



## NEWSLETTER NO. 12 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Last week, we saw our super Year 6 class sitting their SATS tests. The whole class reflected our rules for life and showed fantastic resilience, responsibility, readiness and respect for themselves and all their classmates. Thank you to all of the school team, members of the governing body and to families for supporting the children to have such a positive SATS experience. The young people should feel incredibly proud of themselves.

Whilst only a short term, it has been a super busy term. Thank you to all of our Year 1 class for a lovely class service, and to all of our Year 1 families for the first T@3 of the year to be held out in the sunshine.

Thank you also to all of the musicians and vocalists who performed at our Spring Concert, at the end of April. Gary Lewis, CEO of Lighthouse School's Partnership, thanked all of the children, the school team and the music teachers for a fantastic evening of music, showcasing the incredible talent of our young people.

As term 5 comes to a close, we will be wishing a fond farewell to Libby Warren. Libby has been a school meals supervisor and learning support assistant, at Churchill Primary School, for the last 20 years. She has supported many classes over the years, but most recently she has been working with the Year 1 team. Come rain or shine, Libby has been part of the team ensuring our young people are safe and happy at lunchtime. We wish Libby all the very best in her retirement.

*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*

### CERTIFICATES

Well done to all the children who received class certificates over the last few weeks:

**Reception:** Oli / Edie / Nel

**Year 1:** Jasmin / Eden / Elsie

**Year 2:** Morgan / Sammy / Laura

**Year 3:** Harper / Mateo / Bella

**Year 4:** Charlie / Ted / Mea

**Year 5:** Imogen & Harmony / Myla / Ashton

**Year 6:** Olivia / Whole class

**Super Spellers:** Roman, James, Henry, Jacob, Ashton, Anna / Isla, Posie, Eloise, Jacob, Poppy, Lottie / Nancie, Neve, Harry, Amelia, Esther

## Don't forget:

- 20th May – Farmlink Service – Countryside Code
- 22nd May – Year 5 Church Day at St John's Church
- 22nd May – PTA Bingo evening
- 23rd May – last day of term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – ice-cream sale in aid of Weston Hospice
- 2nd June – INSET Day
- 3rd June – children back for the last term of the year.
- 4th – 5th June – Year 4 bikeability
- 6th June – dress down for Father's Day Gifts
- 10th June – Year 6 at Wells Cathedral for their Leavers' Service
- 11th June – special activity – more information coming home on Wednesday
- 13th June – Father's Day shop
- 20th June – Year R T@3 and class service
- 24th June – Year 6 transition day. Whole school move up afternoon.
- 25th June – Year 6 drama day at Churchill Academy
- 27th June Sports Day and PTA BBQ – weather dependent
- 9th July – PTA end of year disco
- 12th July – PTA summer fayre
- 14th July – school reports given out to families
- 16th July – Year 6 matinee performance
- 17th July – Year 6 evening performance
- 21st July enrichment day and Churchill has got talent show.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 leavers' service and last day of the school year.



**Super Readers:** Remy, Juliette, Jack, Chloe, Marni, Max, Lucia / Remy, Ruby, Leo, Arlo, William, Ruben, Amelia / William, Juliette, Daisy, JJ, Finley, Lauren

**Nessy:** Poppy, Olivia / Olivia, Ppooy, Bethany / Olivia

**Citizens Cup:** Freya / Lucas

**House points:** **Dolebury 203 / 282 /261 Lyncombe 612 / 492 / 362 Mendip 176 / 271 / 179 Windmill 622 / 407 / 349**

### OUR CHILDREN SHOWING THAT THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

In school, we often share Anne Frank's quote, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." We use it to remind us, however young or old we are, we can start to make a difference one action at a time. The quote formed an important part of our celebrations of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, when we were thinking about peace and our British Values. One of our pupils, in Year 1, has decided that he will grasp this moment to do some good in the world and has asked for the opportunity to support his golf club in raising money for Weston Hospice. Alongside his Mum, Henry will be selling ice creams on the playground at the end of the school day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. All of the money raised will go towards the golf club's collection for the Weston Hospice Charity. **FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY – ICE CREAM SALES IN SUPPORT OF WESTON HOSPICE**

### OUR SUCCESS IN ROTARY COMPETITIONS CONTINUES

Congratulations go to all of the children who entered the Wrington Vale Rotary Young Writer and Young Artist competitions. We are delighted to share that in addition to the Youth Speaks, Young Musician and Young Chef competitions, we also had the winning entry in the Young Writer competition. Ted, from Year 4, was awarded the top prize for his lovely poem 'once upon a raindrop'.

#### Once upon a raindrop

I Swirled around in the deep blue sea,  
Quickly rising and falling the waves hurled me,  
The sun shone down and lifted me to the sky,  
All of a sudden I had to say good bye.

All of a sudden I picked up a loud roar,  
Without warning the clouds started to pour,  
I knew that now I would continue the water cycle tour,  
I landed and expected the chore.

I was dragged to the stream,  
Joyfully the raindrops rubbed and rumbled,  
The rain cloud became dingy and dim,  
I knew that soon I would see the sea and return to him.

I was flowing over well known land,  
Being here made me feel very grand,  
Rapidly drifting over the river bed,  
Have I done this before? It's confusing my head.

### YEAR 4 TRIP TO SLIMBRIDGE

Earlier this term, Year 4 visited the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust site at Slimbridge in Gloucestershire. After a far less eventful journey than our trip the Newt to visit the Roman Villa (fewer cows on the road), we arrived at our destination. Our main focus of the trip was to complete a 'Pond Explorers' workshop, where the children were able to put their classroom experience of using classification keys into practise. The fantastic staff helped us as we found a number of invertebrates and some fish, including dragonfly and mayfly larvae, snails, water fleas, pond skaters and water beetles. We used classification keys to identify the creatures that we had collected. The staff at Slimbridge were expert leaders and made sure that we had a great time and were able use our curiosity to explore the pond habitats there. Slimbridge is a truly wonderful site where we were able to see a huge number of birds and otters, while we walked around. We were also treated to a demonstration of a Crested Rhea Stork, in the amphitheatre, whilst we had lunch. A huge thank you to the parents who supported us on the day; we can't wait until we go again next year.



## **SCHOOL CARPARK**

Polite request to all families to avoid using the staff carpark at drop off and pick up. This is a staff carpark and staff members need to be able to exit, for training and meetings etc, at various times of the day.

We also ask that children do not enter or exit via the staff carpark, to minimize any risk to anyone getting hurt. We appreciate your support in this matter.



## **PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE**

We will be holding a pre-loved school uniform sale after school on WEDNESDAY. This will be held in the usual place by the pergola.

## **CHURCHILL ACADEMY**

Churchill Academy and Sixth Form Centre will be holding open days and an open evening for the 2026-27 intake on:

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 5:00-8.30pm
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9:00am -12:00pm



## **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

## **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.



## **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE LARGE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

I appreciate that the large playground equipment (trim trail and climbing frames) is very appealing, but we ask that you do not allow your children or pre-school children to use the equipment, before or after school. This is down to insurance regulations. We endeavour to maximise the children's access to the equipment during the school day. We really appreciate your support in this matter.



Churchill School Violin Club  
 Wednesdays 3.15-3.45pm  
 7<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> July (8 sessions)

Cost: £20

Run by Helen Page (Y3 Violin Project Leader)

Violins provided by Churchill Music



Open to any who have taken part in school violin group lessons or are currently learning violin/viola and would like to play more. (Maximum 10 places)

To sign up, please email [Helen\\_Page@wema.org.uk](mailto:Helen_Page@wema.org.uk)

If your child receives free school meals and/or is in receipt of pupil premium, (or there are other hardship reasons) please let us know as financial support can be offered to meet the cost of attending the club.

# **PIZZA** 22 MAY 2025

# **& BINGO**

**PREORDER YOUR PIZZA**



**SCHOOL HALL**

**BROUGHT TO TO YOU  
BY THE PTA**

**5:30 start 6.00 eyes down**

# Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

## An Anthology of Animals

27, 28, and 29 May 2025

View a colourful Cathedral exhibition, go hunting for a menagerie of animals hidden in the Cathedral\*, have a go at haiku, and try fun, animal themed crafts

With a different creature to craft each day, come to all three events to make your own menagerie!

**FREE with adult entry.**

**No need to book – simply drop in on the day and ask at the Welcome Desk for directions!**

\*Family trail available throughout half term, based on the book and exhibition, 'A Walk Around Wells Cathedral' by local artist Caroline Byrne



Sessions from 10.30am to 3.30pm

An adult ticket includes re-entry for 12 months giving access to a whole year of family holiday activities as well as other seasonal events and exhibitions. NB: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult; only assistance dogs are permitted at our family activities.



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Wells Cathedral Registered Charity Number 1007269

# Rhymetimes

We are relaunching fun free sessions, sharing nursery rhymes, action rhymes and musical instruments.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 – 9:45am

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 – 9:45am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 – 9:45am

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 – 9:45am

at Winscombe Library

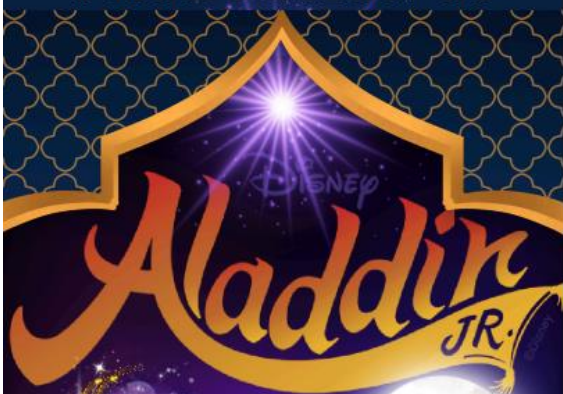


For children aged 0-4 and their parents or carers.

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/mylocallibrary](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/mylocallibrary)



## WINSCOMBE YOUTH THEATRE'S PRODUCTION OF



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

Performance at 2.30pm

Tickets available from The

Creative Florist, Winscombe

01934 842004

Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice  
Book adapted and additional lyrics by Jim Luigs  
Music adapted and arranged by Brian Lousselle  
Based on the screenplay by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio  
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI  
[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



FEED YOUR FAMILY FOR £5

## SMOKED PORK & BEAN TACOS



Feed your family of four for £5 with these Smoked Pork & Bean Tacos. You can make it yourself, just scan below to watch the method and get the recipe card.

The smoked element of this dish is from the Paprika.



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FOR THE RECIPE CARD

# DIG FOR VICTORY

## FRIDAY NIGHT THEATRE EXCLUSIVE!



### STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE DIG FOR VICTORY SHOW! 13-15 JUNE | NORTH SOMERSET SHOWGROUND

JOIN US FOR A CRACKING WEEKEND OF 1940S NOSTALGIA AT THE DIG FOR VICTORY SHOW – A FAMILY-FRIENDLY FESTIVAL PACKED WITH WARTIME SPIRIT! EXPECT A BRILLIANT MIX OF WW2 VEHICLES, LIVE RE-ENACTMENTS, VINTAGE STALLS, HISTORY TALKS, FAIRGROUND RIDES, SWING DANCE LESSONS, AND TOE-TAPPING MUSIC GALORE.

### SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE – ONE EVACUEE

WE'RE THRILLED TO WELCOME THE AWARD-WINNING CLEVEDON SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE FOR A MOVING PERFORMANCE OF ONE EVACUEE, BASED ON PLAYWRIGHT MARK WHEELER'S MOTHER'S REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE DURING OPERATION PIED PIPER.

◆ THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT WITH LIMITED AVAILABILITY.  
YOUR TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY TO THE SHOWGROUND ON FRIDAY 13TH JUNE.

DOORS: 5:00PM

SHOW: 6:00-8:00PM (WITH INTERMISSION)

STAY AND ENJOY THE 1940S VIBES 'TIL MIDNIGHT!

TUCK INTO TASTY GRUB FROM OUR FOOD STALLS AND GRAB A PINT AT THE VICTORY MARQUEE BAR.  
IT'S SET TO BE A PROPER GOOD KNEES-UP!

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE. FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, TICKETS £5  
PLEASE SEE [WWW.DIGFORVICTORYSHOW.COM](http://WWW.DIGFORVICTORYSHOW.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

