



NEWSLETTER NO. 1

Welcome back!

It was lovely to see so many happy faces coming into school last week. The first week back is always quite special and despite the best efforts of the rain and wet playtimes, the excitement for learning was evident in every class.

The school team have been busy over the summer preparing for an exciting year ahead. Over the next few newsletters, I will be sharing further information on the engaging curriculum we have planned for your children this year. The diary dates give you a first taste of some of the events you and your children can look forward to.

The team have been really busy over the summer break organising all the sports equipment, installing new sheds and tidying the site ahead of another busy school year. I am incredibly grateful to my colleagues, my family and friends of the school who have given generously of their time to help improve our school for everyone to enjoy. Particular thanks go to Nick Paige (Project Manager at Overbury) who supplied the wood and Matt Stephenson who kindly came and fixed the PTA storage shed.

Further developments are also planned for the refurbishment of the amphitheatre area. We are extremely grateful to Lighthouse Schools Partnership for a grant to have this whole area replaced.

I have included lots of dates that I hope will be of help in planning your year ahead. You can always access a copy of the newsletter from the school website.

Mrs Woollven

With kind hearts and determined minds, we inspire each other to be the best we can be.

CERTIFICATES

Well done to all those children who received class certificates in last week:

Year 1: Skylaa

Year 2: Leo

Year 4: Jude

Year 5: Ruben

Year 6: Darcey & Chloe

Super Readers: Riley and Emilian

House points: **Dolebury 16** **Lyncombe 71** **Mendip 49** **Windmill 70**

Don't forget!

- 11th and 12th September - Meet the Teacher meetings. See below for more detail.
- T@3 and class service dates for the year – see below for more detail.
- 13th September - Year 5 swimming starts
- 18th September – ‘Give it a try’ multi-skills – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 18th September – launching our new scheme with exciting science experiments online.
- 18th September - Osmington Bay meeting for Year 5 families at 3:20pm, in the Year 5 classroom.
- 19th September - Mad Science whole school service
- 25th September – ‘Give it a go’ netball – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 26th September – Experience Harvest at St Mary's Church (Years 1 and 2)
- 30th September and 1st October KS1 and KS2 Design and Technology days
- 1st October - Parent and volunteer induction session – see below for further details
- 1st October - Guitar Performance in school
- 8th October – Farmlink Harvest Service
- 8th October – Yr5/6 cross country – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 11th October - Year 3 T@3 and class service
- 21st October - Year 5 go to Osmington Bay
- 24th October - Last day of term 1 and Dress Down Day – for a small donation
- 25th October – INSET Day
- 4th November – Term 2 starts

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

As the start of a new school year can bring a flurry of information, we have arranged for our 'meet the teacher' meetings to take place this week. These will be for Years 1 to 6. Year R parents will be meeting with their class teachers at the home visits.

We hope that the meetings will give you an opportunity, not only to meet your child's new class teacher, but also ask any questions you may have about the term and year ahead. To provide families a chance to see their child's class and meet their child's class teacher in person, we have arranged for the meetings to take place at the end of the school day, at pick up. There will be members of the senior leadership team on duty on the playground to oversee any children whilst families are in the meetings. We anticipate these sessions will last no more than 15 minutes.

A copy of the presentation will be uploaded onto the class pages following the session.

Meet the teacher meetings will be on:

Wednesday 11th September

- Year 2 - 3:25
- Year 4 - 3:10
- Year 6 - 3:10

Thursday 12th September

- Year 1 - 3:25
- Year 3 - 3:10
- Year 5 - 3:10

OSMINGTON BAY MEETING

Plans for Osmington Bay residential for Year 5 pupils are well under way and we look forward to sharing more details about the trip, at our meeting on the 18th September. This will be held in the Year 5 class at 3:20pm and we ask that this is adults only – we like to keep an element of surprise for the children. Your children are welcome to wait outside Year 5 while the meeting takes place.

YEAR 3 T@3 AND CLASS SERVICE

We are excited to invite the parents and carers of Year 3 pupils to their class service and T@3 on Friday 11th October. The service will start at 2:30pm in the school hall. Any donation of cakes from Year 3 families can be brought to the school office on the morning of Friday 11th October or at 2:30pm, ahead of the service.



For families new to us, T@3 may need a little explanation. At Churchill Primary School we have a tradition of having 7 (one per class) T@3 events across the year. Parents and carers of pupils in the class are invited at 2:30pm to their child's class service. This is a super opportunity for the children to showcase some of their learning. This is followed by a lovely community event, run by the parents and carers of that class, where all of the school community are invited to come and buy some cake and enjoy a cup of tea. These are predominately social gatherings that raise much needed funds for the class and school.

Future T@3 and class service dates:

Year 3 – 11th October 2024
Year 5 – 8th November 2024
Year 6 – 6th December 2024
Year 2 – 31st January 2025
Year 4 – 7th March 2025
Year 1 – 2nd May 2025
Reception class – 20th June 2025

We will endeavour to keep these dates but if any changes need to be made, we will let you know as soon as possible.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

During next week, your child will be bringing home an envelope containing essential data collection sheets. If you have not received your child's sheets by the end of next week, please contact the school office. Please take a few minutes to check these carefully and please ensure that we have the correct contact details.

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.

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

If you are interested in volunteering in school, whether that be supporting a school trip or hearing children read, we would like to invite you to our induction meeting. This will take place on Tuesday 1st October at 2:45pm (in time for pick-up), where we will share how you can help and discuss essential safeguarding procedures. If you could let the school office know if you intend to come, we can ensure we have sufficient chairs and handouts.

For volunteers who attended last year's induction, we would love to see you again so that we can keep you up to date with all of the safeguarding processes in school.

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.

PLEA FOR GOOD QUALITY USED CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES OR COMICS

If you have any good quality used children's magazines or comics that you have finished with, we would be very grateful for them in school. Please bring them to the school office or Year 2 classroom as Mrs Hardwick, our reading leader, is sorting all of our lunchtime book boxes.



PHOTO PERMISSION FORM

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of our photograph permission form. This can be used if you would like to amend your permissions for your child. If you wish to make any amendments, simply complete the new form and return to the school office.

REMINDER OF TERM DATES

- **Term 1** Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 2nd September 2024 INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd September 2024 INSET DAY
Friday 25th October 2024 INSET DAY
- **Term 2** Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024
- **Term 3** Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 6th January 2025 INSET DAY
Friday 14th February 2025 INSET DAY
- **Term 4** Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April 2025
- **Term 5** Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May 2025
- **Term 6** Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Monday 2nd June 2025 INSET DAY

Please note that the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) are holding 6 INSET days across our trust in 2024/25

Please note that Year 6 SATs will be administered **in the week commencing 12th May 2025**. We ask that families of Year 6 pupils make a note of this date and do best endeavours for full attendance this week.

SAFEGUARDING AND E-SAFETY

Keeping your children safe from harm is our highest priority. Our school ensures our team are constantly updated and trained on safeguarding matters and how to spot if a child may be at risk of harm. Safeguarding is the **responsibility of everyone** but three people hold very important roles in overseeing safeguarding in our school, Mrs Woollven, Mrs Bryant and Mrs Bush. If you have any concern about a child, please request to see Mrs Woollven or Mrs Bryant urgently. If they are not available, a member of the office team will ensure you are contacted by one of the safeguarding team.

LORRAINE WOOLLVEN
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



NICOLA BRYANT
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



JACKIE BUSH
Designated School Governor



Our latest policy on safeguarding is being ratified by Governors and will be attached to the next newsletter and will also be available on our school website. If you have any questions concerning pupil safety or safeguarding generally, please contact the school office and they will help direct you to the best person to help.

Also holding key roles in our school are:



Ms Ford is our Special Educational Need and Disabilities Co-ordinator (often referred to as our SENDCo). Ms Ford runs a termly coffee morning to meet with families about any SEND concerns they may have. Dates for these will be published shortly.

Mrs Ford is our Learning Mentor. Mrs Ford has designated time in the week to work with pupils who may need some short-term support - someone to talk to, about a problem they are experiencing or a challenge they are facing in their lives. Mrs Ford is part of our mental health and well-being team. She is trained in mental health first aid.



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.

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.

SIMPLY STREET DANCE SCHOOL

Term 1



If your child loves to dance and wants to learn some new dance moves

Then sign them up to our dance club in your school

Thursdays the 12/09/24 – 24/10/24

3.20pm – 4.20pm

£35.00per child per term

For year 1 to year 6

3.20pm – 4.20pm

This is a 7 week term (Non-refundable on absent students)

Please inform your child's class teacher they will be attending dance club

To book your child a place please follow link below and select

Churchill school dance club

[Bookwhen.com/simplystreetdanceschool](https://bookwhen.com/simplystreetdanceschool)

enquiries-simplystreet@live.co.uk 07540489414

Due to safeguarding parents are not permitted access to

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

at Wells Cathedral



SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024

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



www.somersetsoccerschools.com

Churchill Primary REC TO YEAR 6

End of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday

NEW 2024-5 COURSE STARTING Thursday 12 September

Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking enrolments on their new afterschool soccer course.

This is open to boys and girls in Years Rec to 6 inclusive and runs from end of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday. Following the advancement of players into our eldest group, 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 more than 35 years' experience, the courses are fun and structured. Each eligible player receives a Skills Award trophy upon successful course completion at the end of Term 6!

Fees are paid termly and children get 90 minutes tuition, coaching and trophies, for the approximate cost of only £6 per week!

For referrals, philosophy, more general information, info about Holiday Camps at KOW Cheddar + Churchill, contacts and to book your place, please go directly to

www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school

www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchoolswithRichardBourton

FOOD FESTIVAL

WELCOME BACK

19th September

Churchill Primary
Mighty Morning Munch
(sausage, egg, hash brown
and beans)

or

Churchill Primary
Veggie Morning Munch

and

Classic School
Sprinkle Cake
& Custard

LIBRARY NEWS

YATTON LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL

All the staff here at Yatton library wish the pupils a good new school year. Remember if you need help with projects, come in and see what books we have.

Julie, Rosie, Ali, Karen and Vicki

THANKYOU

Thank you to all the students that took part in our Summer Reading Challenge, the craft activities and the theatre event at the library. Don't forget to tell your teacher if you received a certificate.



CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

-  Drawing Club -
Tuesday 3:15 -
4:30pm 
-  Lego Club -
Saturday 10am
- 12noon 

STORYTIME & RHYMETIME

Pre-school children are welcome to come along with an adult and join in the fun!

Rhymetime - 2 sessions
Mondays 9:30am & 10:15am

Storytime - Thursdays 2:30pm

BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE WONDER BROTHERS

Blackpool tower has vanished - can the magical cousins conjure it back home?

