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NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Advent is upon us and there are signs of Christmas preparations popping up around the school. The children in KS1 are busy learning their lines for the Christmas nativity. In KS2, carols are being rehearsed ahead of our annual carol service. Whilst the excitement of Christmas is in the air, and there will be lots of fun to be had, the focus on learning is still very much the priority of every day, and will be right up until we break for the Christmas holidays. Routine, high expectations and structure are essential for our young people to manage this exciting period so please help us by maintaining high expectations, including with uniform and punctuality. We appreciate your support.

We look forward to seeing you all at the PTA Christmas warmer, this Friday (straight after school). Mrs Woollven

Don't forget!

- **Thursday 4th December** – second PINS coffee morning
- **5th December** – PTA Winter Warmer – we look forward to seeing you!
- **9th December** Bishop Michael lead Diocese Schools service
- **11th December PM and 12th December AM** KS1 Christmas Nativity
- **12th December** Year 3 T@3
- **18th December** Carol Service in school – 6pm. Google form to follow.
- **19th December** – Last day of term - Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day
- **5th January 2026** – term starts

ATTENDANCE

Attendance levels continue to be a serious concern for the school, with our overall attendance being lower than both the National and Local Authority averages. Since the start of school year there have been **478** lost school days, with 274 recorded as illness. We have also recorded approximately 10% of the school late on a daily basis (this is excluding the challenges faced by everyone on Monday morning). I will be writing to parents this week, to highlight if your child is regularly arriving late. We ask that you speak to your child's class teacher, or contact the school office for a meeting with our Learning Mentor, if you are experiencing any problems with getting your child into school, every day and on time.

Attendance percentage

School	95.1%
National	95.4%
Local Authority	95.6%

Minutes late	Equates to days lost across a year
5 minutes	3 days
10 minutes	6 days
15 minutes	9 days

As a reminder, the school day runs:

- Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils (Year R, 1 and 2) from **8:50am** and ends at 3:20pm.
- Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 3,4,5 and 6) from **8:40am** and ends at 3:10pm

The register for the first session will be taken at **8:40 am** (for Key Stage 2) and **8:50 am** (for Reception and Key Stage 1). Pupils arriving after 8:45 in KS2 and 8:55 in KS1 will be marked as late (L) – which still counts as present.

If a pupil arrives after the close of registration, 8:55 am for KS2 and 9:05 am for Reception and KS1, they will be marked with the unauthorised absence code 'Late after registers close' for the morning session.

Class attendance so far, this academic year.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.7%	94.8%	96.7%	94.5%	96%	95.9%	95.3%

HARVEST SERVICE - Letter from our Collective Worship Champions

Dear families

Thank you for all of the cereal boxes you donated to our Harvest Service. We collected over 200 boxes! Our school really enjoyed creating the domino run and the Food Bank really appreciated receiving the cereal. We learnt about how anyone who is in need can access a food bank so your donations will be helping lots of people. Thank you!

Jack, Anna, Sammy, Sophia, Tymur, Mia, Megan, Esther, Alfie and Nancie.



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:

- **Thursday 4th December 9:00 to 10.30am**
- 12th February 1.30 to 3:00pm

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

NORTH SOMERSET
PARTNER CARRIERS WORKING TOGETHER

Coffee for Parent Carers
at
Churchill Primary
with free training on
'Supporting your child with transitions'
Thursday 4th December
9am-10.30am

PINS: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

Department of Health & Social Care | NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board | NORTH SOMERSET | North Somerset Council



CHILDREN IN NEED

For Children in Need, we wore something spotty for a donation to the cause. We raised £191.00 so a BIG thank you everyone who took part.

SOMERSET COUNTY CRICKET FOR CHURCHILL PUPIL

Max has been selected for the boys under 11 development squad on the Somerset County Cricket pathway for 25/26. He has already started his winter training at Millfield. We wish him good luck on his journey.



STEAM TRIP FOR YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fantastic day at STEAM as part of their World War 2 unit. They were able to bring the experiences focused on in school into life. Amongst

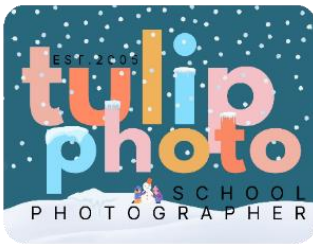


a lot of facts and hands-on lessons, they were able to feel what it was like to be evacuated and what it felt like to be in an air raid shelter during the Blitz. Year 6 were brilliant all day and really jumped into the role of evacuees with some great costumes! Well done! Mr Davis



PARKRUN PRIMARY

Well done to all the children attending the junior Parkrun, remember it takes place every Sunday and the local ones are at Cheddar and Yatton. Cheddar starts at 9am at the Kings of Wessex leisure centre, it's free and children run, walk, skip for 2k. Look forward to seeing lots of you at Cheddar on Sunday. Fancy dress optional this week I believe! Please check their website.



TULIP PHOTOGRAPHY DISCOUNT

Please be aware that the discount for your child's recent school photo ends on Monday 8th December.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - BOOKING

Now is the time to book your child's Christmas lunch. The kitchen staff would like them ordered by 10th December to be able to order in all the necessary food. Please go to Aspens Select to place your order.

A festive menu poster for 'FOOD FESTIVAL by Aspens' on '19th December'. The title 'FESTIVE FUN' is in large red letters. The menu offers two main options: 'Roast Turkey & Stuffing' or 'Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath', both served 'With Roasties, Sticky Chipolata, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy'. For dessert, it offers 'Rudolph's Nose Cookie' or 'Cinnamon Popcorn Chocolate Brownie'. The poster is decorated with snowflakes, a holly leaf, a fox, and a snowman.

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

FESTIVE FUN

19th December

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Or
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Rudolph's Nose Cookie
Or
Cinnamon Popcorn Chocolate Brownie

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

The Christmas/Winter HAF programme provides sessions during the school holidays for children who are receiving benefits-related free school meals. The HAF fund focuses on children and families who are struggling financially. The HAF Team are delighted to confirm that this Christmas (Winter) holiday, there are 19 different provisions at 15 different locations across North Somerset. Activities include sports, caving, skiing, arts, crafts, trade skills and gymnastics, to name just a few! At many of the activity days, the children and young people will take part in lots of different activities. All children and young people will also be provided with a meal and healthy snacks. To find out more about HAF in North Somerset and how to book on, please visit: Holiday, activities and food (HAF) programme | North Somerset Council <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/benefits-support/other-benefits-support/holiday-activities-food-haf-programme>

HIGHWAY CODE RULE 243

The Highway Code tells us that we must not park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction.



Safety and obstruction:

- Parking too close can make it difficult for drivers to turn, and it can put pedestrians at risk by creating a blind spot.

Enforcement:

- Even if there are no specific signs, it is still an offence to park in a way that causes an unnecessary obstruction, which can lead to a fine.

How to estimate the distance:

- Use your car as a guide – an average car is about 4.5 metres long, so parking about two car lengths away from the junction is a good general guide.
- A standard pavement slab is about 0.9 metres, so count approximately 11 slabs from the junction.
- You can use Google Maps measure distance tool to measure from the junction to your parking spot.

Please also be mindful of how you park around our neighbours' driveways, making sure you leave enough room either side of their driveways to negotiate around safely.

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.

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.



Churchill School Violin Club

Wednesdays 3.15-3.45pm

7th January to 18th March

(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 and would like to play music games, increase violin skills and create their own music (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



PINS: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

Windows Update
Updates are available
Required updates ne

SAVE THE DATE

Children who receive benefits related free school meals are entitled to free HAF activity days over the Winter holidays.

Bookings go live on Friday 7th November at 9am



HAF NORTH SOMERSET
Holiday Activities & Food



[Click here for the link to our booking platform](#)

TEXTILE CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOU DIVERTED

80KGS

OF TEXTILES FROM GOING TO LANDFILL



P Roberts
Director, Roberts Recycling



CHURCHILL PRIMARY PTA
INVITE YOU TO OUR

WINTER WARMER

(OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR)



Friday 5th December
from 3pm

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.



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.



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Become a Mix Master with our DJ Workshops!

Learn to beat match, loop, and get a crowd into the groove with our DJ workshops in Bath, hosted by Komedia Club. Featuring local DJ Elley Phunk! Starts January 2026, for ages 11-18.

Details & Booking
wema.org.uk/DJ-course



In association with
KOMEDIA



UNSCRIPTED!

A short creative music course for young people with additional needs or barriers to learning, providing a safe and creative space for young people to explore, discover and create music.

Details & Booking
wema.org.uk/unscripted



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day
Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



Get Into The Groove!

with our new music production courses

In Years 9-13 and love creating music? Whether you've been playing around on GarageBand or dreaming of dropping your own EP, this is your chance to go next level.

Over 10 weeks, expert music production tutors will help you shape your sound, master Logic Pro, and create a great track.

Next Course: Wednesdays, 6 Jan 2026 - 25 Mar (Feb half term off)
Final Course: Wednesdays, 22 April - 1 July (May half term off)

Details and booking at:
wema.org.uk/music-production-courses



In partnership with
 Bath College



The Rock Project

School of Rock & Pop

CHARITY CHRISTMAS GIG 2025

Come along, grab a drink and support our students performing live to raise money for **bemoreben** supporting families affected by the death of a child

SUNDAY 14/12/25
The Riff Corner Clevedon // BS21 6LU
LIVE MUSIC FROM 2PM
FREE ENTRY! Donations encouraged!
CHARITY RAFFLE Great prizes!

2pm: Nailsea & Ashton Juniors
3pm: Clevedon & Portishead Juniors
4pm: Nailsea & Ashton Seniors
5pm: Clevedon & Portishead Seniors
6:30pm: Encore Xmas Gig (adult members)
9pm: Headline band

Juniors: Ages 7-11
 Seniors: Ages 11-18

www.therockproject.com

SCAN FOR MORE INFO ON BEMOREBEN.ORG

Christmas Holiday creative workshops

Monday 22nd Dec
 Tuesday 23rd Dec

Age 6yrs-teenage
 Time 9.30-3.30pm
 Venue Farmlink, Wrington
 £40 for the day

Contact Jo Sinclair
 craftysewandsojo@gmail.com
 or 07905289721

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Whatever you're going through, we're here to help

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- Access a range of emotional wellbeing tools

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THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.

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SCAN ME

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC

"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal, Gullsborough Academy

According to the ORR Report , April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:	According to Rail Safe Friendly , July 25:
12 people died in accidents while trespassing	120+ companies support the programme
58% were struck by a train or tram	11,000+ schools in the UK have engaged
42% were electrocuted	20,000+ UK schools still need to be reached





www.somersetsoccerschools.com

20 YEARS at Churchill Primary!!!!

3.25 to 4.50 pm each Thursday REC TO YEAR 6

NEW 2025-6 COURSE

To celebrate 20 years of Afterschool Soccer courses at the school, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking more 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

www.somersetsoccerschools.com



Shipham village hall

9:45am- 11:30am
every Monday in
term time

Shipham Playgroup

£3 entry
includes
snacks,
squash
and hot
drinks
for the
adults.



Friendly welcoming
group with a
massive car park.

Everyone is
welcome

