



## Weekly Update: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 3.15pm</b>	Last chance for the Book Fair (Back Playground)
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.15am</b>	Maigold Sharing Morning
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 8.50am</b>	Gala Sharing Morning
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 8.50am</b>	Pippin Sharing Morning
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3.15pm</b>	Pupil Cake Sale- Mia, Brooke and Evie charity fundraiser
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>STAFF INSET DAY- School closed to pupils</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Day- PTA Pancakes for 50p or 1 PTA box
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Pippin Class Trip to Magdalene Farm; Ash Wednesday Service 9.15am (All welcome)
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day (Info to follow)
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Science Week 'Change and Adapt'
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2pm</b>	SENDCo and PFSA Drop-In Cafe
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	CLP Cross Country (Years 3-6) Info to follow from Mr Bridgeman
<b>W/B 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	ASSESSMENT WEEK
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Maigold Class Trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 8.50am</b>	Camelot Sharing morning
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTA Mothers' Day Pop Up Stall
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTA Family Bingo at the Village Hall
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 6-7.30pm</b>	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Online Safety & Social Media. Book via: <a href="https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17">https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17</a>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Last Day of Term; Easter Service at St Andrew's Church (9.15am); PTA Easter Raffle
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	First Day of Summer Term
<b>23/24 April</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Discovery Class Trip to Vivary Park

### Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

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

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## **OperaPLUS**

OperaPLUS has been named the Best Classical Music Education Initiative (Music Teacher Awards for Excellence sponsored by Classic FM & voted for by listeners). Discovery Class are taking part in this project, preparing for a performance of a full-length opera with a professional company, alongside some of the best young professional singers this country has to offer. They are being challenged musically and dramatically as they started their first session this week- we look forward to seeing their performance later in the spring!

## **Children's Mental Health Week 2025**

We are so pleased to have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week 2025. This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. It is so important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop. 1 in 5 children and young people now have a probable mental health condition. By taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2025, we are ensuring our children feel listened to, and know that they're not alone. There has been a special assembly, class-based activities and 'Express Yourself' non-uniform days for each class.

## **Online Safety and Inappropriate Content**

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School we take the safety and wellbeing of our pupils very seriously, both in school and beyond. Recently, we have become aware that some children may be accessing inappropriate videos/films and games online, which could expose them to harmful or unsuitable content.

As children grow and explore the digital world, they may sometimes come across materials that are not age-appropriate. While this may be unintentional in some cases, we want to ensure that all our pupils remain safe online and are equipped with the skills to navigate the internet responsibly.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to take an active role in monitoring their child's online activity. Here are some steps you can take to support your child's digital safety:

- Talk openly with your child about their online experiences and the importance of responsible internet use.
- Set parental controls on devices, apps, and websites to limit exposure to inappropriate content.
- Encourage safe browsing habits by discussing which websites, games, and videos are suitable for their age.
- Use child-friendly search engines or content filters to help create a safer online environment.
- Monitor screen time and ensure children are using devices in shared family spaces rather than in private.

If you have any concerns or would like further advice on how to safeguard your child online, please do not hesitate to contact us. We also recommend visiting resources such as NSPCC, Internet Matters, or Childnet for further guidance. If the school has any concerns regarding content your child is accessing, we will be in contact with you. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe both in school and at home.

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## World Book Day- Thursday 6th March 2025

On World Book Day, children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to express their love for literature and to showcase their creativity. Whether it's Harry Potter, The Gruffalo, or a character from their favourite Roald Dahl story, we can't wait to see the wonderful costumes!

In addition to dressing up, we would like children to bring along a book to share with the class. This could be a story they cherish or a new favourite they've discovered.

We are also excited to introduce a fun and exciting competition - creating a story in a jar! This involves children representing a favourite book inside a jar using small objects, pictures, or even drawings that signify different elements of their tale. You can google 'story in a jar' to find some inspiration. There will a prize for the winning jar in each class.



## Escape Line

Escape Line recently led a workshop at Huish Academy for parents of the local CLP schools. 'Child Exploitation and County Lines' is a parent pack, attached to this email and provides useful information to all parents, carers and families.



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## February 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Thursday  
20th Feb  
19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



**FREE SESSION**  
**Supporting Healthy Screen Use**  
A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday  
3rd Feb  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
11th Feb  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Facing Defiance**  
Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
18th Feb  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness**  
Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday  
25th Feb  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



**Understanding the Teenage Brain**  
A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

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Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am



It's **Messy Church** this Saturday February 8th

**3.30-5.30pm in The Old School Room, Curry Rivel (behind the church)**

Very informal, includes lots of activities, a Christian message, and food!  
Contacts Helen 07880706517 or Dawn 07764308825



Messy Church Curry Rivel

**For families and all ages, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

*Messy church is free - donations are welcomed.*

### Celebration

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

#### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Lola  
Maigold: Oliver  
Gala: Millie  
Discovery: Ella  
Camelot: Lexi-Mai  
Blenheim: Annmiya

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#### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Reggie  
Maigold: Ophelia  
Gala: Jake  
Discovery: Elie C  
Camelot: Lexi-Mai  
Blenheim: Brooke

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## 50 Dojos

Pippin: Esmae, Violet

Maigold: Reuben, Arthur

Gala: Archie, Liam, Frazer, Lily HB, Jake HM, Rory, Lily

Camelot: Bobbie, Henry, Lillyann

Blenheim: Annmiya, Finley

## Achievements outside of school

Sponsored walk to school (today!) raising over £1000 for Cancer Research: Sienna, Emily F and Rose.



# Sponsored 4 mile Walk to School

## We did it!!



**6.50am-8.30am**  
**7 Feb 2025**



**We raised over**  
**£1,065 + gift aid**

Thank you to everyone  
who sponsored us! There  
is still time to donate



**[Donate via our  
fundraising page](#)**

Have a good weekend.

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