



NEWSLETTER NO. 9 6th March 2025

The term has started with some lovely bright sunshine and the children have had their first opportunity, of the year, to play on the main school field. We really are very fortunate to have such super grounds for them to enjoy.



We have very much enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, today. We filled the hall with a massive array of different book characters and enjoyed some creative story telling from Mr Maddocks. Whether your child is starting out on their reading journey or they are a capable and fluent reader, the benefit of sharing a book with your child should never be underestimated. This chart shows the cumulative impact regular reading can have on your child's learning.

Child A	Child B	Child C
20 minutes additional reading at home everyday	5 minutes additional reading at home per day	1 minute additional reading at home per day
60 hours per school year	15 hours per school year	3 hours per school year
1,800,000 words per school year (one million, eight hundred thousand words)	282,000 words per school year (two hundred and eighty two thousand words)	8000 words per school year (eight thousand words)
By the end of Y6, 60 whole days' reading	By the end of Y6, 12 days' reading	By the end of Y6, 3 days' reading
Reading scores usually within 90% range	Reading scores usually within 50% range	Reading scores usually within 10% range

Don't forget:

- 4th, 5th and 6th March – Parents' Evenings
- 6th March – World Book Day – children are invited to dress as their favourite book character
- 7th March – Year 4 T@3
- 11th March – Farmlink 'breakfast' service
- 12th March – rearranged gymnastics competition (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 13th March Avon and Somerset Fire Service working with Years 5 and 6
- 14th March – day of sporting activities – linked to comic relief
- 18th March – Primary netball competition (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 21st March – non uniform day in return for gifts for the Mother's Day shop
- 25th March – Year 3 Dance Festival @ the Weston Playhouse
- 26th March PTA Mother's Day shop
- 3rd April – PTA Easter Disco
- 4th April – dress down for the last day of term.

Last week, I had the great pleasure of attending the Wrington Vale Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition. Three of our Year 6 pupils wrote and delivered a fantastic speech about 'sports for all'. Having been inspired by the achievement of the Lionesses in the European Championships in 2022, the girls shared their own journey in sport and the positive impact this is having on their lives. They spoke with great confidence and passion, showcasing a deep knowledge of their topic as well as sharing personal stories that inspired the whole audience. The standard of the presentations was extremely high, but our team stood out and were awarded overall best team. Huge thanks go to Mrs Clausen who was their mentor for this competition, guiding and coaching the girls across a number of weeks. We are really grateful for her continued support. Congratulations girls! Mrs Woollven



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

EQUAL ACCESS AWARD

We are incredibly proud to announce that Churchill Primary School has been acknowledged as a school that truly encourages equal access for every pupil, in a sporting capacity. Our sports leaders have been working tirelessly, over the last few years, to make sure that sport is available to everyone - be that at playtimes / lunch times, in a PE lesson or through the competitions we enter. The award showcases our dedication in developing all our children physically as well as academically. We have seen a huge increase in participation, particularly in the girls' sporting teams, that we offer in upper Key Stage 2. We look forward to continuing to champion the 'Sport For All!' message going forward.



SWIMMING GALA

Just before the half term break, Churchill took part in the yearly swimming gala, hosted by North Somerset, at Hutton Moor. The 8 selected pupils were pitted against the best-of-the-best from schools all over the county, where they showcased their talent in different strokes. Our pupils were a credit to the school and enjoyed a very successful event in which we finished 4th out of the 16 competing schools. A HUGE well done to all involved!

CERTIFICATES

Well done to all the children who received class certificates on 13th and 28th February

Reception: Remi C and Phoebe G

Year 1: Albie and Elsie

Year 2: Skyla and Eloise

Year 3: Tymur and Jaxon

Year 4: Esme S and Marnie

Year 5: William, Ava and Toby

Year 6: Anna and Amelia

Super Spellers: Elsie V, Storm, George, Riley, Trixie, Chloe, Ollie, Oliver, Jack Y, Joshua H, Arthur

Super Readers: Nel, Zubair, Charlie, Jane, Olivia Z, Joseph, Jessica, Finley, Avah V

Nessy: Bethany

House points: **Dolebury 283/336** **Lyncombe 266/392** **Mendip 361/352** **Windmill 573/302**



GENEROUS GIFT OF NEW BOOKS FOR OUR YEAR 2 CLASS

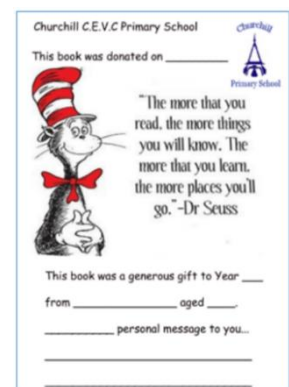
Mrs Hathaway has very kindly bought a super selection of new books, to add to the Year 2 reading scheme. Her generous donation has added some exciting new texts to the reading books on offer to the children. We are extremely grateful for this very kind gift.



If you would like to gift any new books to school, we are always very grateful. Our birthday book scheme is a lovely way of your child adding to the class libraries.

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you to all of the families who have generously donated a birthday book so far this year. We have received some beautiful books that our children have loved reading. It is always super to hear the lovely comments, when a child picks up a book that has been kindly donated by someone in their class. If you would like to donate a birthday book next year, I have attached some possible ideas that we would be very grateful to receive.



<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Meet the Planets - Caryl Hart Fruits - Valerie Bloom Kind - Alison Green Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes - Mem Fox It's Okay to be Different - Todd Parr	Just Because - Rebecca Elliott Amazing Grace - Mary Hoffman The Girl and the Dinosaur - Hollie Hughes Amazing - Steve Anthony Three by the Sea - Mini Grey	The Different Dragon - Jennifer Bryan The Biggest Story - Sarah Coyle and Dan Taylor The Book Without a Story - Carlolina Rabei What do you do with an idea? - Kobi Yamada	After the Fall - Dan Santat Sometimes I feel -Sarah Maycock The Colour Monster - Anna Llenas Werewolf Club Rules - Joseph Coelho The Street Beneath My Feet - Charlotte Guillan
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	
Every Child a Song - Nicola Davies Hue Boy - Rita Phillips Mitchell Azzi In Between - Sarah Garland A Kid in My Class - Rachel Rooney The Rabbit, the Dark and the Biscuit Tin - Nicola O-Byrne	Queen of Physics - Teresa Robeson The Town is by the Sea - Joanna Schwartz The Dark - Lemony Snicket Flashlight Night - Matt Forrest Esenwine The Boy Who Loved Words - Roni Schotter	Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History - Vashti Harrison House Held up by Trees - Ted Kooser Sweep - Louise Greig A Meeting in the Sky - Rina Singh On a Beam of Light - Jennifer Berne	

REMINDER - 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.

As a reminder, 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.

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>

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 2nd September 2025
Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Friday 16th January 2026
Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 1st June 2026

MUSIC LESSONS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

From the Summer term (April 25), we will be transferring the booking and invoicing of music lessons directly to the West of England Music Alliance (WEMA). This means that WEMA will now be your direct contact, regarding invoices.

Charges are:

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons **£232.50**

20 minutes individual x 10 lessons **£155.50**

Lessons will still be taught in school, by the same music teachers as before. Children already receiving lessons have already been sent a letter home detailing how to book. If you have not received it, please go to www.wema.org.uk/register by 7th March.

When deciding when to start please select "Starting in Summer".

HOW TO GET A BLUE PETER BOOK BADGE

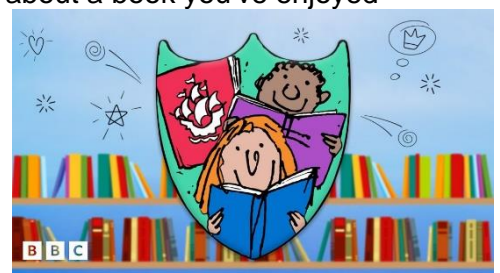
Do you love books and reading? If you do, this is the badge for you! Designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake – who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To apply all you need to do is tell us about a book you've enjoyed reading recently and draw a character or scene from the book. We'd also love to hear about any books that have sparked your imagination. Use My Blue Peter to apply online.

Blue Peter Book badge application

To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.

Apply for your Book badge online using My Blue Peter.



- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to **read the Privacy Notice**.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

So, what are you waiting for? Pick up a book, explore your school library, or become a member of your local library and you could be on your way to earning your very own Book badge! 📖

[How to get a Blue Peter Book badge - CBBC](#)



ASPENS SELECT – FEED YOUR FAMILY FOR £5!

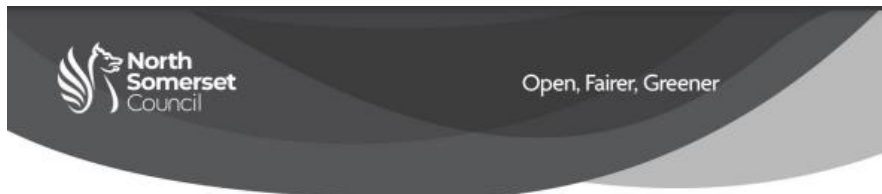
Aspens have a section on the school website with various activity sheets, booklets and menus. Please follow the link or the QR code.

<https://www.churchillprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/aspens-select?action=saved>



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.



Appeals timetable

2025-26 bulk intake school admissions

On time applicants

Transfer to Secondary School - Year 7 appeals

The range of appeal hearing dates for North Somerset secondary schools for on time applicants is between **2 June 2025** and **19 June 2025**.

The final date for the receipt of appeals is **11 April 2025**. Appeals received after this date cannot be guaranteed to be heard on the same date(s) as on time appeals but will be heard in accordance with the Department of Education's published School Admission Appeals Code.

Reception intake appeals and Transfer to Junior School appeals

The range of appeal hearing dates for North Somerset Infant, Junior and Primary schools for on time applicants is between **16 June 2025** and **18 July 2025**.

The final date for the receipt of appeals is **9 May 2025**. Appeals received after this date cannot be guaranteed to be heard on the same date(s) as on time appeals but will be heard in accordance with the Department of Education's published School Admission Appeals Code.

Information

More information on the appeal process is available at <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/admission-appeal-process>

All the dates are intended (not confirmed) dates and are subject to change.

This timetable only applies to North Somerset Community Schools, Voluntary Controlled Schools and Own Admissions Authority schools that trade with North Somerset Council Democratic Services.

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

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.

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

Book a space: <https://www.wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres>
Scroll down to Instrumental Days

*Free for students entitled to Pupil Premium

WEST OF ENGLAND MUSIC



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

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CATHEDRAL
www.wellscathedral.org.uk

SMC Rugby Camps

SPORTS MASTERS COACHING

9AM-3PM

APRIL 2025

MONDAY 7TH

MONDAY 14TH

ALL ABILITIES

5-13YRS

£18.50



THE RECREATION GROUND
WINSCOMBE, BS25 1AZ

[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/SPORTSMASTERSCOACHING](https://bookwhen.com/sportsmasterscoaching)



2025 Holiday Camps

From around £16 /day [including trophy] *

Somerset Soccer Schools

With Richard Bourton

Reception - Year 8

10am - 3pm



Kings of Wessex School - CHEDDAR BS27 3AQ 2025

1. EASTER	Mon 7 to Thurs 10 April incl	4 DAYS for £75
2. MAY HALF TERM	Weds 28 to Fri 30 May incl	3 DAYS for £50*
3. SUMMER	Mon 11 to Fri 15 Aug incl	5 DAYS for £90

CHURCHILL Sports Ground [By A38 traffic lights] BS40 5EL 2025

4. SUMMER	Mon 28 July to Fri 1 August incl	5 DAYS for £90
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To celebrate 25 years of camps locally, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are offering more camps from around £16 /day*, **including a trophy per camp booking!!!**.

I am a well-qualified schoolteacher & coach, with over 35 years' experience and an excellent countywide reputation for bringing the best out of children of ALL abilities. I am classified by OFSTED as OUTSTANDING, a FA Licensed Coach & awarded by the Sports Council.

Our professionally organised courses reflect a high level of expertise.

- **Skill Award trophy for each course booked**
- Extra awards for "being the best & doing your best"

* Fun but structured, competitive but technical. Quality instruction, quality ethos'

For referrals, info&photos see [facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools](https://www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools) or [somersetsoccerschools.com](http://www.somersetsoccerschools.com)

Hope to see you soon *Richard* somersetsoccerschools@gmail.com

TO BOOK: just go to www.somersetsoccerschools.com/booking

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

Sundays 4-6 pm
16 February @ Churchill Methodist
16 March
18 May
22 June
20 July

BETTER TOGETHER

Let's explore

Contact us
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 Venues on website & FB
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk
 Find us
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 Churchill Methodist Church

March 2025

Yatton Library Newsletter

World Book Day Competition

Please bring in a potato dressed up as your favourite children's book character before the 6th March. We will display them in the library and a winner will be picked.

Marvellous Makers Crafts

Rosie ran a really successful craft session making paper bag monsters! The children had an amazing time! We will run more in the next half term.

Teen Events

If you have 11+ aged children we'd love them to come to a Focus group at Yatton library on 18th March 3:45 -4: 45pm to discuss what teens would like here

Book Review

Charlottes Web by E B White

This is a childhood favourite of our library staff Karen and Rosie. It tells the story of a livestock pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a barn spider.

yatton.library@n-somerset.gov.uk 01934 426100

