



## Weekly Update: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>16th June</b>	Curry Rivel Open Gardens- School Gardens Open to Public
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School Public Speaking Final (Gala Tuesday due to trip)
<b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Gala Trip to Magdalen Farm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Digital Mobile Planetarium visiting school- gifted by PTA
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Camelot Trip to Vivary Park
<b>25-28 June</b>	Year 6 Residential
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	SENDCo Café- 9.00am (New date responding to parent feedback)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	New classes morning
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Assessment Week
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 12<sup>th</sup> July)</b> <b>9.00-11.00: R, Years 1 and 2</b> <b>12.45-3.15: Years 3-6</b> <b>Children to wear house colours: Blackdown (Red); Mendip (Green); Polden (Blue); Quantock (White)</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Nursery Stay and Play 9.30-11.00am
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Discovery Trip to Exeter Royal Albert Museum
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Escapeline workshops - Years 5 and 6
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day of term
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	INSET Day- training day for staff
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First day of Autumn term

### INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)

It has been an incredibly busy week for the school- we have enjoyed the PTA Festival, the Pop Up Father's day shop, a visit from the Somerset Road Safety Team who gave a talk to all classes, and Pippin have had their trip to Haldon forest. We are not just planning for the end of term but also for September (You will find out about new classes very soon!) with our new Reception Parents meeting us on Wednesday evening. Mr Bridgeman has launched the Football Euros with a class competition where each child will be following a team over the next few weeks. Next Tuesday, we have the Planetarium visiting us- Mrs van Cole, our senior Teacher and Science Lead, has arranged for classes to learn about the solar system and visit a 3D space station in the Planetarium Dome which will be based in the hall for the day. (All pupils will be eating a packed lunch/school packed lunch on that day).

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## Library Reading Challenge

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up for FREE at your local library!

### What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.<sup>1</sup>

### Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

### How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

### When?

The Challenge will launch on **22 June** in Scotland and online; in England and Wales it will launch **6 July**. Local variations apply so please check with your library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

### Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](#).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](#).

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Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June **10.30am-12.30** at The Old School Room, Curry Rivel.

Please note change of time

Very informal; includes outdoor activities, a Christian message, and picnic lunch

Contact Helen on 07880706517 [helen@saich.co.uk](mailto:helen@saich.co.uk)



Messy Church Curry Rivel

All ages welcome, no need to book, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

*Messy church is free though donations are welcomed.*

### **Summer Camps and Adventure Day Camps @ Mill on the Brue**

Summer is just round the corner! If you are stuck for ideas of what you can do with your children, think Mill on the Brue.

#### **Reasons to come:**

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| 6 activities a day                          | Maximum of 72 children per week |
| Same Instructors all week                   | DIGITAL DETOX                   |
| Good quality homemade meals                 | It's our 43 <sup>rd</sup> year  |
| Easy for working parents-Sunday to Saturday |                                 |

We have been running our Summer Camps since 1982. We think that we have got it just right for all the children and parents. Many children come back year after year. Children take away so much once they have experienced a Summer Camp; independence, confidence, resilience, making friends, having fun, getting back in the outdoors, leadership, social skills, having fun (we have already mentioned that) but they really do.

Summer Camps start on 14<sup>th</sup> July – 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Adventure Day camps will run from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. If you would like more information, then please do get in touch at [info@millonthebrue.co.uk](mailto:info@millonthebrue.co.uk)

Or if you would like to check out our website please go to:

<https://www.millonthebrue.co.uk/summer-camps-uk/summer-camps/>

### **Open Gardens 16th June 12noon - 5pm**

The school will be participating in the village-wide open gardens event. Come visit us and explore the beautiful school grounds, where Mr. Silver, Mrs. Myhill, and the gardening club have been working hard to make everything look its best. We'll be selling the official program and offering delicious cream teas (Thank you to the PTA).

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### Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late- a disappointing start to the term.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	6	3
Maigold	4	1
Gala	2	3
Discovery	2	3
Camelot	7	7
Blenheim	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>

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

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## Attendance

**Overall school attendance:** 94.24% (Target 96%)

**Class attendance award:** Discovery (99.2%)

**Most improved class attendance:** Discovery

## Celebration

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

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Kirree  
Maigold: Honor  
Gala: George  
Discovery: Freddie  
Camelot: Finley  
Blenheim: William

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Jessica  
Maigold: Phoebe  
Gala: Archie  
Camelot: Jacob  
Blenheim: Henry

### 50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Gala: Eli C

### 100 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Discovery: Bobbie, David, George, Seth, Oscar, Henry  
Camelot: Miila, Oakley, Billy, Leo, Ashton, Tommy, Mia-Rose, Annmiya  
Blenheim: William

### 150 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Gala: Oliver

### Achievements outside of school

Level 3 trampoline: Jessica (Pippin)  
Cub Camp: Noah (Gala), Lily H (Discovery), Toby W (Camelot)

Have a wonderful weekend, and enjoy the start of Euros (I have selected Scotland for our staff 'sweepstake' so all to play for tonight!)

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