



Weekly Update: 28th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th March	Carymoor Environmental Centre presentation to all classes and class workshops (Maigold & Camelot)
Tuesday 4th March	Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Day- PTA Pancakes for 50p or 1 PTA bus
Wednesday 5th March	Pippin Class Trip to Magdalene Farm; Ash Wednesday Service 9.15am (All welcome)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (Info below)
Thursday 6th March	Maigold creative parent session (Info to follow)
7th-16th March	Science Week 'Change and Adapt'
Wednesday 12th March 2pm	SENDCo and PFSA Drop-In Cafe
Thursday 13th March	CLP Cross Country (Years 3-6) Info to follow from Mr Bridgeman
W/B 17th March	ASSESSMENT WEEK
17-23 March	British Sign Language Week
Tuesday 18th March	National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)
Thursday 20th March 5pm (New Date)	Key Stage 1 (Year 2) Assessment Parents' Information Meeting
Thursday 21st March 2.30-3.15pm	Escape Line Parents/Carer Workshop
Wednesday 26th March 8.50am	Blenheim Sharing Morning
Thursday 27th March	Maigold Class Trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre
Thursday 27th March 8.50am	Camelot Sharing morning
Friday 28th March	PTA Mothers' Day Pop Up Stall
Saturday 29th March	PTA Family Bingo at the Village Hall
Monday 31st March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 1st April	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 2nd April	Reception Vision Screening
Wednesday 2nd April 6-7.30pm	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Online Safety & Social Media. Book via: https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEGD5h8Xk17
Thursday 3rd April	Last Day of Term; Easter Service at St Andrew's Church (9.15am); PTA Easter Raffle; Pooky's cafe for regular readers
Friday 4th April	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
4th – 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of Summer Term
23/24 April	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 12th June	Discovery Class Trip to Vivary Park

Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- 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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It has been wonderful to return to some Spring weather this week and slightly longer days. The children have been working hard on their return from half term- it has been good to see their progress across the curriculum but particularly in their writing- Maigold class pupils have been particularly impressive! The development of oracy skills continues to be a focus, and all classes demonstrate great active listening, with children able to explain their 'discussion guidelines'. Mr Bridgeman has been promoting oracy in maths, and the children have been challenged with various activities like the one below for Year 4:

	Tally	Total
1 point words		
3 point words		
5 point words		
Overall total =		

Explain how you know that $27 \times 10 = 270$.

BANNED PHRASE: 'Just add a zero!'

We are approaching an important time in the Church Calendar. Lent is a special time for Christians that lasts for about 40 days. It starts on a day called Ash Wednesday and ends just before Easter. During Lent, Christians remember the time when Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, praying and fasting. One of the important things Christians think about during Lent is forgiveness. We will be learning how forgiveness means letting go of anger and hurt when someone has done something wrong to you. It's like giving someone a second chance. Lent helps us all to:

- Reflect:** Think about our actions and how we can be better people.
- Pray:** Spend more time talking to God or thinking about how we might forgive others.
- Give Up Something:** Sometimes, we might give up a favourite treat or activity
- Help Others:** We try to do good deeds and be kind to others.



Carymoor Environmental Centre runs education programmes and demonstrations of renewable energy and sustainable buildings, and the centre has developed a reputation that exemplifies environmental good practice. Maigold class will be visiting the centre soon on their school trip, but the centre is visiting us on Tuesday, presenting to the whole school and running workshops for Maigold and Camelot.

Escape Line

Escape Line will be here on 21st March to lead a workshop for Year 6 pupils, and a parent/carers workshop 2.30-3.15 pm- please let the office know if you can attend so we know how many people to cater for. Please can I encourage you to come, especially if you feel 'this wouldn't happen to my child'. In the South West of the UK, including all areas of Somerset, there is a significant rise in county lines drug crime, whereby a large amount of young people as young as 6 years old, are being criminally and sexually exploited by gangs.

These gangs proactively recruit young people to drug run in and around the South West, as well as outside the area. The gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation towards these young people, which result in these young people feeling trapped and scared. They also train these young people to become recruiters and future gang members.

The charity Escapeline are providing workshops in schools designed to help young people gain greater awareness of grooming, recruitment and positive friendships at an age appropriate level.

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.



PTA Update

🥞 PTA Pancake Day – Tuesday 4th March! 🥞

Get ready for a flipping delicious treat! On Tuesday 4th March, the PTA will be serving up fresh pancakes during school time for just 50p or 1 PTA Bux.

🍴 A variety of tasty toppings will be available!

✅ Allergy-friendly options will be provided

Both cash and PTA Bux will be accepted. If you'd like to purchase PTA Bux in advance, you can do so online at <https://curryrivelppta.co.uk/shop/>, and they will be delivered to your child in school the next day.

Unfortunately, children who do not bring a contribution will remain in the classroom and will not be able to take part.

Fun Fact: Did you know that the biggest pancake ever made was over 15 meters wide and weighed more than 3 tons?

That's a LOT of flipping!

We can't wait to see the children enjoy this tasty tradition!



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🎉 PTA Family Bingo Night – Saturday 29th March! 🎉

Get ready for a fun-filled evening as the PTA Family Bingo Night returns on Saturday 29th March at Curry Rivel Village Hall! Bring the whole family along for a chance to win fantastic prizes for both children and adults while enjoying a great night out with friends.

📍 Where? Curry Rivel Village Hall

🕒 When? Doors open at 6:00 PM, eyes down at 6:30 PM

🎫 Tickets: Available on the door or in advance at crpta.co.uk

🎁 Exciting prizes for both children and adults!

🍷 Refreshments & Snacks Available

We are still looking for donations for prizes—if you have any items to contribute, please get in touch with the PTA or drop them off at the school office. Any donations, big or small, would be greatly appreciated!

Whether you're a bingo pro or a first-timer, this event is always a huge hit for all ages. Every ticket bought and every game played helps to raise funds for our school—so come along and join the fun!

Mark your calendars, bring your lucky charms, and we'll see you there for a fantastic evening of family fun and fundraising!



📢 Stay connected with your class WhatsApp Group 📢

Did you know that each class has its own WhatsApp group run by parent volunteers? These groups are part of a wider PTA community, helping parents stay informed and connected.

- ✓ Get friendly reminders about school events
- ✓ Ask quick questions and share helpful info
- ✓ Stay up to date with PTA news and fundraisers

You can request to join different class groups if you have children in multiple year groups.

👉 Please Note

These WhatsApp groups are run by the PTA and parent volunteers and are completely separate from the school. While they are a great way to share reminders and information, any school-related concerns should be directed to the school itself.

👉 How to Join

If you're not already in your class group, you can join by:

✉ Emailing the PTA at curryrivelppta@outlook.com

📱 Scanning the QR code below

👉 Group Rules – Let's Keep It Friendly!

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To ensure the WhatsApp groups remain helpful and positive for everyone, please follow these simple rules:

- 📌 School-Related Chat Only – Keep conversations focused on school events, reminders, and general updates.
- 🤝 Be Kind & Respectful – Everyone is here to help, so let's keep the chat friendly and supportive.
- ✉️ Speak to the School for Concerns – If you have specific concerns about your child, please contact the school directly rather than discussing them in the group.
- 📷 No Photos of Children – Please do not post photos of children or any identifying information without express consent from their parents.
- 🔕 Mute if Needed – If the chat gets busy, you can mute notifications and check in when it suits you.

Thank you to all the parents who help run these groups – they are a fantastic way to keep our school community connected! 🙌

👉 Scan the QR code below to join your class group!

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It's

on Saturday 8th March

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.

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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	2	2
Maigold	2	2
Gala	2	2
Discovery	3	2
Camelot	1	3
Blenheim	3	2
TOTAL	13	13

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%): 93.9%

Highest attendance: Pippin (98.1%)

Most improved: Discovery

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Asher
Maigold: Harrison
Gala: Liam
Discovery: Rosie
Camelot: Ruth
Blenheim: Oakley

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Oakley
Maigold: Kirree
Gala: Archie
Discovery: Azalea
Camelot: Riley
Blenheim: Dexter

50 Dojos

Pippin: Mally, Reggie, Elcie
Gala: Arthur, Mason, Molly, Millie, Ava-Mai
Discovery: Oscar
Camelot: Dylan
Blenheim: Jack, Mia-Rose, Billy

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100 Dojos

Discovery: Eli, Bella, Rosie, Emily, Ella, Dot, Edie, Annabel
Camelot: Evie

New House Captains

Mendip: Brooke-Bailey, Belle
Polden: Olivia, Toby
Blackdown: Beth, Mia-Rose
Quantock: Sienna, Elcie

Achievements outside of school

Gymnastics Stage 5: Jessica (Maigold)

Birdwatch

Maigold: Charlie, Mia, Reuben, Thomas, Harrison
Gala: Willow, Thomas, Mason
Discovery: Mark, Jason
Camelot: Riley, Lexi, Dylan, Seth
Blenheim: Dexter, Jacob, Barney, Ashton

Ukulele Performance

Annabel (Discovery)

Glastonbury and Street Musical Comedy Society
present...
DREAMWORKS
SHREK
THE MUSICAL
EASTER HOLIDAYS!
Scan for tickets
FAMILY TICKETS AVAILABLE
APRIL 8TH TO 12TH
at STRODE THEATRE, STREET
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY
www.gsmcs.co.uk/shrek
The Mad Hatter

Have a good weekend.

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