



Weekly Update: 19th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Friday 20th October	INSET training day- school closed- staff training day
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	Half term holiday (PTA Pumpkin Trail)
Thursday 9th November 8.45-9.30am	PFSA Coffee Morning- Open to all
Monday 13th - Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks day
Tuesday 14th November	Open Morning for prospective parents 9-10.30am
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Non-School Uniform
Monday 20th November	Deadline for Christmas Shoe Boxes
Thursday 23rd November 7pm	Free Parent Webinar: Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child
Wednesday 29th November	Mrs Robinson from Huish Academy visiting Year 6
Wednesday 6th December	Christingle Making (Fundraising for The Children's Society)
Thursday 7th December 7-9pm	PTA Wreath Making
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day (Fundraising for Save the Children)
Tuesday 12th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Panto, gifted by the PTA
Friday 15th December 9.15am	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Autumn INSET Days	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church
Autumn Half Term	4 September and 20 October
Spring term	21 October -29 October
Spring INSET Days	2 January- 28 March 2024
Spring Half Term	2 January and 9 February 2024
Summer term	10 February-18 February 2024
Summer INSET Day	15 April- 24 July 2024
Summer Half Term	15 April 2024
	25 May- 2 June 2023

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It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half term! The term has been so busy and I have been so impressed with how hard the children have been working. The best part of my day is when I visit classrooms and when children bring their work to me and talk about their learning. I have been so impressed for example, by Pippin's writing about a journey with their 'leaf-men' and Camelot's geographical essays on volcanoes. In upper school worship, we have enjoyed a story called 'Mixed' this week, which helps us understand racist behaviour, and supports our ethos of 'No Outsiders; Everybody Different, Everybody Welcome'. The Local Authority have also conducted a Health and Safety Audit- a big thank you to Mr Silver for all his hard work in making our school and premises not only look good, but keeping it safe too. Keep an eye on 'Somerset Live' this holiday- we hope they will publish an article they have written about our school and our recent successful Ofsted inspection.

Sporting Update from Mr Bridgeman

We are currently winning the CLP Cross Country after two events! Over thirty children from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 ran at Long Sutton and Hambridge, putting us top of the leader board. If we can continue with such great numbers at the next few races, it will give us a great chance after finishing second the previous two years! See the table below:

School	3/4 Girls	3/4 Boys	5/6 Girls	5/6 Boys	TOTAL
Huish Episcopi	206	132	92	216	646
Middlezoy and Othery	0	0	0	0	0
Kingsbury Episcopi	110	258	268	246	882
Long Sutton	140	0	156	218	514
Charlton Mackrell	276	220	138	68	702
Stoke St Gregory	0	158	240	120	518
Hambridge	138	266	244	118	766
High Ham	198	266	0	254	718
Curry Rivel	272	192	156	270	890
Curry Mallet	68	0	68	0	136
King Ina	254	100	240	204	798

Our Year 5/6 Boys Football team came second in the CLP Tournament at Huish, winning two games, drawing one and losing one to the eventual winners.

The Year 4/5/6 Girls' Team took part in the CLP Football Tournament at Huish on Monday. For every single member of the team, it was their first ever experience of any kind of competitive football, after only one training sessions! They were amazing and improved with every game; they finished in 5th place and won 2-0 in their third match – a first ever win for all of these girls! We are very proud of them!

Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are joining forces with St Andrew's Church in their Christmas charitable work with the 'Shoebox Appeal'. Despite the difficulties that they face every day, through poverty, illness, disability, or other disadvantages, receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe. If you are interested in filling a Christmas Shoebox with gifts, you can download the leaflet with list of items etc. from the Blythwood Care website at <https://blythwood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

We will also make leaflets available to all children today, and Jenny Smith from St Andrew's will hopefully will explain more about the project to the children in collective worship on the 30th October. Your filled boxes need to be delivered to school by **20th November** (After the half term break). Please note that this is a completely voluntary activity.

'Magic, Myths and Monsters':

Inclusive Pottery Workshops Saturday 28th October 2023 at Westlands Entertainment Venue, Yeovil Celebrating the Yeovil Literary Festival held at Westlands in October, we are hosting inclusive pottery workshops for children and young people with any special education needs or disabilities looking to learn new skills and get creative. Siblings also welcome along with parents and carers. Led by our Creative Clay expert and inclusivity champion, Deborah Clarke. Delving into the theme of Magic, Myths and Monsters, participants will be making their own fantastical characters from well-loved novels to take home. The session will start with pre rolled clay and encourage young people to explore a range of textures, shapes and ideas with a selection of character templates to choose from. After that the possibilities are endless! The workshop will be fully inclusive and accessible with an emphasis on self-expression and creativity. Parents/carers are very welcome (and encouraged) to join in too! After the workshop your creations will be taken away to be fired in a kiln and returned ready for collection from Westlands Entertainment Venue 2 - 3 weeks later. Workshop 1: Saturday 28th October 1:30pm – 3pm (8 - 11 years) Workshop 2: Saturday 28th October 3:30pm – 5pm (12 - 18 years) Teacher: Deborah Clarke, Creative Clay for All Venue: Westlands Entertainment Venue, Yeovil, BA20 2DD Cost: £3 per person (with each paying participant one parent/carer comes free) We can offer subsidised places thanks to funding received from Somerset Council's Community Inclusion and Activity Team. For more information and to book tickets, head to our website: <https://www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk/Search/?Date=10/28/2023>



October - Inspired Sports Camps

23rd - 27th October

Schools:

- Northgate - Bridgwater
- The Blue School - Wells
- Woolavington Village Primary - Nr Bridgwater

£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount

Inspired Schools
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The poster features several images: a silhouette of a person running, a soccer ball, a group of children playing soccer, a group of children holding a trophy, and a group of children sitting on the grass. There are also icons for a calendar, a cricket bat, and a colorful wheel with the text 'INSPIRED SCHOOLS'.

Online Safety Update

We are delighted to offer you an opportunity to take part in a FREE online safety webinar for parents. This free Parent Webinar 'Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child' is on Thursday 23 November at 1900hrs (GMT). The online playground can be a tough environment for primary-aged children. Inspired by World Mental Health Day and Anti-Bullying Week, this webinar will prepare children for the digital world. Registration is now open: [register link](#).

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Lates

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

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	3	1
Maigold	1	2
Gala	3	3
Discovery	1	2
Camelot	3	3
Blenheim	5	3
TOTAL	16	14

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.

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

Attendance

Overall whole school attendance: 96% Target 96%

Class attendance award: Blenheim (98%)

Most improved class attendance: Discovery 96%

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Ellis
Maigold: Millie
Gala: Dot
Discovery: Lily H
Camelot: Jacob
Blenheim: Holly

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Max
Maigold: Mabel
Gala: Elliot
Discovery: Seth
Camelot: Beth
Blenheim: Jamie

Dojos: All 4 houses have an average of 26 dojos per child- a first for the school, so no outright winner this half term.

50 Merit (Dojo) Certificate: Darcy J

Achievements outside of school: Last weekend, Miss Tucker completed the Bath Half Marathon

PTA Pumpkin Decorating:

Winner: Belle

Runners Up: Sienna, Louis, Grisha, Rosie & Bella

I hope you have a good half term.

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