



Weekly Update: 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Monday 25th November	Lower School Arts Day
Tuesday 26th November	Upper School Arts Day
Tuesday 26th November 6pm	Reception and Year 1 Phonics Information Session
Wednesday 27th November	Gala school trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum
Monday 2nd December	Launch of PTA Christmas Raffle; Christingle Making (Fundraiser for the Children's Society)
Monday 2nd December	Assessment Week
Wednesday 4th December	Panto (Gifted by the PTA)
Friday 6th December 9.15	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Spatial Reasoning Maths session for parents/carers (NEW DATE)
Thursday 12th December	Camelot Sharing Morning
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
Monday 6th January	INSET Training Day (School Closed to Children)
Tuesday 7th January	First day of Spring Term
Wednesday 15th January 6-7.30pm	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline. Book via: https://forms.gle/JJWv7g8KG2MxbJif6
Wednesday 2nd April 6-7.30pm	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Online Safety & Social Media. Book via: https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17

Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- INSET Day: Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Spring Term (First half): Tuesday 7th January- Thursday 13th February
- INSET Day: Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- HALF TERM BREAK: 17th-21st February
- Spring Term (Second half): Monday 24th February- Thursday 3rd April
- INSET Day: Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- EASTER BREAK: Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April
- Summer Term (First half): Tuesday 22nd April- Friday 23rd May
- HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May
- Summer Term (Second half): Monday 2nd June- Wednesday 23rd July

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Waste Reduction and Eating

Lunchtimes are so important to the children to relax, refuel and socialise. We also want to reduce waste and encourage children to eat their meals. Understandably, as parents and carers you want to be sure your child has eaten their lunch. We note any concerns where children are not eating much of their meal, and if after encouragement we are still concerned, Mrs Dance, our kitchen manager will contact you- this will enable you to discuss the menu choices with your child or adjust items in packed lunches- we hope that you find this supportive.

Snacks

Please can we ask that only fresh fruit and vegetables are eaten by children at break time- not only do we encourage healthy eating, but we have some children with severe food allergies which can be triggered by direct and indirect contact with allergens.

'Open Door' Policy

Curry Rivel School staff ensure that they are present at the beginning/end of everyday; this enables you to pass on information and ask quick questions. If you have a concern that may require a longer conversation, please email the school office (office@curryrivel.somerset.sch.uk) and we will get back to you. We would ask you to communicate with us whenever you have a concern regarding your child so that we can discuss the matter and hopefully resolve it at an early stage. In the first instance, you may want to talk over a concern with the class teacher. The headteacher is also keen to know if you have any worries and is happy to talk in person or over the phone if that is easier.

Starting School: How to apply for your school place

Please apply using the online application form.
The closing date for starting school applications is 15 January 2024.

Changed your number or email address?

If you have changed your telephone number or email address, can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

Phonics



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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	3	4
Maigold	4	6
Gala	1	4
Discovery	2	3
Camelot	2	3
Blenheim	5	6
TOTAL	17	26

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

Overall attendance (School target 96%): 94.83%

Highest attendance: Discovery (99%)

Most improved: Blenheim

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Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Hazel
Maigold: Ava
Gala: Rory
Discovery: Noah
Camelot: Seth
Blenheim: Sienna

Lunchtime stars

Maigold: Wilf
Discovery: Dot
Camelot: Ellie-Mai
Blenheim: Sienna

50 Dojos: Evie G, Phoebe and Delilah

Digital leaders: Delilah, Lily HB and Eddie W

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ali Pook, Head Teacher

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