



Weekly Update: 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Thursday 19th September 7pm	PTA meeting at Firehouse- Open to all
Friday 20th September	Democracy Day (Children voting at Polling station for School Councillors)
Tuesday 24th September	Camelot Trip to Magdalen Farm; Maigold sharing morning
Thursday 26th September	Huish Episcopi Academy Open Evening 5-7pm
Monday 30th September	Clubs start this week
Tuesday 1st October 9.00-10.30am	Open Morning for prospective new families
Thursday 3rd October 9.15am	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)
Thursday 10th October 2.30-3.15pm	Coffee & Biscuits with Mrs Davies-Evans- Phonics & Reading Focus for Pippin Parents/Carers
Thursday 10th October	Flu vaccinations
Friday 14th October	Tempest - Individual Photos
Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th October	Parents' Evenings
Monday 28th October – 1st November	Half term holiday
Monday 4th November	INSET training day- school closed
Monday 11th - Friday 15th November	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 11 th November- Odd Socks Day)
Thursday 14th November 9.00-10.30am	Open Morning for prospective new families
Tuesday 17th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 18th December	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th December 9.15am	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term

INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)

Safeguarding

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'. Curry Rivel Primary Church of England School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. If you have any concerns, no matter how small they seem, about the safety or welfare of any child, please make contact with a member of our team below:

- Ali Pook: Head Teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Hannah van Cole: Senior Teacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Charlotte Monk: SENDCo & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Headteacher:
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All staff have regular update training and can also help. If you are concerned that a child is in danger you should report this immediately to: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 224 or the Police on 999 or www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens/safeguarding

School Clubs

Please see our after-school clubs offer for the Autumn term- please book via school money from next week (Office will email you when booking is open)

Day	Activity/Club	Staff	Year group(s)	Dates
Tuesday	Hockey	Mrs van Cole/Mrs Samuel	4/5	8 th Oct 22 nd Oct 5 th Nov 12 th Nov 19 th Nov 26 th Nov
Tuesday	Construction	Miss Martin	2/3	8 th Oct 22 nd Oct 5 th Nov 12 th Nov 19 th Nov 26 th Nov
Tuesday	Choir	Miss Tucker	3/4/5/6	19 th Nov 26 th Nov 3 rd Dec 10 th Dec
Wednesday	Just Dance	Miss Carnie	1/2	2 nd Oct 9 th Oct 16 th Oct 23 rd Oct 6 th Nov 20 th Nov
Wednesday	Football	Mr Bridgeman	5/6	2 nd Oct 9 th Oct 16 th Oct 23 rd Oct 6 th Nov 20 th Nov
Thursday	'Read and Do' This will be where we read a book and then do an activity based upon this.	Mrs Pook	R	3 rd Oct 10 th Oct 24 th Oct 7 th Nov 14 th Nov 21 st Nov

Fidget Toys

At the end of last term, we noticed an influx of fidget toys and games like 'Pop Its' coming into school. We are aware that some fidget toys can help children calm and focus but in some cases they can actually distract themselves and others from learning. If a child requires a fidget toy, they will have a plan and contract they have to sign and agree to. The school will provide approved fidget toys for children.

Book Donations

Our reading books get well-loved and are always in need of replenishing. If you have any children's picture books or novels in good condition, that you no longer need, we would happily give them a new home! Donations can be passed to class teachers or dropped into the school office.

Democracy Day for School Council

Please can children bring their posters in on **Monday 16th September** if they would like to be a candidate for the school council. All children will be visiting the Polling Station on Friday 20th September to cast their vote.



Uniform

Thank you for supporting our new uniform policy. Please remember that children should not wear earrings on PE days (If newly pierced, please contact the class teacher).

Parent Support

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Tuesday 24th Sept (7pm to 9pm) £24

Available to book now
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SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	26 SEP 24 OCT
Supporting Kids with School Anxiety	
Introduction to Facing Defiance	
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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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	N/A	1
Maigold	N/A	5
Gala	N/A	3
Discovery	N/A	3
Camelot	N/A	0
Blenheim	N/A	4
TOTAL	N/A	16

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

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Overall attendance this week:

Highest attendance: Discovery (100%)

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Oscar F
Maigold: Amelia
Gala: Honor
Camelot: Millie
Blenheim: Dexter

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Violet
Maigold: Rosie
Gala: Jake Y
Discovery: Bella
Camelot: Millie
Blenheim: Evie-Mae

Achievement outside of school

Violet (Pippin) spent the weekend in Newcastle upon Tyne. She completed a 1.2km run over and along the Tyne with 10,500 children. Violet and her mummy were running for the charity 'Bristol and Weston Hospitals'. They have raised over £200!

Children with Roles and Responsibilities.

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, we believe everyone can be a leader and make a difference. We value what our children think and say about learning and school life and we encourage them to confidently share their views and take on various roles and responsibilities.

The roles and responsibilities we will have this year include:

- House captains (Chosen by senior staff)
- School Council Representatives (Voted in on Democracy Day)
- Sports Leaders (Apply for job)
- Librarians (Apply for job)
- Worship Leaders (Apply for job)

Today, our new Year 6 house captains were announced Congratulations- you will have many tasks to do in your role, as well as being ambassadors for the school and role models to others.

Blackdown: Annmiya and James

Mendip: Evie and Leo

Polden: Ashton and Paige

Quantock: Finley and Miila

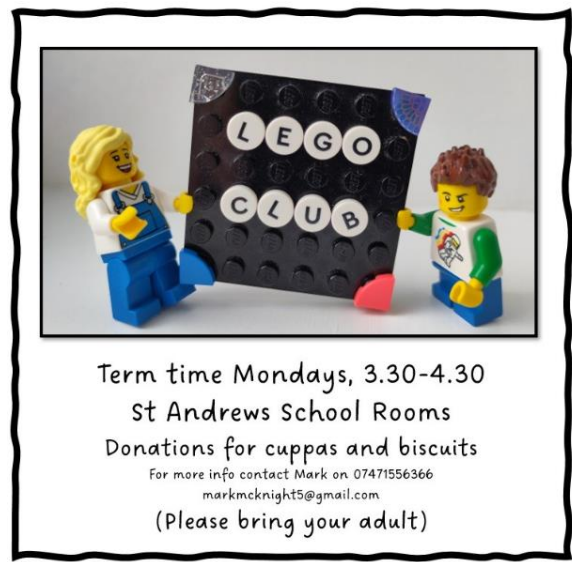
Social Running Club for Adults

After the success of Rob's couch to 5k running group, he has decided to set up a social running club. This will meet every Monday at 7pm in The Old School Room starting from Monday 16th September. More info on Rob's website www.rcrunning.co.uk

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LEGO EVENT- Message from The Taunton Brick Festival

We are getting in touch to let you know about an exciting opportunity for children to get involved with an event filled with millions of LEGO bricks and win a £50 LEGO Store gift card too.

The Taunton Brick Festival is an exciting celebration of all things LEGO, but it isn't just about fun – although it is absolutely packed full of that too! Brick Festival events also invite visitors to explore a range of STEM and creative subject skills through the medium of LEGO bricks. And this time we are encouraging visitors to explore their future potential by designing a minifigure. We have provided the outline of a LEGO Minifigure, but this can be changed in any way that the children would like. They can use any art medium to design the character - adding uniforms or outfits, accessories or equipment, funky hats or crazy hair. Whatever they need to show us who they would like to be when they are older.

We have attached a PDF sheet. Once they have their design, they just need to bring it along with them to the Plymouth Brick Festival at Wellsprings Leisure Centre, on Saturday 28th September. Our crew members at the Activity Sign Up Desk will put up their creations in a special art gallery, take down their details and every entry will be entered into a draw to win a £50 LEGO Gift Card. Full details of this Design Challenge, and event information can be found on our website, www.BrickFestivalEvents.com

Have wonderful weekend.

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