



## NEWSLETTER NO. 8 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

This term has flown by! The children have been really busy showcasing their learning in their spring assessments as well as enjoying trips to the SS Great Britain (for year 2), Design and Technology days, visits from Farmlink and a trip to Life Skills (for year 6). This week, pupils from years 5 and 6 are taking part in the North Somerset school's swimming gala. We wish them all the best of luck.

Term ends for the pupils on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February as Friday is an INSET day for all schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP). We will be joining school teams from across LSP for a thought provoking and informative day, entitled 'Advancing Equity; Unlocking Potential'.

We hope you all have a relaxing half term break and we look forward to welcoming all of the children back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Woollven

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

### **DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CONTRIBUTION**

Over the last few days, pupils in years 1-6 have been enjoying their design and technology day. From bridges to burgers, the children have been engaged in projects developing their skills and knowledge of different materials and construction skills. As you can imagine, projects of this scale take a lot of resourcing and to help fund these projects, we are asking for a £1.50 donation per pupil, towards the cost of the materials. We recognise that families provided ingredients for Year 6 pupils, so on this occasion there is no request for a donation from this year group. We would be grateful if this could be paid, via ParentPay, when it is listed later this week. We really appreciate your support in enabling us to continue these creative days.

### **T@3**

Thank you to Year 2 for a super class service and for hosting the latest T@3. We are very grateful to families who supported this event and helping us raise £234.00

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

Year 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Reception class – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*Don't forget!*

- 10<sup>th</sup> February – KS1 D&T Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Life Skills trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Years 5 and 6 swimming festival (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Disco
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – school closed for INSET
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Term starts for pupils
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Youth Speaks competition
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evenings
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – children are invited to dress as their favourite book character
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Girls' football competition (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Live science lessons
- 7<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 T@3
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Farmlink 'breakfast' service
- 12<sup>th</sup> March – rearranged gymnastics competition (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 14<sup>th</sup> March – day of sporting activities – linked to comic relief
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Primary netball competition (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Dance Festival @ the Weston Playhouse
- 4<sup>th</sup> April – dress down for the last day of term.



### **PTA VALENTINE'S DISCO**

This Wednesday, the PTA will be running a Valentine's Disco at school. For full details and to book tickets online, please see to Churchill PTA Facebook page.

## **CHURCHILL'S FOOTBALL TEAM**

Churchill's Year 5/6 football team have again showcased their skills and talents on the football field. Representing North Somerset, the team took to the pitch to compete against a strong group of 5 different teams, all representing their area.

To begin with, Churchill were unlucky to be on the wrong end of a couple of 2-0 score lines but, showing true Churchill character, they reacted by putting in 3 strong performances to end the tournament. The squad showed great togetherness, teamwork and above all - sportsmanship. They played with a real smile on their faces and demonstrated great skill with fast attacks, strong defending and heroic goalkeeping.

Unfortunately, their efforts didn't qualify them into the semi-finals this time round, but all ended the day extremely proud of their efforts and the school community should

echo these feelings as they represented Churchill with flying colours in every aspect. Well done, team!



## **CERTIFICATES**

Well done to all those children who received class certificates for 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Reception:** Bobby, William, Lana / Alba-Rose, Leon / Emily / Remy

**Year 1:** James / Skylaa / Jessica-Lilly / Fletcher

**Year 2:** Logan / Jack / Lara

**Year 3:** Mia / Riley / Frankie / Austin

**Year 4:** Finley / Roman / Jack / Esther & Megan

**Year 5:** Alivia / Imogen and football team / Riley / Nathan / Isla & George

**Year 6:** Holly / Football team / Laila / Heidi

**Super Spellers:** Tymur, Tia, Jude, Sophia, George, Sinead / Nancie, Sophia, Harper, Myla, Elliot, William / Esmee-Rose, Harper, Sophie, Phoebe, Issy / Florence, Sammy, Esme G, Jessica, Martha, Polly

**Super Readers:** Caesar, Edie, Arlo, William W, Ashton, Darcey / Bobby, Neve, Rosie, Olivia, Sinead, Morgan / Sophie, Laura, Harper, Esme, Shannon / Ollie, Tilly, Regan, Christinamaria, Lottie, Jack, Harmony, Louis

**Nessy:** Bethany / Polly & Poppy

**House points:** **Dolebury** 335 / 480 / 395 / 661 **Lyncombe** 392 / 367 / 755 / 499 **Mendip** 326 / 409 / 470 / 483 **Windmill** 311 / 444 / 322 / 544



## **PUPIL MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL**



At Churchill Primary School we strongly discourage all children from bringing mobile phones and smart watches to school. Where parents of pupils, in Year 5 and Year 6 only, feel it is essential for their child to have a mobile phone or Smart Watch for use outside of school, they can request a permission form from the school office. Mobile phones must be switched off and handed to the class teacher on entry into school and will not be allowed to be used during the school day or at any time on the whole school site (any area within the school gates). Children in classes from Reception – Year 4 are **not** permitted to bring a mobile phone or Smart Watch to school.

Despite very clear messaging of the school's expectations, some pupils are continuing to breach this ruling and are accessing their devices before leaving the school site. As a result, we have updated our policy to state that all phones must remain switched off until the pupil has left the school grounds. Breaches of this ruling will result in the phone being confiscated and a requirement for it to be collected, by an adult, from the school office.

We hope that you will support us by reinforcing this important message with your child and wherever possible, discouraging them from bringing any devices into 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

## **LSP NEWSLETTER - THE BEACON PARENTS' EDITION**

As you may be aware, our school is part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) – a Trust of 33 schools in the local area. The LSP has a parent/carer 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 in the LSP.

<https://www.lsp.org.uk/parentportal/newsletter/?id=26>

## **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.



## **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.

## **2025-26 TERM DATES**

The school year is 195 days and includes five in-service days used for staff training.

- term 1 - Tuesday 02 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025
- term 2 - Monday 03 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025
- term 3 - Monday 05 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026
- term 4 - Monday 23 February 2026 to Thursday 02 April 2026
- term 5 - Monday 20 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026
- term 6 - Monday 01 June 2026 to Wednesday 22 July 2026

## **Churchill Primary School inset days: -**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026



## **ASPENS SELECT – FEED YOUR FAMILY FOR £5!**

The QR code will take you to the school website page for Aspens Select where you will find menus, activity sheets and recipes relating to all things foody!



## **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*

## WEST OF ENGLAND MUSIC

For more information about these instrumental days please see details on the school website  
<https://www.churchillprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/music-opportunities>

**Primary School Instrumental Days!**  
Join with other musicians in the area  
and play in a large ensemble. Make  
new friends and learn new skills.



**Where:** South Glos, North Somerset and B&NES

**When:** Various dates in January

**Who:** Primary aged children in Years 3-6

**Instruments:** Woodwind and Brass,  
Strings, Acoustic Guitars

**How:** Sign up below

**More information:** ask your child's instrumental  
teacher or email [music@wema.org.uk](mailto:music@wema.org.uk)



Book a space: <https://www.wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres>

Scroll down to Instrumental Days

\*Free for students entitled to Pupil Premium



[www.somersetsoccerschools.com](http://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](http://www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school)

## Be a Boy Chorister for a Day at Wells Cathedral



**Saturday 15th March 2025**  
1.45pm - 5.30pm

Wells Cathedral invites boys between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong.

 **WELLS**  
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL  
<https://wells.cathedral.school>

For more details and to book your place, please contact:  
[musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk)

 **WELLS**  
CATHEDRAL  
[www.wellscathedral.org.uk](http://www.wellscathedral.org.uk)

**LET'S GO!**

# 3 C's

Sundays 4-5 pm  
2, 9 & 23 February

**FREE**

@Churchill Meth's Hall, BS25 5NG

**SONGS. STORY. ACTIVITY & CHAT**

For youngsters of all ages  
0-99years!

Cartwheels, Cupcakes & Christ

Churchill Methodist Church  
Contact us:  
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com  
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

**WELCOME**

# CREATE! Sunday

Exploring faith & nature together...

- fun, games, craft & story
- family friendly nature activities
- for all ages, including seniors
- Bible story & song
- FREE tea and refreshments

**BETTER TOGETHER**

**Fun**

Sundays 4-6 pm

16 February @Churchill Methodist  
16 March  
18 May  
22 June  
20 July

Contact us  
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com

Venues on website & FB  
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

Find us  
Churchill Methodist, Front Street, BS25 5NG  
Churchill Methodist Church

# LOVE BIRDS & CRAFT

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY  
4-6pm

@Churchill Methodist  
BS25 5NG

Fun & Creative Activities for Families

**we ♥ CREATE! Sunday**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- ♥ FUN ACTIVITIES
- ♥ FREE CRAFTS & CHAT
- ♥ STORY & SONGS
- ♥ BUFFET TEA

FOR MORE INFO:  
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churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

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# CHURCHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

**PLAY. SING. CRAFT AND CHAT!**

MONDAYS 3, 10 & 24 FEBRUARY  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
AT CHURCHILL METHODIST BS25 5NG

Churchill Methodist Church

churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com  
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

Breastfeeding welcome here

# YATTON LIBRARY NEWS

YATTON.LIBRARY@N-SOMERSET.GOV.UK | 01934 426100  
FEBRUARY 2025

## YEAR OF THE SNAKE

2025

29th January was the start of the Lunar New Year with 2025 being the year of the Snake.

We have been enjoying Chinese New Year themed story time and rhyme time sessions with our preschool aged children and had a fabulous themed visit from Yatton Infants School Reception class pupils.

Please come in and colour in some snakes and other zodiac animals.



## BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



TO COINCIDE WITH THE RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH, ALI HAS HIDDEN 8 BIRDS IN THE LIBRARY - SEE IF YOU CAN COME IN AND FIND THEM ALL.

## MARVELLOUS MAKERS CRAFT SESSION

We will be holding a craft session for children of all ages during the February half term.

Tuesday 18th February 2pm - 3pm



## BOOK OF THE MONTH THE RAVENS SONG BY ZANA FAILLON AND BREN MACDIBBLE



Shelby and Davy climb through the fence of their closed community of ethical people and find themselves in the jungle involved in a dangerous situation that needs all of their determination to navigate.



## FACT CORNER

Q: What is the collective noun for ravens?  
A: A Conspiracy

## 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.