



NEWSLETTER NO. 6 20th December 2024

On this, the last day of term, our school is a festive scene of Christmas jumpers and outfits. There was much excitement as the children looked forward to their special Christmas lunch and final whole school service. Thank you to Steve and Sharon for preparing a lovely Christmas dinner for everyone.



This photograph was taken this lunchtime showing our wonderful Year 6 librarians reading to some KS1 pupils. A real sign of Christmas kindness.

As this is the last newsletter of 2024, I would like to thank all of the school team, Governors, PTA

committee and families for your continued support and commitment to our school. It is the sum of all these parts that makes Churchill Primary School a very special place for our children to learn and flourish. Thank you also to all of the friends and family who joined us for the Reception and KS1 nativity as well as the KS2 carols. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the Christmas performances and how proud the children were to perform for you.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Mrs Woollven

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

Don't forget:

- 6th January 2025 – INSET day
- 7th January school open for children
- 10th January – Year 2 trip to the SS Great Britain
- 10th January 9:15 – parent tour for new pupils
- 15th January – Yr5/6 footballers to regional final
- 16th January Census Day
- 20th January – group of pupils on a bowling trip (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 27th January – Virtual Reality experience for Years 1 – Year 6.
- 28th January – Farmlink leading a service on Food Miles.
- 31st January – Year 2 T@3 and class service
- 5th February - group of pupils at gymnastics trip (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 12th February – Years 5 and 6 swimming festival (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 14th February – school closed for INSET

CERTIFICATES

Well done to all those children who received class certificates for 29th November and 13th December

Reception: Avah / William

Year 1: Alfie / Harry

Year 2: Giorgio / Isabel

Year 3: Pippa / JJ

Year 4: Ralph / Sonny

Year 5: Jack / Isla & Toby

Year 6: Poppy & Mariah / Bradley

Super Spellers: Freddie, Mea, Lucas, Harry, Lucy / Chloe, Albie, Ashton, Ruben, Leo, Zophia.

Super Readers: Alice, Ruben, Zachary, Ruby, Roman, Zack / Nayce, Theo, Rose, Bella, George, Sophia, George, Penny.

Numbots: Arthur, Alistair, Marcelo

House points: **Dolebury 370** **Lyncombe 429** **Mendip 363** **Windmill 781**



CENSUS DAY – FREE SCHOOL MEAL FOR EVERY CHILD



The poster features a red background with a white diner sign that says "DINER = Day =". Below the sign, it says "16 JANUARY 2025" in a red box. The text reads: "We're serving up a FREE all-American lunch straight from the diner: big flavours, classic bites and something for everyone." There are images of a hotdog and a burger. The menu is divided into three sections: "Mains" (Burger or Cheeseburger, Veggie Hotdog, Battered Chicken Burger), "Sides" (Crispy Fries, Corn on the Cob & Veggie Sticks), and "Desserts" (Snickerdoodle Cookie, Chocolate Churros, Fresh Fruit). A QR code is provided for the Select system, with the URL select.aspens-services.com/. A note says: "If you have not used the Select system before, please reach out to your school office and get your school and child code before registering." A thank you message at the bottom says: "A big thank you to our local suppliers for making this American diner lunch possible."

After the success of the census day lunch in October, we are once again offering a special lunch on Thursday 16th January. As you will be aware, funding in schools is a real challenge; we are constantly looking for ways to make more from less. One way we can maximise funding is to ensure we have as many pupils as possible receive a school lunch on census day as numbers directly impact on the money we receive from the Government. Lighthouse Schools Partnership calculated that our school lost over £8000 of funding last year. To help us maximise numbers we will be once again providing a **free meal for every child in the school.**

To ensure your child gets their free meal, please make your food selection on the normal Aspens Select system. The menu is already up there for you. There is more information on the poster opposite.

If you are concerned that your child may not like the food choice, please still book a meal (they may like to give it a go) but you are also welcome to send in a packed lunch.

If you have any difficulty booking the meal, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, we will help to get you sorted.

As this will be a mega cook for our kitchen team, we would be very grateful if you could book your child's meal as soon as possible and certainly by the **Monday 13th January.** Thank you so much for your support.

LOST PROPERTY

Following the Reception and KS1 nativity productions, we have a number of pieces of lost property

- 2 flash drives one blue and one pink
- adult's hat and gloves
- peachy coloured drinks mug

If any of these belong to you, please contact the school office to arrange collection.

YEAR 6 T@3



Thank you to Mr Davis and the Year 6 class for a super celebration on learning about WW2. Thank you also to all of the Year6 families who donated cakes. The T@3 raised £256.50 for school funds.

Future T@3 and class service dates:

Year 2 – 31st January 2025

Year 1 – 2nd May 2025

Year 4 – 7th March 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.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

The school website now has a section on music opportunities or events happening in the local vicinity. Please follow the link <https://www.churchillprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/music-opportunities> for more information.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

In our school we have provision for 4 parent governors and there will be 2 vacancies.

The Governing Body, with the Headteacher, has responsibility (alongside the MAT Trustee Board) for the running of the school.

Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed; the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and the time and commitment to play a full and active part in the governing body's work. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training.

Due to a recent resignation, we are looking to appoint a Governor who has experience of finance. If you would be interested in this role, or know someone who is (they do not need to be a parent as we have the option to appoint Governors who hold specific skills), please do let us know via the school office.

THE BUZZ NEWSLETTER

The Buzz is a newsletter which is co-produced by students who attend the North Somerset SEND children and young person's council. Please see attached.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

Ho ho ho!
There's lots of fun to be had!

All children who receive benefits related free school meals are invited to join us during the Christmas (winter) holiday for fun activity days and food!

FREE!

eequ **HAF** NORTH SOMERSET
Holiday Activities & Food

A free healthy lunch

Visit our booking page at <https://eequ.org/northsomerset/haf>

The Christmas/Winter HAF programme provides sessions during the school holidays for children who are receiving benefits-related free school meals. The HAF fund focuses on children and families who are struggling financially. The HAF Team are delighted to confirm that this Christmas (Winter) holiday, there are 19 different provisions at 15 different locations across North Somerset. Activities include sports, caving, skiing, arts, crafts, trade skills and gymnastics, to name just a few! At many of the activity days, the children and young people will take part in lots of different activities. All children and young people will also be provided with a meal and healthy snacks. To find out more about HAF in North Somerset and how to book on, please visit:

Holiday, activities and food (HAF) programme | North Somerset Council

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/benefits-support/other-benefits-support/holiday-activities-food-haf-programme>

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.

If your child is off sick, please make sure you cancel any dinners ordered as you will still be charged. Children receiving free school meals also need to cancel as the school will be charged.



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.

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Festive Foliage

Saturday 21 December 2024

Get the holidays off to a festive start with this creative workshop for children!

- **Make a seasonal centrepiece** to adorn your table this Christmas using natural materials, including foliage from the Cathedral gardens
- **Explore the Cathedral** with our free Christmas Story trail

FREE with adult entry
No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in the Education Room of Wells Cathedral
11.15am – 3.15pm

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.

WELLS CATHEDRAL
EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Wells Cathedral Registered Charity Number 1207269

Save Money

LUNCHTIME

FREE MEAL

Healthy, nutritious and freshly made daily

EVERY child in Reception Year 1 & 2 can have a **FREE** school lunch.

Please contact reception for details

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

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



*Push the Noise –
You're invited!*
Come, join the Love Song

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
CAROLS & NATIVITY FOR ALL AGES

3.30pm Carols @Cottage Homes, Front Street
3.45pm Follow the Star on Front Street
4pm @Churchill Methodist Nativity & Candles
5pm Sausage rolls & mince pies

Churchill Methodist Church churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

LET'S GO!
For Children,
Families &
Young at Heart!

NEW **FUN!**

Sundays 4-5pm
@Churchill Meth's, Front St
Come & see...
You'll be glad you did!

Free **DROP IN**

8 December
JAM Time
Cookies & Cold Drinks

1 & 29 December
3 C'S
CARTWHEELS, Cupcakes & Christ
Cakes & Real Coffee

Grill-a-vicar

Churchill Methodist Church
Churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk



www.somersetsoccerschools.com

After School Soccer Club

@Churchill Primary School

Each Thursday [see website for dates]

End of school to 4.45 pm each Tuesday

Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking enrolments on our afterschool soccer club, for boys and girls in Years Reception to 6 inclusive.

This will be run from end of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday on the field, with children grouped by age and ability.

As an experienced teacher and coach of over 35 years, the courses are fun and structured.

Each eligible player receives a SKILL AWARD TROPHY upon successful course completion!

Fees are paid termly and children get 90 minutes tuition, coaching, trophies AND FUN, 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 to

www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

WE WILL ROCK YOU
SCHOOL EDITION

15th - 18th Jan 2025

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form
Doors 6.30pm Show 7.00pm

Music and Lyrics by QUEEN
Story and Script by BEN ELTON

"WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).
www.theatricalrights.co.uk

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.

