



1825



2025

NEWSLETTER NO. 7 16th December 2025

The last week of term is here and the excitement for Christmas is mounting. Over the last few weeks, there has been so much to celebrate and enjoy. Our super Reception and KS1 children performed brilliantly in their nativity, 'Everyone Loves a Baby'. We have also enjoyed our Year 3 pupils confidently showcasing their learning, in last week's class service. The school choir have also been very busy, singing for the residents of our local care home and delighting guests at Yatton Church, where they performed alongside professional choral ensemble 'Celestia', conducted by David Ogden. Thank you to all of the children for their super performances and to the team for their support and preparation, enabling the children to shine.



OFSTED

As you may be aware, in September 2025 Ofsted changed how it reports to parents following an inspection. The new format, known as a report card, was designed with parents and carers in mind. It is intended to give you a clearer picture of what's working well and any next steps for improvement. One of the main changes is that Ofsted will no longer give one overall judgement, such as 'good', 'outstanding' or 'requires improvement'. Instead, the report cards show colour-coded grades for different areas like 'attendance and behaviour', 'achievement', 'personal development and well-being', and 'inclusion' (meaning how well the school or other provider meets the needs of all children). They grade these areas on a new scale: 'exceptional', 'strong standard', 'expected standard', 'needs attention' or 'urgent improvement'. They also tell you whether safeguarding responsibilities are 'met' or 'not met'. It's important to understand that the new grades can't be compared to the old ones: this is a different approach to inspection and a new way of reporting to you. **This 3-minute video** is really helpful in explaining a little more about what families will receive, following an inspection. From next term, we will be in the official window for inspection.

Don't forget!

- 18th December Carol Service in school – 6pm. FULL
- 19th December – Last day of term - Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day
- 5th January 2026 – term starts
- 8th January Farmlink Service for pupils
- 16th January – School Closed for training
- 30th January – Year 6 T@3 and class service.
- 12th February – last day of term for pupils
- 13th February – School Closed for INSET.

We are very much looking forward to our KS2 pupils raising the roof at our annual carol service, on Thursday evening. We are at capacity for this evening, so please be prepared to squeeze together and maybe stand.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Mrs Woollven

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

On Friday the 4th December, KS2 pupils joined Rector David at St Mary's Church for our annual Christingle Service. The children enjoyed preparing their Christingles at school, before walking to Church for the special service. A moment of stillness and quiet, with the only movement being the dancing candles flames, created a space for peace in the middle of this very busy build up to Christmas. We are very grateful to the Church community, who source all of the fruit and sweets for this special event.



ATTENDANCE

With just 3 more days to go, it would be super to see all of the pupils in school, every day. On Thursday, in our final celebration service of 2025, we will be awarding the class with the highest attendance their prizes for this term.

Please remember that if your child is feeling tired, this is not a reason for them to miss a day of school. If they are feeling under the weather, we are able (with your permission) to administer Calpol, which may just be all they need to be able to enjoy the day in school. With nearly a third of the school at risk of being persistently absent or actually persistently absent, this is a significant issue we must address together. If you have concerns about getting your child into school, on time, please do reach out to the class teacher, Learning Mentor or member of the senior leadership team for support.





Legend

- Severely absent (50% or more sessions missed)
- Persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)
- At risk of persistent absence (5-10% sessions missed)
- Good attendance (95-99%)
- Excellent attendance (99%+)


PINS MEETING

Thank you to families who joined our last session in early December. Our next session will be held on Thursday 3rd February and families are most welcome.








Coffee for Parent Carers at Churchill Primary
with free training on
'An Introduction to Pathological Demand Avoidance'

Thursday 12th February
1.30 to 3pm



PINS: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools



FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

This Friday is the Christmas lunch day (have you ordered yet?) and children can wear a Christmas jumpers and outfits.






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](#)

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>



ASPENS SELECT – CENSUS DAY THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026

Aspens Select will be having a Street Food Burger Bar meal with four different options to choose from, on the school’s census day. These will be free for every child in school. School funding is heavily dependent on everyone taking up a meal on this day. Please find all the menus and information on the school website. There will be a great opportunity for two students, in each year group, to win a seat on the VIP table AND all entries will be entered into a grand prize draw across the Lighthouse Trust, to win a brand-new bike. The winner of the autumn census day bike was a pupil at Blagdon school. Fingers crossed for pupils again on the January census.



STREET FOOD Burger Bar FOOD FESTIVAL

HELP BURGER MAN WITH A BUNTASTIC NAME

WIN!

Today is an extra-special, super-duper FREE day! Help us name Burger Man and if your name is the yummiest, silliest or coolest... YOU COULD WIN!

2 runners up in each year group win a seat at the VIP Table!

All entries are entered into a Grand Prize Draw across the Trust to WIN A BRAND NEW BIKE!



STREET FOOD Burger Bar FOOD FESTIVAL

Get ready for our Burger Bar offer!

15TH JANUARY 2026

A FOOD EXPERIENCE you'll never forget!

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

MAKE YOUR CHOICE

HEAD TO THE SELECT SYSTEM TO REGISTER AND PICK YOUR MEAL. DON'T MISS OUT!

If you have not used the Select system before, please reach out to your school office and get your school and child code before registering.

select.aspens-services.com/



STREET DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Street Dance will continue in the New Year from Thursday 8th January- Thursday 12th February, 6x weeks. Please book using the link below.



Upcoming events - Booking by Bookwhen
bookwhen.com



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



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.

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.



Service provided by
Sirona
care & health



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



Jesus is the gift

Feel the Love & Peace of Christmas

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER
CAROLS & NATIVITY FOR ALL AGES
 Front Street, Churchill BS25 5NG

3.30pm Carols @Cottage Homes, Front Street
 3.45pm Follow the Star on Front Street
 4pm @Churchill Methodist Nativity & Candles
 5pm Sausage rolls & mince pies

Churchill Methodist Church
 churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

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
 craftysewandsjo@gmail.com
 or 07905289721

Qwell

Free, safe and anonymous
 mental health and wellbeing
 support in North Somerset
 for all parents & carers.

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

- Connect with our supportive online community
- Find practical advice and information
- Chat anonymously with a counsellor
- Access a range of emotional wellbeing tools

Get support today
 qwell.io

