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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The new school year is fast approaching so I wanted to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome back to families returning after the summer holidays, and to those new families joining us this year, welcome to Churchill CE Primary School. In this letter I have included some exciting news about our school's 200th anniversary as well as a few key reminders.

2025 sees the school celebrate its 200th year as a Church of England Primary School, serving the communities of Langford and Churchill. This is a significant milestone in our school's history and a perfect time to reflect on our church school heritage and our vision for the education of all our children. Our vision is

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.

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Over the course of the year, the children will have the opportunity to learn more about the history of our school, its Christian foundation and why our values of **love, hope and respect** hold as strong now as they did when the school was founded.



Our celebrations will begin on the 29th September, when we will be joined by Rt Revd. Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells and Gary Lewis, CEO of Lighthouse Schools Partnership, for a special service of thanks. We look forward to sharing more information about our celebrations as the year progresses.

School year starts, for years 1 – 6, on Thursday 4th September

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 4th September. New Reception pupils will be joining us on Monday 8th September, following their home visits.

As a reminder:

- For pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 school starts at 8:40am. The gates will be opened at 8:30am and pupils are expected to be in class for 8:40am. **Registration closes at 8:45am.**
- For pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 school starts at 8:50am. Classroom doors will be opened from 8:45am and pupils are expected to be in class for 8:50am. **Registration closes at 8:55am.**

Please note, the school gates will be locked for 8:55am and any pupils arriving after this time will need to come to the main front school entrance. If your child arrives after the register closes, they will be marked as absent for the morning session. This is inline with the LSP Attendance Policy and Department for Education guidance.

Scooters and bikes can be ridden (**wearing a helmet is essential**) to and from school, but we ask that they are not ridden or used on the school site. There is a bike/scooter shed by the Larch Close entrance.

Children in Years R to 4 will need to be collected from the classroom door by an adult. Please find attached a permission form for parents and carers of pupils in Years 5 and 6, **who have not already completed a form for this academic year**, to provide permission for their child to walk home independently.

Meet the teacher meetings

As the start of a new school year can bring a flurry of information, we have arranged for our 'meet the teacher' meetings to take place in the first full week back. These will be for Years 1 to 6. Year R parents will be meeting with their class teachers at the home visits.

We hope that the meetings will give you an opportunity, not only to meet your child's new class teacher, but also ask any questions you may have about the term and year ahead. To provide families a chance to see their child's class and meet their child's class teacher in person, we have arranged for the meetings to take place at the end of the school day, at pick up. There will be members of the senior leadership team on duty on the playground to oversee any children, whilst families are in the meetings. We anticipate these sessions will last no more than 15 minutes.

A copy of the presentation will be uploaded onto the class pages following the session.

Meet the teacher meetings will be on:

- Wednesday 10th September, at pick up time. Years 1, 2, and 4
- Thursday 11th September, at pick up time. Years 3, 5 and 6

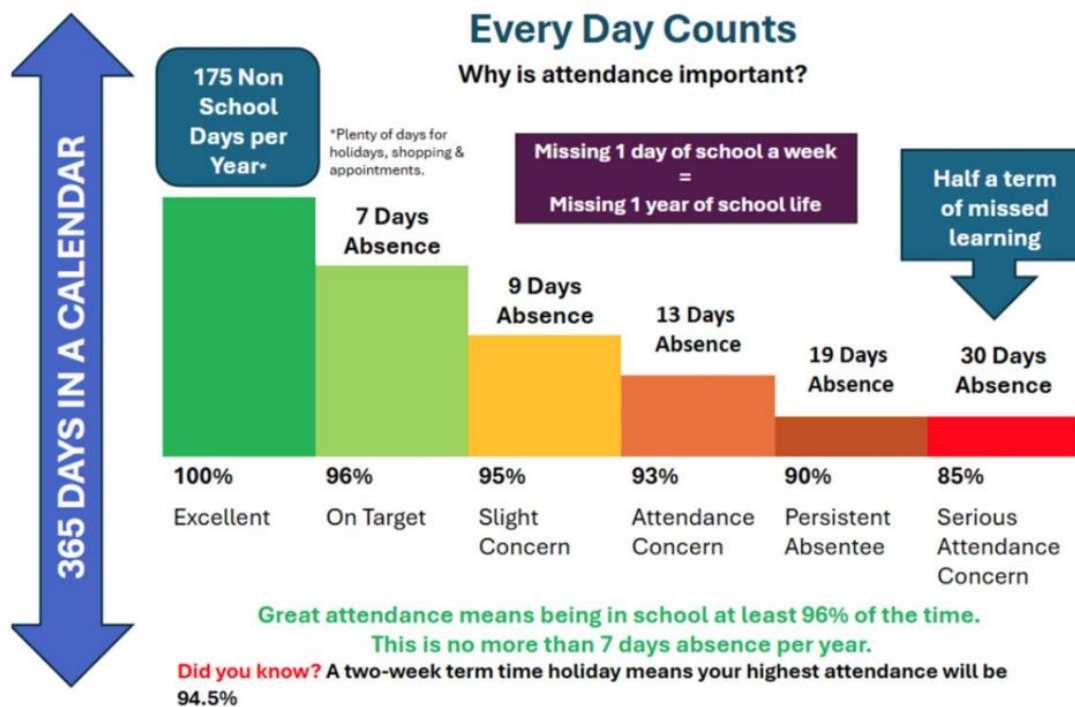
Before and After School Care

We are delighted to share that Sports Masters Coaching are continuing to lead our Kids' Club wrap around care. If you wish to book your child a place, please contact them directly via their website

<https://www.sportsmasterscoaching.com/after-school-club>

Attendance Policy

Our school attendance policy is available on our school website [via this link](#). Excellent attendance is our goal for every child. This year we will again be working closely with families to ensure that any absences are minimised as we recognise this has a considerable impact on pupils' achievement. Absences from school will be followed and may result in action being taken.



With just a week to go until the start of term, here are a few reminders that might be helpful:

School uniform All children are expected to comply with our school uniform expectations. Looking our best is an important step towards being the best we can be! Please select this [link to our website](#) for further information.

We absolutely recognise that finances are tight and that people are looking for ways to be kinder to our environment; preloved uniform is a great way to help on both fronts. If you are interested in seeing what pre-loved uniform we have, and we have a huge stock, we will have this available in the playground during week 1, otherwise just call in at the school office. If you have any preloved uniform (including PE kits and house coloured t-shirts), clean and in good condition, you would like to donate to the school, we would be very grateful to receive this.

Lunches Please remember to order your child's lunch before 8:30am! This week would be a great time to fill out the full month, a job off the "busyness" list 😊

If you require your child to have a school lunch, please order by 8:30am on the day it is required. If you have not ordered, you will be required to provide a packed lunch. If your child is absent from school, it is important that you cancel any dinners ordered, by 8:30am, as you will still be charged. In the case of children receiving Universal Free School Meals, the school will be charged for any meals ordered but not taken.

All children will need a water bottle. Please ensure that this is **filled with water** and no other juices or cordials.

Free school meals With the current economic position, more families are experiencing significant challenges with their finances. If you feel that your child could benefit from free school meals and additional funding in school to support their learning, please see the attached letter for further information. The letter explains more about pupil premium funding and how you can check whether your child eligible.

Pencil Cases. Pupils in years 3-6 are asked to bring in a **small** (it is essential that it will fit in their school tray – ideally no longer than 25cm by 12cm by 6cm), named, clear plastic pencil case stocked with equipment to use in school. Listed below is a suggestion for the contents. It is hoped that ownership of resources will encourage the children to take responsibility for their equipment and will minimise resources being lost.

- Two sharp pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- One green pen
- Glue stick
- Highlighter pens
- Rubber
- Ruler (30cm)
- Set of coloured pencils
- Pair of scissors

Swimming Reminder for parents and carers of Year 5 pupils that swimming starts on Friday 12th September.

The office team will be back on Thursday 4th September. If you have any questions, please call on 01934 863248 or email office@churchill-pri.n-somerset.sch.uk

I wish you all a relaxing final week of the summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 4th September.

For parents and carers of families joining us for the first time, I look forward to welcoming you to Churchill Primary School. Please could all new pupils come to the main school office at 8:40am, where they will be met by their class buddy who will take them on a tour of the school.

For parents and carers of our new Reception pupils, not long now! Our team are very much looking forward to meeting you and your children at the home visits planned for the first week.

Kindest regards,

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