



## NEWSLETTER NO. 3 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

I wanted to start by thanking all of our families for their support on census day. The catering team did an excellent job in preparing all of the lunches; there were lots of happy smiles all around. We are already thinking ahead to census day on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, when we will need to do it all again. This time, I am told, we will be able to use the normal Aspens Select booking system, which should make things much easier for everyone. Once again, thank you for your support.

Excitement is building for our Year 5 class as they prepare for their residential trip to Osmington Bay. We wish them the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their adventures and achievements.

Langford and Churchill Village Fund were delighted to have received so many applicants for the fireworks colouring competition. They have a challenge on their hands, to judge the winners. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the fireworks display on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, it promises to be a super event.

Half term break is on the horizon. A reminder that school is closed for inservice training (INSET Day) on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Children are invited to dress down in their own clothes, for a small donation, on the final day of the term, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs Woollven

### CERTIFICATES

Well done to all those children who received class certificates in the last two weeks:

**Year 1:** Posie / Alistair

**Year 2:** Olivia / Esmee-Rose

**Year 3:** Henry / Ruby

**Year 4:** Alfie / Poppy & Christinamaria

**Year 5:** Harmony & Sinead / Lauren

**Year 6:** Polly / Shannon & whole class

**Super Spellers:** Posie, Isabelle, Rae, Isla, Zack, Olivia / Jaxon, Tilly, Alfie, Harry, Toby, Mariah, Laila

**Super Readers:** Theo, Lara, Rae, Ted, Martha, Bradley / Ella, Lana, Jessica, Sammy, Arlo, Zack, Isla, Issy

**Numbots:** Isla, Theo, James / Marcello, Alistair, James

**Nessy:** Sinead

**Kitchen Award:** Phoebe (Y5)

**House points:** **Dolebury 227 / 250** **Lyncombe 296 / 381** **Mendip 262 / 335** **Windmill 326 / 220**

Don't forget:

- 16<sup>th</sup> October – Yr5/6 Girls' football competition
- 21<sup>st</sup> October - Year 5 go to Osmington Bay
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 6 trip to Steam
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - Last day of term 1 and Dress Down Day – for a small donation
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> November – Term 2 starts
- 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 T@3 and class service
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 leading our Remembrance Service
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – Yr5/6 boys football – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November – parents' evening meetings
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – children in need day – details to follow
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Yr3/4 pupils joining the red/blue sports festival – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 T@3 and class service
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Services at St Mary's Church
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity (PM)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity (AM)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fair
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. This is the last day of term.



## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 students braved torrential rain to compete in a thrilling cross country event, showing incredible determination, teamwork, and individual talent. Despite the heavy downpour, the spirits of our athletes remained high, and the weather didn't dampen their energy or joy.

A special congratulations goes to **Anna**, who put on a stellar performance, finishing **1st in her category!** Her success helped lead the **Year 6 girls' team, along with great runs from Penny and Freya**, to an overall **1st place victory**—a truly fantastic achievement.

We're also proud to celebrate the remarkable efforts of **Penny** and **Ollie**, who, along with Anna, finished in the **top 12 of their events**. These three outstanding athletes have now qualified to represent North Somerset in the upcoming regional competition—a huge accomplishment.

A special mention goes to Freya, who showed great sportsmanship and offered to participate for another school team who were short of runners for the friendly relay at the end. Also, a huge 'Well done!' to Joseph, Emilian, Anna, Jessica, Jane, George, Max and Hugo, who all put in 100% and represented the school incredibly well. Your school is so proud of you! Let's keep cheering them on as they prepare for the next stage. Good luck to Anna, Penny, and Ollie in their upcoming competition!  
Mr Davis



## **YEAR 3 T@3 AND CLASS SERVICE**

Thank you to all of the families who joined us for the first T@3 of the school year, and thank you to all of the Year 3 families who donated cakes. We raised £309.41 which is really super and will go towards buying new equipment and supporting the costs of the forthcoming school trips. Thank you to all of the children and team in Year 3 for a great class service. Your families were delighted



to hear about you have learned in the first 30 days of being in Key Stage 2.

### **Future T@3 and class service dates:**

**Year 5** – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Year 2** – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

**Year 1** – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**Year 6** – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Year 4** – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Reception class** – 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **HARVEST EXPERIENCE**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> September, pupils from Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a fantastic morning of learning and activities at St Mary's Church as part of our harvest celebrations. We are extremely grateful to Wendy Humm who organised the whole morning and Rector David for enabling us to use the church. The children were really excited.

This week we will be holding our own harvest thanksgiving service. We will be thinking about Harvest as a time for celebrating abundance, giving thanks for all the food we have to eat. We will also be thinking about the fact that many people do not have enough food to it. To try and support we are offering the children the opportunity to bring in a donation for our local food bank.



If you would like to donate to the foodbank, please bring your donations to your child's class. Canned and dried food, or food items which have long shelf life, would be preferred. All donations will be taken to the foodbank on Friday 25th October. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



### **PARENTS' EVENING MEETINGS**

Our first round of parents' evening meetings for the year, will be taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November. These will be face-to-face meetings held in your child's classroom.

	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Reception class	✓	✓	✓
Year 1	✓		✓
Year 2	✓	✓	
Year 3	✓		✓
Year 4	✓		✓
Year 5	✓		✓
Year 6	✓		✓

On Monday, you will receive a link to the online booking system. This is a new system associated with our updated website. To find our more information about how to book on, [please click on this link](#). Bookings will open at 6:00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you have any questions or have difficulty booking onto the system, please contact the school office for support.

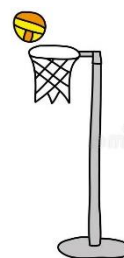


### **POPPY COLLECTION**

We have the annual Royal British Legion poppy collection here in school. If you or your child would like to make a donation in exchange for a poppy, please come to the school office. The school councillors will also be visiting the classrooms during the next few weeks with the collection box.

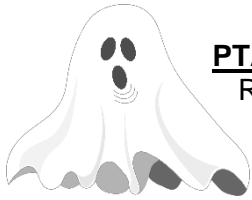
### **NETBALL**

Earlier this term, a group of Year 4/5 girls took part in the North Somerset PE Association netball festival. It was super to see how they embraced the challenge of playing against older pupils, gaining confidence with every match they played. Their determination and perseverance was a credit to them and the school. We are really proud of their efforts and the progress they made across the tournament!



### **Multi-skills Festival**

We are really proud of the group of Year 3 pupils who represented our school at the latest North Somerset PE Association Multi-skills Festival. The children embraced every challenge they faced with energy and determination. Their resilience shone during the archery activities, where they tackled each target with focus and persistence, overcoming obstacles with a positive attitude. The festival provided a super opportunity to develop new skills, from balance to coordination. We are really proud of their efforts and how they represented the values of our school.



### **PTA SPOOKY DISCO**

Really looking forward to the Spooky disco tomorrow, 17<sup>th</sup> October, please contact the PTA via their email or Facebook page, for more information.

### **DATA COLLECTION SHEETS**

Please could any outstanding data collection sheets and medical forms be returned as a matter of urgency. These contain important information about how to contact you in an emergency. Please take a few minutes to check these carefully and please ensure that we have the correct contact details.

### **SICKNESS**

Please be reminded that any child that has sickness and/or diarrhoea needs to be away from school for 48 hours, following the last episode.

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. Please ensure your child comes into school with a water bottle.

*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*



## School Aged Flu Immunisation 2024

Scan the QR code to complete your child's consent form for Winter 2024



Email: [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net)  
Telephone: 0300 1245515

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
at Winscombe

# JUNGLE FEST

**17th October**

**Leopard's Spotted Pizza Slice**  
(Meatball Topped)  
with Roast New Potatoes & Salad

or

**Quorn Toad in the Hole**  
with Roast New Potatoes & Broccoli

and

**Wild Zebra Cake Slice**

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB**

**CHURCHILL C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**TICKETS FROM £20 PER DAY**

**SMC**

[HTTP://BOOKWHEN.COM/SMC-CHURCHILL-HOLIDAY-CLUB](http://bookwhen.com/smc-churchill-holiday-club)

**SMC**

**RUGBY CAMP RETURNS !!!**

**OCTOBER**

Tuesday 29th  
Wednesday 30th  
Thursday 31st

**£17 per day  
£45 FOR 3 DAYS**

**WINSCOMBE RFC  
THE RECREATION GROUND  
WINSCOMBE  
BS251AZ**

**AGES 5-11**

**9AM TILL 3PM**

**ALL ABILITIES**

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[WWW.SPORTSMASTERSCOACHING.COM](http://WWW.SPORTSMASTERSCOACHING.COM)  
<https://bookwhen.com/sportsmasterscoaching>

## **WELLS CATHEDRAL FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

### **Bishop Bubwith's Books**

29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October, 10:30am-4:00pm, explore the Cathedral and visit our extraordinary chained library; solve puzzles and uncover fascinating stories; design medieval postcards and make your own mini chained library book to take home!

### **Eco+ Week at Wells Cathedral**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-12pm and 1-3pm, join us on a mossy adventure to learn about this tiny but hugely important plant. Watch a short film, look at mosses under the lens and get creative with wool to help make a massive mossy carpet! For families and individuals of all ages, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Between 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October, to celebrate WEN's (Wells Environmental Network) Wells Eco+ Week, you can also follow our Earth Explorer Trail, come to Environmental Storytime (5s and unders), and write a Prayer for the Planet. Find out more at [wellscathedral.org.uk/ecoweek](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/ecoweek)

*All events are drop-in only (no need to book) – and are free with adult entry. There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase so you can enjoy access to many events, exhibitions and family holiday activities beyond your initial visit. NB Only assistance dogs are allowed at family activity sessions.*

## 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.

Free event for parent carers and professionals across North Somerset!



# A Day of SEND



23rd October 2024. 9am-8pm. Priory Community School, BS22 6BP

- This is the second & largest SEND\* Event of its kind that we have held in North Somerset!
- A fantastic opportunity to gain access to support!

\*Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

What makes this day different from our other events?

What can you expect to see at the event?

- Keynote speeches from the well known Carrie Grant MBE and the fantastic Andrew Lewis MBE, Paralympic, World & European Triathlon Champion.
- A stage performance from the phenomenal Misfits plus a Q&A session 🎤
- Over 100 exhibitors from organisations, charities & services that offer SEND support. Marketplace opens at 10am to start browsing those stalls!
- Informative training sessions
- Drop in clinics with professionals to get specific 1-1 support such as Financial Planning, DLA/PIP and more...

Drop in anytime, as many times as you want, so you don't have to miss a thing!

Book in advance for quicker entry on the day

Travel Section providing information on accessible transport in our local area & beyond...



Have a question around education? Speak to the SEN team from North Somerset Council, or SEND & YOU!

Further details will be shared on our social media, @NSPCWT

# Community Fireworks

02.11.2024  
Churchill Recreation Ground  
Gates open: 5:15 pm  
Fireworks: 6:30 pm  
Tickets: [thevillagefund.org.uk](http://thevillagefund.org.uk)





# ECOWEEK+ at WELLS CATHEDRAL

11 TO 20 OCTOBER 2024



## EARTH EXPLORER TRAIL THROUGHOUT ECOWEEK+

Re-use a free Earth Explorer Trail from our 2022 Gaia Exhibition explorer trails and discover some of the Cathedral's special places with your family. Find the matching fact boards with tips on how to be a Steward of the Earth. Can you collect letters from each board to make a word and earn a sticker?



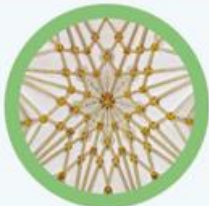
## THE MOSSY CARPET 12 OCTOBER

Did you know that mosses are climate superheroes? Join us on a mossy adventure when we'll learn about this tiny but hugely important plant. Watch a short film, look at mosses under the lens and get creative with wool to help us make a mossy carpet! Suitable for all ages and abilities.



## ENVIRONMENTAL STORYTIME 15 AND 18 OCTOBER

Join us at Wells Cathedral in Wells Environment Week to hear fun, engaging stories about the importance of nature and caring for the environment around us. Storytime will take place in the Lady Chapel, where we can enjoy the bright, colourful stained-glass windows.



## PRAYERS FOR THE PLANET THROUGHOUT ECOWEEK+

Come and tie your hopes and wishes to our prayer tree in the Cathedral Undercroft with sustainable seed paper. At the end of the project, the prayers will then be planted by volunteers. Open to all ages.



## 60 STEPS TOWARDS BEING GREEN THROUGHOUT ECOWEEK+

Visit the Cathedral's Environment and Sustainability page to download our 60 steps Towards Being Green leaflet – a straightforward guide listing simple changes you can make to your day-to-day life which will protect our planet.



Find out more at [wellscathedral.org.uk/ecoweeek](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/ecoweeek)

# Family Holiday Activities

at Wells Cathedral

## Bishop Bubwith's Books

Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 October 2024

Join us on a fun-filled adventure as we journey back in time to celebrate Bubwith, the bishop who left 1,000 marks 600 years ago to build the Cathedral library – the biggest in England at the time!

**Explore the Cathedral** and visit our extraordinary chained library

**Solve puzzles** and uncover fascinating stories about far flung places.

**Design Medieval postcards** and make your own mini chained library book to take home.

**FREE with adult entry.**

**No need to book – simply drop in on the day!**



## Sessions in Wells Cathedral Education Room

10.30am–4.00pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



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## NORTH SOMERSET CENTRE FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS@ BACKWELL

DO YOU PLAY A STRING WOODWIND, BRASS OR PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT? COME AND JOIN OUR NSCYM ENSEMBLES! ALL WELCOME!

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### WHAT WE DO!

We have lots of ensembles on offer at North Somerset Music Centre plus a tuck shop at break!  
NSCYM Beginners (just started learning)  
Join Junior Wind Band or Junior Strings on easy parts

NSCYM Juniors (up to approx grade 5):  
Members will play in 2 or more of the following ensembles: Junior Strings, Junior Wind Band, Intermediate Ensemble, Combined and Whole Centre Ensemble

NSCYM Seniors (from approx grade 5):  
Members will play in 2 of the following ensembles: String Orchestra, Wind Band/Swing Band, Full Orchestra

### DETAILS

#### WHEN?

SATURDAYS TERM TIME  
NSCYM Juniors: 9:30am - 12:10pm  
NSCYM Seniors: 9:30am - 12:30pm

#### WHERE?

Backwell School, Station Road, Backwell, BS48 3BX

#### COST per Double Term

Juniors - £75  
Seniors - £82  
Beginners (half morning) - £41  
Free for pupil premium students

To sign up go to:

<https://www.wema.org.uk/register>



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**Halloween adventures available throughout October:**

- > Test target skills with the Zombie Outbreak Response Team
- > Swish down the haunted toboggan slope
- > Bring a party to ArcheryActive
- > Try a Nerf Battle in the brand-new Hangar 51

**Book online:** [mendip.co.uk/halloween](http://mendip.co.uk/halloween)

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## LYNCH CHAPEL WINSCOMBE

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



If you are 18 or under come and perform at our Young People's Informal concert on Sunday 8th December at 2.30pm 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](mailto:alison.waite5@btinternet.com). There is a chance to come and have a run through beforehand so that you know what the chapel is like, if it is helpful, at 1pm on the same day. All entries must be received by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.