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2025

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. 3 **200th Anniversary Service**

On Monday 29th September, we were joined by many past and present staff, governors, friends of the school and Rt Revd. Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells, for a special service of rededication. This event was the start of a year of celebrations, marking the 200th anniversary of Churchill Church of England Primary School. The children learnt about some of the history of our school, including how the land on which the school was originally built was donated by George Henry, the then Bishop of Bath and Wells, but the money to build the school was generously provided by William Perry. Over this year, the children will get to learn more about what it was like to attend our school, 200 years ago. We look forward to sharing more information with you.

Mrs Woolven



Don't forget!

- 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
- 23rd October – PTA Spooky disco
- 24th October - Year 2 T@3 and class service
- 24th October - Last day of term 1 – school uniform will be required
- 26th October – Park Run at Kings of Wessex in Cheddar – all welcome
- 3rd November – Term 2 starts – INSET DAY school closed to children

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, this year we are including a new feature to our newsletters 'You said, so we did...' This feature highlights aspects of the school that we are modifying and improving, in response to your feedback. This week we are looking at attendance and how the hard-earned money raised by the PTA, is supporting our school.

ATTENDANCE

As you will know, attending school every day is a priority and research shows that high attendance, greater than 96%, leads to stronger academic outcomes for pupils. In feedback about attendance, families have said that they hadn't always appreciated how quickly the odd day off for illness, medical appointments or other reasons mounted up, and had a negative impact on their child's and the whole school's attendance. In response, we are introducing a number of (what we hope will be supportive) actions to encourage attendance every day.

- Mrs Ford, our Learning Mentor is available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to meet with children and families to offer support if anyone is struggling to get in to school.
- We will be celebrating most improved attendance 3 times a year, with a high value activity for pupils who have really improved their attendance or punctuality.
- Weekly celebration for the class with the highest attendance / punctuality that week.
- Regular communications with families about attendance and punctuality so that we can work together to find solutions and overcome any barriers to good school attendance.

We will also share our whole school attendance figures, in our regular newsletters, as we strive to improve our overall attendance. Our current attendance percentage is 95.7%

Since 4th September 2025, there have been 142 missed school days (From Year 1- Year 6)

FOOTBALLING SUCCESS

Last week saw Churchill kick off the football season by competing in the Somerset Girls' competition. A record-breaking 17 teams were competing to progress to the next round. The Year 5 and 6 girls did us proud by showing great teamwork and skill, and topping their group. A very even quarter final match was decided by the finest of margins, where we just lost out to the future finalists. All 10 girls were a credit to the school and we look forward to our next matches coming up soon! Mr Davis



OUR WONDERFUL PTA

We are very grateful to all of the wonderful PTA committee for their hard work and commitment to helping our school. We are also extremely grateful to you as families for supporting their events and generously donating (and purchasing) items for the PTA raffles / Mothers' / Fathers' Day shops etc. Some of you have mentioned that you would like to hear more about how this funding is being used to support your children. "You said, so we have..." included a section in this and forthcoming newsletters, showcasing resources and activities we have funded with the money. We recently purchased

- £2000.00 was spent on buying new reading scheme books for KS2 pupils. These are really being enjoyed by the children as they are modern, cover a wide range of topics and come in smart protective covers.
- £500 of new phonics decodable books for KS2 to enable pupils who are developing their reading fluency to access more mature books.

- £500 to add to the money kindly raised by Mrs Baird, to buy a new projector for the school hall. This means all of the images shown in school services are now bright and clear for all of the children to see.
- £2000.00 towards upgrading some of the pupil laptops, to ensure our resources are Windows 11 complaint

Thank you again for your generous and kind support.

PARENTS' EVENING MEETINGS

Our first round of parents' evening meetings for the year, will be taking place on the 11th – 13th November. These will be face-to-face meetings held in your child's classroom.

On Monday 13th October, you will receive a link to the online booking system. This is the third time we have used this system, via our website so we hope to have ironed out all of the glitches. To find our more information about how to book on, [please click on this link](#). If you have any questions or have difficulty booking onto the system, please contact the school office for support.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DAY

During the school year we will be having a number of subject focused days which allows the children to be immersed in a subject, for the whole day. On Friday, Years 2-6 will be holding their first subject day of the year- D&T Day. During the rest of the year there will also be music and art days. In order for us to purchase the resources classes will use for their D&T and art days (for example clay, cooking ingredients, special art or construction resources) we are asking for a £3.00 contribution per child. This will be added to your ParentPay account, later this week. We thank you for your support.

PTA SPOOKY DISCO

Really looking forward to the Spooky disco, 23rd October, please contact the PTA via their email or Facebook page, for more information.



PUPIL AND PARENT/CARER PRIVACY NOTICES

Each year, with the support of One West (our Data Protection Officer) we review and update our privacy notices. Privacy Notices for both pupils and parents/carers have been updated and are available via our school website. Please click on [this link](#) if you would like to access them.

TOMORROW - 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



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.



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

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.

REMINDER OF TERM DATES

NORTH SOMERSET SCHOOL TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

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>

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!**



School Aged Immunisations



We are commissioned by the NHS to deliver the national school-aged immunisation programmes across Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset

We deliver vaccinations including:

- Childhood flu
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Meningococcal ACWY
- Diphtheria, tetanus and polio booster

Please contact us for more information

Sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

0300 124 5515

Visit nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/ or scan this QR code with your phone to reach a guide to help you understand the vaccines offered and when to have them.



Service provided by
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care & health

The Family Support Fayre



Wednesday 12th
November



9am - 5pm



Winter Gardens,
Royal Parade, WSM,
BS23 1AJ

For families of children aged **0-25** with additional needs and/or disabilities

Chat with over **70** professionals from across North Somerset

ACCESS TO THE RIGHT SUPPORT

No diagnosis necessary!

MEDICAL NEEDS
LEARNING DISABILITY
MENTAL HEALTH

EDUCATION
HEALTH
SUPPORT SERVICES

Take part in **6** training topics!

Connect with local leaders - Ask what matters to you!

WE HAVE SUPER POWERS!

Book tickets here!

@NSPCwT

FREE event for parent carers and professionals in North Somerset!



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!

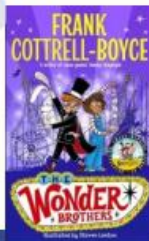
Rhymetime - 2 sessions
Mondays 9:30am & 10:15am

Storytime - Thursdays 2:30pm

BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE WONDER BROTHERS

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



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SESSIONS ARE A GREAT WAY
TO INTRODUCE CYCLE SKILLS
AND DEVELOP FURTHER
CONFIDENCE.





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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*

www.facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchoolswithRichardBourton



**NORTH SOMERSET AC
OCTOBER 2025 FUNDAYS**



**A HIGH-QUALITY OPTION FOR YOUR CHILD
FROM THE AWARD-WINNING CLUB & COACH**

CLEVEDON SCHOOL BS21 6AH

AGES 8-12

10.00AM – 4.00PM

MONDAY OCTOBER 27TH – THURSDAY OCTOBER 30TH 2025

LED BY NSAC HEAD COACH CHRIS MILLARD

SUPPORTED BY NSAC AMBASSADORS

COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO 1:6 MINIMUM

* ALL ABILITIES WELCOME *

HIGH JUMP, SPRINTS, HURDLES, LOADS OF RELAYS, THROWS, GAMES & CHALLENGES (INCLUDING LIGHTNING STRIKE, THE ELIMINATOR, RUN THE GAUNTLET, TREASURE HUNT AND MORE!)

* MEDALS TO BE WON & CERTIFICATES TO BE EARNED *