/27, 25/01/27, 15/02/27, 08/03/27

PRIMARY TRADITIONAL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Macaroni Cheese C	BBQ Pulled Pork with Rice B	Roast Chicken and Stuffing, Roasties and Gravy C	Lasagne & Garlic Bread B	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips B
MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	Bean & Sweet Corn Burrito with Wedges B	Jambalaya with Rice A	Roasted Broccoli and Pepper Tart, Roasties and Gravy B	Veg Lasagne & Garlic Bread B	Pizza Pocket with Chips B
RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	Roasted Root Veg Or Vegetable Sticks	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
DESSERT TROLLEY	Chocolate Brownie C	Carrot Cake Cookies B	Sticky Banana Pudding and Custard B	Fruity Oaty Crumble Squares B	Strawberry Jelly A

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?

A Very Low · B Low · C Medium · D High · E Very High

JOHN SHEPPARD · Arthur David

AVAILABLE DAILY
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT

DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE AND CHEESE

LUNCHTIME

FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens

WEEK 2
Autumn/Winter 2026-27
09/11/26, 30/11/26, 21/12/26, 11/01/27, 01/02/27, 22/02/27, 15/03/27

PRIMARY TRADITIONAL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges B	Chicken Pie with Mash B	Roast Gammon, Roasties and Gravy C	Venison Bolognese Pasta with Garlic Bread D	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips B
MEAT-FREE MAGIC (Veggie Dish)	BBQ Pinwheels with Wedges B	Bean and Leek Pie With Mash B	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake with Roasties and Gravy B	Veggie Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread B	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips B
RAINBOW ALLEY (Vegetables and Salads)	Mixed Greens	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING (Filled Jackets)	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
DESSERT TROLLEY	Watermelon Wedge A	Apple Crumble Cookies B	Chocolate and Pear Upside Down Cake with Custard C	Lemon Drizzle Cake B	Orange Jelly A

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16/11/26, 07/12/26, 28/12/26, 18/01/27, 08/02/27, 01/03/27, 22/03/27

PRIMARY TRADITIONAL

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
The Main Event	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges B	Mild Beef Chilli with Rice and Homemade Tortilla Chips D	Roast Pork, Roasties and Gravy C	Meatball Marinara and Cheesy Mash Bake B	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips B
Meat-Free Magic (Veggie Dish)	Macaroni Cheese C	Vegetable Chilli with Rice and Homemade Tortilla Chips B	Roasted Vegetable Strudel, Roasties with Gravy B	Bean and Cheesy Mash Bake B	Vegetable Fingers with Chips A
Rainbow Alley (Vegetables and Salads)	Carrot, Pepper & Cucumber Sticks	Green Salad	Carrots and Green Beans	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Baked Beans and Peas
Big Topping (Filled Jackets)	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
Dessert Trolley	Chocolate Orange Shortbread C	Oaty Cookies B	Apple and Pear Crumble with Custard B	Winter Honey Cake B	Raspberry Jelly A

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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.

YATTON LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER

We hope you all enjoyed your extra hour when the clocks went back! Autumn has definitely arrived, a great season for getting cosy and reading a book so come in and borrow one to snuggle up with at home

USUAL ACTIVITIES

- Lego Club - Saturdays 10:00 - 12noon
- RhymeTime Mondays 9:30 & 10:15am
- Duplo Club Mondays 9:30-11:30 (term time)
- Drawing Club - Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:30pm
- Storytime Thursdays 2:30pm

DISPLAY BOARD



Thanks to those of you that have coloured in a pumpkin or bug for our patch. There is still time to add one if you want to come in, or we will have odd socks colouring in mid November for Anti-Bullying week.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: What was Guy Fawkes' favourite meal?

A: Bangers and mash

NEW BOOKS



We have a section of First Readers books for children They range from Purple for very first readers through Blue, Red and on to Yellow for more confident readers. There are some lovely new Reading Champion books including many with stories influenced by Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree and The Wishing Chair novels.

www.somersetsoccerschools.com

FREE TASTER SESSION!!!

After School Soccer Club @Churchill Primary

3.10 to 4.45 pm on THURSDAY 5th or 12th NOV 26

To celebrate 20 years at Churchill Primary, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now offering a FREE TASTER SESSION on their new afterschool soccer course, as above. We now have the capacity for 3 groups, so are especially keen to introduce Year R, 1 and 2 children, but welcome all. We run from 3.10 to 4.45 pm each Thursday.
[Please note that for reasons of child protection, carers are not to be on the school site during sessions].

As an experienced teacher and coach of over 35 years, the courses are fun and structured. Each eligible player receives a skills award trophy upon successful course completion at the end of Terms 3 and 6!

If you enjoy the session and then wish to enrol for the following term, fees are paid termly and children get 90 minutes tuition, coaching and trophies. The cost is around £6/week, paid termly.

To book your free taster, email me at somersetsoccerschools@gmail.com

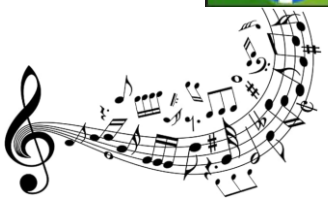
For more info go to www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school

For photos and an idea of atmosphere go to
www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchoolswithRichardBourton

Hope to see you soon! *Richard*







LYNCH CHAPEL WINSCOMBE

Are you a young musician? Do you enjoy performing but don't get the chance very often?

We would like to invite anyone who is 18 or under to perform at our Young People's Informal concert on Sunday 29th November at 3:00pm at Lynch Chapel, Winscombe. It's a very informal event and every level of musician is welcome, from beginner to the more experienced. Everyone is very supportive and if anyone makes a mistake it doesn't matter, just start again or keep going, whichever you are happy with.

- To take part in the concert you need to book a place by contacting Alison Waite on alison.waite5@btinternet.com. There is a chance to come and have a run through beforehand at 1:00pm on the same day, so that you know what the chapel is like. Please let me know if you would like to do this.
- All entries must be received by Saturday 14th November.