



Weekly Update: 4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Thursday 10th October 2.30-3.15pm	Coffee & Biscuits with Mrs Davies-Evans- Phonics & Reading Focus for Pippin Parents/Carers
Thursday 10th October	Flu vaccinations
Friday 11th October	PTA Colouring Competition Launch
Friday 11th October 9.15am	<u>NEW DATE (APOLOGIES): Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)</u>
Monday 14th October	Tempest - Individual Photos
Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October	Parents' Evenings (including PTA Book Fair, Preloved Uniform)
Thursday 17th October	Bags2School bags in
Friday 25th October	PTA Fundraiser Break The Rules Day; Launch of Christmas Card
Monday 28th October – 1st November	Half term holiday (PTA Village Trail)
Monday 4th November	INSET training day- school closed
Thursday 7th November	PTA Meeting at the Firehouse
Monday 11th - Friday 15th November	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 11 th November- Odd Socks Day)
Thursday 14th November 9.00-10.30am	Open Morning for prospective new families
Friday 15th November	PTA Silent Disco
Saturday 16th November	PTA Adult Silent Disco Party
Wednesday 20th November 2-3pm	Parent Family Support Adviser and SENDCo Drop-in Café for parents/carers
Monday 2nd December	Launch of PTA Christmas Raffle
Wednesday 4th December	Panto (Gifted by the PTA)
Friday 13th December	PTA Elfridges Stall
Tuesday 17th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 18th December	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December 9.15am	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term

INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)

Cross Country

Mr Bridgeman has been talking to all Year 3-6 pupils about the upcoming Cross-Country Series, where children compete against local schools. The dates of the upcoming competitions are:

- 10th October 4pm start at Long Sutton Primary School
- 21st October 4pm start at Hambridge Primary School

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We only had two entrants for the KS1 Funrun last week, so we are keen to gain as much participation as possible. He will be giving out letters, but please see the office if you don't get one as he needs the completed forms to enter the competitors formally.

Personal Devices

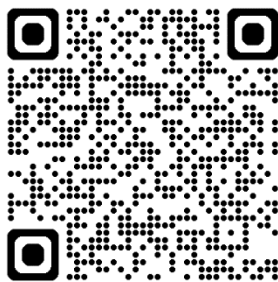
We realise that mobile phones have become an important part of everyday life for many children and that they can be a method of keeping them safe and secure. However we also recognise that they can prove to be a distraction in school and can be a means of bullying or intimidating others.

Therefore:

- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones or any other devices at school.
- If, in the rare event of a pupil bringing in a mobile phone for issues of personal safety, it must be handed into the school/nursery office immediately and collected at the end of the school. Parents must complete a mobile phone form beforehand to request permission- this is for Year 5 and 6 pupils only.

Message from Somerset Saint

Please find attached the QR code that will link to the Somerset School Aged Immunisation Team Facebook page, we update this regularly with information regarding our vaccinations and clinics:



Appointment of New Vicar

As part of the process of advertising for and appointing a new Vicar you are invited to an open meeting on **Sunday 6th October 2.00pm – 4.00pm at Fivehead Village Hall**. This will be an opportunity to hear the outcomes of the recent surveys and discuss them further. Refreshments will be available.

We hope to see people from the parishes of High Ham with Low Ham, Huish and Langport, Aller, Drayton, Swell, Fivehead and of course Curry Rivel both regular church attenders and non-attenders.

Fivehead Village Hall address is: Stowey Road, Fivehead TA3 6PP. Parking is available at the hall.

Parents' Evenings

You are warmly invited to your child's parents' evening. We are pleased that these meetings will be 'face to face' and 'in person'. Parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday 15th October** and **Thursday 17th October**. The timing of the meeting is 10 minutes, and teachers will be providing you with some feedback on your child's start to the new school year and progress. The teacher will also answer any questions you may have and you will have a chance to look at your child's work. Please be aware that the length of the meeting will be rigidly adhered to and if, in the meantime or after the meeting, you wish to discuss any issues or concerns please remember that your child's class teacher will be pleased to make an appointment to see you to discuss the matters further.

We will send you a link via email which should make booking really easy. If it is impossible for you to attend on one of these evenings, please see your child's class teacher to make an alternative arrangement. For some families, where parents are separated, we hope you can attend these meetings together – please contact the school office if an additional appointment is needed. During the parents' evening, the school's parent teacher association (PTA) will be

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providing refreshments and pre-loved uniform in the hall where you can also view your child's books. The PTA will also be selling Disco tickets and we will have a Book Fair. The school SENDCo, Mrs Monk, will be in the hall on **Thursday 17th October** and we hope to have the Parish Council present. School Governors also hope to be there.

You can book your appointment via the following link, which went live on **Wednesday 2nd October 7pm**

<https://koalendar.com/u/curry-rivel-parents-evening>

Harvest Festival

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to help children and young people to think about how food reaches their plates and to say thank you for all they have received, as well as giving to those in need. Our harvest festival service will take place on Friday 11th October at St Andrew's Church, at 9.15am. Parents/carers will be welcome to join us- there may be standing room only if this is a popular event. We will be demonstrating 'courageous advocacy' by supporting the important work of the Curry Rivel Foodbank, and ask that children bring dried foodstuffs (tins or packets) to the Harvest service. The PTA will also be serving tea and coffee.

PTA Update

Pumpkin Decorating Competition 11th-21st October

Look out for the pumpkin design sheet coming home in book bags! We want to see your creative skills, so anything goes—use pens, pencils, paints, leaves, rubbish, feathers, or whatever you can find. Submit your completed designs by Monday, 21st, with £1 attached, or pay using the QR code on the sheet. The winner will receive a spooky hamper, and the runner-up designs will be featured in our free pumpkin trail around the village during half term.



Parents' Evening - Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October

Due to popular demand, we're bringing back the doughnuts this year! Want to grab a free doughnut? Simply show us that you've downloaded the Asda Rewards app and selected our school in the "Cash for Schools" section. This gives the school £1 at no cost to you! And you don't even need to shop at Asda for us to receive the donation.

To help us raise even more funds, you can also download the EasyFundraiser app, which will give us an extra £2!

The PTA will be on hand during the evening to help you download the apps if you need any assistance.

We'll also be hosting the book fair, and our pre-loved and new uniform stock will be available for purchase.

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Break the Rules* Day- Friday 25th October

Attention all students, parents, and teachers! Mark your calendars because break the rules* day is coming! Pay 50p to break one rule or £3 to break them all!

What rules can be broken?

- 1 No crazy hair - Bring out your wildest hairstyles or even experiment with vibrant hair colours – it's your chance to rock some hair magic. (Please note individual school photos are planned for Monday 16th)
- 2 No large hair accessories. - Accessorise Unapologetically. Embrace your creativity and flaunt those fabulous hair bling.
- 3 Wear school uniform - Wear whatever makes you feel awesome and unique.
- 4 Wear school shoes - Step into a world of freedom for your feet. Say goodbye to school shoes and hello to your favourite kicks.
- 5 No fancy dress - Dress up in your craziest, most fun outfits – the bolder, the better!
- 6 No Nail Varnish - Show off your artistic side with colourful nails.
- 7 No temporary tattoos - Temporary tattoos are a go! Decorate your skin with cool designs.
- 8 No make up - Want to experiment with makeup or face paints? Today's your canvas!
- 9 No odd socks or crazy tights - Mix and match to your heart's content.
- 10 No heroic capes - Transform into your favourite hero or create your own! Break the Rules Day is all about celebrating your individuality and having a blast while doing it. Let's have a day of laughter and unforgettable memories.*Please note all other school rules remain in place

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TUNING IN TO KIDS™: PARENTING PROGRAM: Message from our PFSA (Parent Family Support Advisor)

You are invited to take part in a free program that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. *Tuning in to Kids™* is a six-week parenting program run one evening a week for two hours. The program will teach you how to manage your own and your child's emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face. These are factors that have been found to reduce the risk of mental health and substance abuse problems.

What is Emotional intelligence?

The program is based on the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

Why is Emotional Intelligence important?

Research has shown that young people with greater emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success — Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.

When parents focus on helping their teen learn about emotions, the young person is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence. In this parenting program we will teach parents what to do to help these skills develop.

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Would you like to find out more?

The groups will be: Tuesday 5th November 2024- Tuesday 10th December 2024. 9.30-11.30 at Somerton Library. Please contact your PFSA, Victoria Gould if you are interested: vgould@longsuttonprimary.co.uk

EXCITING ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Eco+ Week at Wells Cathedral

Saturday 12 October (10am-12pm, 1-3pm) Join us on a mossy adventure to learn about this tiny but hugely important plant. Watch a short film, look at mosses under the lens and get creative with wool to help make a massive mossy carpet!

For families and individuals of all ages. (Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

Between 11th – 20th October, to celebrate WEN's (Wells Environmental Network) Wells Eco+ Week, you can also follow our **Earth Explorer Trail**, come to **Environmental Storytime** (5s and unders), and write a **Prayer for the Planet**. Find out more at wells cathedral.org.uk/ecoweek

Family Holiday Activities – Bishop Bubwith's Books

29th-31st October (10:30am - 4pm) Explore the Cathedral and visit our extraordinary chained library; solve puzzles and uncover fascinating stories; design medieval postcards and make your own mini chained library book to take home!

All events are drop-in only (no need to book) – and are free with adult entry. There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase so you can enjoy access to many events, exhibitions and family holiday activities beyond your initial visit. NB Only assistance dogs are allowed at family activity sessions.

You have been invited to join us at Westlands Entertainment Venue to take part in The Octagon Theatre's Youth Programme.

The Octagon Youth Programme is a great way for young people to learn new skills, build confidence and make new friends. We offer singing, acting and dance classes for a range of ages and abilities. There are no auditions and no previous experience is required.



Tuesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Ages 12-18 | £5 per week

These weekly classes will teach you different styles and genres such as Commercial, Contemporary, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip-Hop and Street Dance. Our fun, engaging and inclusive classes will involve warm ups, techniques and routines, plus plenty of performance opportunities.

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Wednesdays 5pm - 6:30pm | Ages 7-12 | £5 per week

Come and learn a wide variety of music across different genres from musicals, pop, classical and everything in between. In partnership with the renowned Armonico Consort, our choir will also have the opportunity to perform alongside professional musicians and choirs from across the country.



Thursdays 5pm - 6pm | Ages 7-11 | £5 per week

Thursdays 6:15pm - 7:15pm | Ages 12-18 | £5 per week

In our youth theatre sessions you'll play lots of games, create and tell your own stories, develop characters, work from scripts and learn to work as part of a team and theatre company.

Our SHiNE Bursary Fund is available for anyone on Free School Meals or Pupil Premium and can help to cover 50% or 100% of the cost of your class fees each term.

For more information and to book your space visit our website or scan this QR code!



Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	1	1
Maigold	6	2
Gala	3	1
Discovery	3	1
Camelot	0	1
Blenheim	4	3
TOTAL	17	9

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- *Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends*
- *Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind*
- *Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day*
- *Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future*
- *The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.*
- *The wellbeing and progress of our pupils is our priority, and we know that absence from school is often a sign that additional support may be needed.*

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Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

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Overall attendance this week (School target 96%):

Highest attendance: Gala (98.5%)

Most improved: Camelot

Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Oakley
Maigold: Ellis
Gala: Archie
Discovery: Eli C
Camelot: Riley
Blenheim: Evie-Mae

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Lola
Maigold: Phoebe
Gala: Lily HB
Discovery: Rosie
Camelot: Dylan
Blenheim: Belle

New Appointed Librarians

Discovery: Dot, Mark, Eli M, Izabelle

Camelot: David, Lillyann-Mai, Ellie-Mai

Blenheim: Finley, Leo, Annmiya

Sports captains

Quantock: Billy & Miila

Mendip: Noah & Brooke

Polden: Paige & Olivia

Blackdown: Jack & Beth

CLP Fun Run Achievement: Mabel and Phoebe

Have wonderful weekend.

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