



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

NEWSLETTER NO. 2

The school year is now well underway and the children are really engaged in their learning. I have had the pleasure of doing a number of learning walks, in all of the classes, and it has been super to see the focus and positive attitude of so many of the children, as they strive to be the best they can be.

Our reception class have settled in beautifully and it is lovely to see them developing friendships and living our school values (love, hope and respect). This was really on show on Tuesday, when Benson (our school dog) came to visit the class.

There are lots of exciting events happening during the remainder of the term, beginning with a group of pupils attending a 'tag' rugby festival at Bristol Grammar School and Years 3 and 5 enjoying an African dance workshop, in school.

We look forward to sharing some photographs in future newsletters.

Mrs Woollven



This year, we will be including a new feature to our newsletters 'You said, so we did...' This feature will highlight aspects of the school that we are modifying and improving, in response to your feedback. We are starting with building on the really positive feedback we received about our general standards of behaviour.

BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING

In the parent/carer questionnaire, completed in the summer, we were really pleased to see that the significant majority of families recognise that we promote high standards of behaviour and work hard to make sure that our pupils are well behaved.

4. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

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| 1. Strongly Agree | 25 |
| 2. Agree | 51 |
| 3. Disagree | 5 |
| 4. Strongly disagree | 0 |
| Don't know | 3 |



High standards of behaviour are not achieved by accident, it results from families and school both having the highest expectations for our children's behaviour and working in close partnership to address concerns where they arise. In feedback, some families shared that they would like to be informed more regularly if their child had misbehaved in class or out on the playground.

As you will have heard in the 'meet the teacher meetings' we have a clear behaviour plan in school (known as our behaviour ladder) where children are encouraged and supported to make good behaviour choices. However, if your child continues to choose to behave in a way that disturbs their learning or the learning of others (despite having warnings and support to get it right) then a consequence will occur. It is at this level we will be engaging with families and informing you about your child's behaviour, in order to seek a solution and avoid repeated poor behaviour. I have included below, a summary of some of the ways we seek to promote good behaviour and support pupils who are struggling to meet those expectations.

Don't forget!

- T@3 and class service dates for the year – see below for more detail.
- 29th September School's 200 year anniversary celebration
- 29th September Girls 7-aside football – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 8th October - Parent and volunteer induction session – see below for further details
- 10th October – Design & Technology Day
- 14th October Year 5/6 Cross Country – pupils will receive a letter if attending
- 20th October - Year 5 go to Osmington Bay
- 21st October Years 4/5 Give it a Try Netball Festival
- 24th October - Year 2 T@3 and class service
- 24th October - Last day of term 1 – school uniform will be required
- 3rd November – Term 2 starts – INSET DAY school closed to children

Our Core Christian Values



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

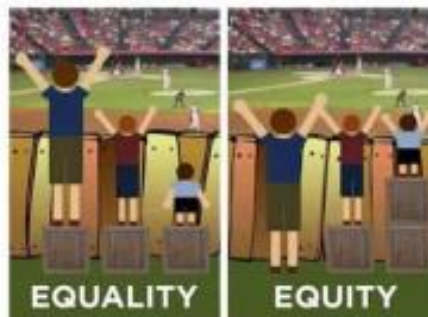
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Our Rules

At Churchill Primary School, we aim to:

- ♣ be respectful
- ♣ be ready
- ♣ be responsible
- ♣ be resilient

We aim to be the best we can be!



Visual Consistencies

Consistent:

- expectations
- language
- follow up
- positive reinforcement
- consequences
- respect from the adults
- reinforced routines for behaviour
- environment

Over and Above Recognition

Citizens Cup, Weekly certificates, Golden Table and Headteacher Stickers

Graduated Approach

Encouragement and reminder of our rules

'Nudge' to get it right and opportunity to correct (helpful phrases)

1st and 2nd warnings - reflection / repair / restorative activity

Senior Leadership Team involvement and / or parental involvement

In extreme situations:

Exclusion (Suspension / permanent – in line with DFE guidance 2022)

Helpful Phrases

I am seen:

I am wondering if... (remember zones)

I have noticed that ...

It looks like you are feeling ...

I am accepted:

I understand that you think it isn't fair.

It is okay to feel angry about...

I am empowered:

What do you need from me?

It is okay to say no if you are not ready.

I am remembered:

We are so happy to see you again.

I was thinking of you when...

Everyday Expectations

Quality audiences, Quality lines,

Quality discussions and Quality learning

Restorative Questions

What happened?

What were you thinking or feeling?

Who has been affected?

What could we do to put this right?

How do you feel now?

What have you thought since?

How can we do it differently in the future?

HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

As you are aware, our school is a member of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP). As a Trust we believe that children and young people flourish in their education when schools and families work together with mutual respect, open communication, and a shared commitment to nurturing every child's potential. We value positive, professional relationships with our families and have formalised our processes, and expectations, in our home-school partnership. As we start this new academic year, I wanted to bring this our partnership document to your attention. The LSP home-school partnership outlines the commitments we make as a trust of schools to you as parents/carers as well as the support and engagement we need from yourselves to ensure our shared purpose of happy and successful children can happen. [Please click on this link to view the document.](#)

PARTNERSHIP FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS (PINS) programme

We are pleased to share that Churchill Primary School has been chosen to participate in the PINS programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs in schools. PINS is a national programme which brings together health and education workforces, and expert parent carers to support schools to work closely with families to support their children. At the heart of the programme is a Parent Carer Participation Group. The Participation Group is for all parent carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND); no diagnosis or EHCP is required. They will hold regular meetings to:

- Work co-operatively with the school
- Ensure that parent carers have their voices heard by the school
- Bring parent carers together to share experiences

The meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday 8th October 9 to 10.30am
- Thursday 4th December 9 to 10.30am
- 12th February 1.30 to 3pm

Please do come along and join the group so that your voice can be heard.



**PARENT CARER
Coffee Morning**

at

Churchill Primary School

Wednesday 8th October

2025

9am - 10.30am

PINS: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools



NEW BOOK BY CATHY FAULKNER

We are delighted to share that Cathy Faulkner, former teacher at Churchill Primary School, is releasing her second book at the start of next year. Whilst working at Churchill, Cathy was inspired to write children's literature which has a special consideration for readers who struggle with dense pages of text but wish to read an engaging and inspiring novel. We hope that Cathy will join us this year to talk about her journey to becoming a published author.

To learn more about Cathy's books and pre-order her latest book, please click on this link.



<https://www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk/the-treasure-seekers>

YEAR 2 T@3 AND CLASS SERVICE

We are excited to invite the parents and carers of Year 3 pupils to their class service and T@3 on Friday 24th October. The service will start at 2:30pm in the school hall. Any donation of cakes from Year 2 families can be brought to the school office on the morning of Friday 24th October or at 2:30pm, ahead of the service.



For families new to us, T@3 may need a little explanation. At Churchill Primary School we have a tradition of having 7 (one per class) T@3 events across the year. Parents and carers of pupils in the class are invited at 2:30pm to their child's class service. This is a super opportunity for the children to showcase some of their learning. This is followed by a lovely community event, run by the parents and carers of that class, where all of the school community are invited to come and buy some cake and enjoy a cup of tea. These are predominately social gatherings that raise much needed funds for the class and school.

We will endeavour to keep these dates but if any changes need to be made, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Future T@3 and class service dates:

Year 2 – 24th October 2025

Year 3 – 12th December 2025

Year 4 – 6th March 2026

Reception class – 12th June 2026

Year 5 – 14th November 2025

Year 6 – 30th January 2026

Year 1 – 1st May 2026

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

During this week, your child will be bringing home an envelope containing essential data collection sheets. If you have not received your child's sheets by the end of next week, please contact the school office. Please take a few minutes to check these carefully and please ensure that we have the correct contact details.

PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING

We are getting lots of parents searching for lost fleeces and jumpers. With 30 identical jumpers in a class, it is hard to match them to their owners without name labels. Please help us; a lot of time is lost holding up jumpers and trying to find their owners.



VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

If you are interested in volunteering in school, whether that be supporting a school trip or hearing children read, we would like to invite you to our induction meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 8th October at 2:45pm (in time for pick-up), where we will share how you can help and discuss essential safeguarding procedures. If you could let the school office know if you intend to come, we can ensure we have sufficient chairs and handouts.

For volunteers who attended last year's induction, we would love to see you again so that we can keep you up to date with all of the safeguarding processes in 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.



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.

YEAR 6 SATs DATES

Please note that Year 6 SATs will be administered **in the week commencing 11th May 2026**. We ask that families of Year 6 pupils make a note of this date and do best endeavours for full attendance this week.

NORTH SOMERSET SCHOOL TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

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| Term 1 | Tuesday 2 nd September to Friday 24 th October 2025 <i>Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET DAY</i> <i>Wednesday 3rd September 2025 INSET DAY</i> |
| Term 2 | Monday 3 rd November to Friday 19 th December 2025 <i>Monday 3rd November 2025 INSET DAY</i> |
| Term 3 | Monday 5 th January to Friday 13 th February 2026 <i>Friday 16th January 2026 INSET DAY</i> <i>Friday 13th February 2026 Trust Training Day</i> |
| Term 4 | Monday 23 rd February to Thursday 2 nd April 2026 |
| Term 5 | Monday 20 th April to Friday 22 nd May 2026 |
| Term 6 | Monday 1 st June to Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 <i>Monday 1st June 2025 INSET DAY</i> |

Please note that the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) are holding 6 INSET days across our trust in 2025/26

Public holidays

School will also be closed for the following public holidays:

- Thursday 25 December 2025 - Christmas Day
- Friday 26 December 2025 - Boxing Day
- Thursday 01 January 2026 - New Year's Day
- Friday 03 April 2026 - Good Friday
- Monday 06 April 2026 - Easter Monday
- Monday 04 May 2026 - May Day Holiday
- Monday 25 May 2026 - Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 31 August 2026 - Summer Bank Holiday

Open Evening 2025

Wednesday 24th September 2025
5 pm - 8 pm

Scan the QR code or visit the
website address below for event
details and ticket booking:

<https://churchill-academy-openevening-2025.eventbrite.co.uk>



Open Evening - Wednesday 24th September

We invite you to our Open Evening, where you can tour the site, hear from the Headteacher, speak to staff members about our curriculum and the transition from primary school to the Academy.

For event details and ticket booking,
follow the link below or scan the QR code on the reverse:
<https://churchill-academy-openevening-2025.eventbrite.co.uk>



Open Mornings

We are also holding **Open Mornings on Tuesday 30th September and Wednesday 1st October from 9 am - 12 pm** for anyone who would like to see how the Academy operates during a normal school day. For details about the Open Morning and to book tickets, scan the QR code below or visit:
<https://churchill-academy-openmornings-2025.eventbrite.co.uk>



Are you in years 3, 4, 5 or
6 and enjoy singing?



Why not join KS2 choir?

**Wednesdays 3.10-4pm
in the hall**

**Ask Ms Ford
for details!**



Churchill School Violin Club
Wednesdays 3.15-3.45pm
17th September to
26th November (10 sessions)
Cost: £25



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

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

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.



JOIN WLHC JUNIOR HOCKEY

Winscombe Ladies Hockey Club is welcoming new players for the 2025/26 season

- Mondays at 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Girls & Boys Years 5 - 8
- All abilities welcome

 Sidcot Pitch

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**



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LIBRARY NEWS

YATTON LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 2024

BACK TO School

All the staff here at Yatton library wish the pupils a good new school year. Remember if you need help with projects, come in and see what books we have.

Julie, Rosie, Ali, Karen and Vicki

THANKYOU

Thank you to all the students that took part in our Summer Reading Challenge, the craft activities and the theatre event at the library. Don't forget to tell your teacher if you received a certificate.



CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

-  Drawing Club - Tuesday 3:15 - 4:30pm 
-  Lego Club - Saturday 10am - 12noon 

STORYTIME & RHYMETIME

Pre-school children are welcome to come along with an adult and join in the fun!

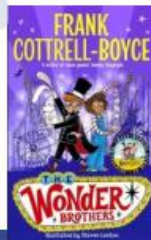
Rhymetime - 2 sessions
Mondays 9:30am & 10:15am

Storytime - Thursdays 2:30pm

BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE WONDER BROTHERS

Blackpool tower has vanished - can the magical cousins conjure it back home?



VINEHILL TRUST

CYCLE LESSONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

WE HAVE AVAILABILITY ON SATURDAYS FOR FREE 1:1 CYCLE LESSONS, USING OUR FANTASTIC RANGE OF BIKES, TRIKES AND ADAPTIVE BIKES. THESE 30 MINUTE SESSIONS ARE A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE CYCLE SKILLS AND DEVELOP FURTHER CONFIDENCE.





www.somersetsoccerschools.com

20 YEARS at Churchill Primary!!!!

3.25 to 4.50 pm each Thursday REC TO YEAR 6
NEW 2025-6 COURSE STARTING Thursday 18 September

To celebrate 20 years of Afterschool Soccer courses at the school, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking new enrolments and have frozen prices.

Following the advancement of players through the groups, WE ARE ESPECIALLY KEEN TO ENROL NEW KS1 PLAYERS [Years R, 1 and 2], but welcome all ages.

Run by a schoolteacher and coach of 35+ years' experience, the courses are structured and fun. Each eligible player receives a Skills Award trophy upon course completion at the end of Terms 3 & 6!

Fees are paid termly and children get around 90 minutes tuition, coaching and trophies, for around £6 per week!

For referrals please PTO. For philosophy, more general information, info about Holiday Camps, contacts and to book your place, please go directly to

www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school

Hope to see you soon. *Richard*

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