



Weekly Update: 1st March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

1st March	PTA Sponsored Reading Bingo Launch
7th March	World Book Day
7th March	SENDSCO Café 9am in hall- drop-in session
8th March	PTA Mother's Day Pop-Up Stall
8th-17th March	Science Week
11th - 25th March	PTA Easter Artwork Competition
13th March	Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATs Parents' Information Meeting 5pm
14th March	PFSA Coffee Morning 9am in the hall- drop-in session
Friday 15th March	Experience Easter Outside at St Andrew's Church
W/B 18th March	Assessment Week
20th March	No Outsiders Information Session for parents 9.00am
22nd March	Spinal Muscular Atrophy non-uniform day (Wear Sky Blue) Maigold Local Visit to Farm
23rd March	PTA Easter Bingo in the village hall
25th-28th March	Year 6 Bikeability
26th/27th March	Clive Pig Storyteller
26th/27th March	Pippin and Year 6 Parents' Evenings
28th March	PTA Easter Treat Sale & PTA Easter raffle Easter Service 9.15am
20th April	Saturday Volunteer Day working on school grounds- for tea and cake!
22nd/24th April	Maigold, Gala, Discovery and Camelot Parents' Evenings
2nd May	PTA Meeting 7pm Firehouse
13th-16th May	Year 6 SATs week (Key Stage 1 assessments start as well)
18th May	Saturday Colour Run at Westfield Park
24th May	Non-uniform day- Crazy hair day
7th June	Road Safety Morning with Road Safety Officer Somerset Council PTA Festival Disco
14th June	PTA Father's Day Pop Up
16th June	Curry Rivel Open Gardens- School Gardens Open to Public
9th July	Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 12 th July)
22nd July	Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out
23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party
Spring term	2 January- 28 March 2024
Spring INSET Days	2 January and 9 February 2024
Spring Half Term	10 February-18 February 2024
Summer term	15 April- 24 July 2024
Summer INSET Day	15 April 2024
Summer Half Term	25 May- 2 June 2024

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Trip dates confirmation

Please see below for updated trip dates and destinations- School Money is being set up next week- we have managed to keep all trips between £15 and £25 per pupil.

Class	Trip	Date	Curriculum Link
Pippin	Haldon Forest (Gruffalo Trail)	TBC	English
Maigold	Puxton Park	Tuesday 7th May	Geography and Science
Gala	Magdalen Farm	Monday 17th June	Science
Discovery	Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	Thursday 11 th July	History
Camelot	High Ropes, Vivary Park	Thursdays 20th June	Outdoor adventure
Blenheim	Hill House, Otterhampton	25 th -28 th June (Residential)	Outdoor adventure

Uniform Consultation

You said:

- You like the existing school jumpers and cardigans with the logo, but many also said they like to have a choice
- 50: 50 split for white versus purple polo shirts. Many of you commented that purple polo shirts last longer as they are easier to keep clean and wash better. Some people were concerned about the availability of purple polo shirts and the cost of logo shirts.
- You like the choice between Curry Rivel logo polo shirts and supermarkets polo shirts
- You like the idea of charcoal grey trousers/skirts rather than black

Other comments included:

- The PTA preloved shop helps everyone to afford the branded clothing.
- A few people preferred the fleece.
- A few comments about the quality of the logo cardigans being poor.
- I think having the choice between school logo and supermarket brands gives the option for everyone's budgets. The purple polo shirts are easier to keep clean and tidy
- Please do not make it mandatory to have a school logo on uniform. This is often the most expensive option and many would like to keep costs down
- Phase out the other colour polo shirt
- Keep a clear formality on black shorts or jogging bottoms to be worn in P.E also.
- This feels like a change is related to marketing and making the school look good rather than something that will benefit the children, their education or families.
- Please can it be brought to the attention of Brigade that the hood on the hoodies are too short/small for the size of the jumper, also the stitching on the cuff and sleeve has come undone after only a few months.
- The quality of Brigade's seams and cuffs are not great and fall apart. Their colours are not consistent either.

Uniform from September 2024

- There will be a phased transition, with the adjusted uniform to be in place by July 2025.
- The provision of preloved uniform is an absolute must for the environment, to reduce costs and to recycle- the PTA will continue with this amazing service
- Curry Rivel logo uniform and supermarket brands will always be an option for parents.
- We will feedback concerns regarding quality to Brigade.

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UNIFORM SEPTEMBER 2024	
Polo Shirt	Purple polo shirt
Jumper/Cardigan	Purple jumper or purple cardigan
Trousers	Charcoal grey trousers or tailored shorts
Skirts	Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore dress/culottes Purple gingham summer dress (optional)
Shoes	Black flat shoes or ankle/mid-calf flat school boots (No slip-on ballet pumps please). Please ensure that shoes are comfortable for running, playing and physical activities.
Socks	Grey socks or tights
Jewellery	If your child has pierced ears then small plain studs may be worn. Watches may be worn at the owner's risk. (Please no smart watches).
Hair	The school does not allow extremes of hair fashion. i.e no lines or patterns or obvious dyeing of hair. Long hair must be tied back.
PE KITS (To be worn on PE days)	
Shirt	School purple PE T-shirt
Shorts	Plain black shorts or plain black jogging bottoms (No logos)
Trainers	Sports trainers or daps
Jumper/Cardigan	Purple jumper or cardigan OR Purple school PE hoodie
Jewellery	Earrings and watches must be removed for all PE lessons. If ears are recently pierced, they will be taped for safety.
Hair	Long hair must be tied back.

- Items can be ordered via:
<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/CU4572PD/>
- Preloved uniform is also available from the PTA. Please email: CurryrivelpTA@outlook.com for further details.
- Book bags are also available at school. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named so that we can return clothes that are found and also to help the children when they are changing. Also, especially when your child is young, velcro or elastic on shoes is much easier for them rather than laces. We also ask that every child has a waterproof coat every day of the year so that they are properly dressed for outside play.

Brigade have been contacted about quality comments and their response is here: *'We regards to the feedback from parents, we produce 1000s of garments of every year and receive hardly any complaints. However if a parents does deem the garments they have received not good enough, we will always replace it. All they need to do is get in touch with our customer service team. Also, with regards to the hoodie size, it's a standard industry size hood which is not produced by Brigade- however as you can imagine we can't cater for all varying head sizes.'*

Fundraising

The Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School Community are always so generous when we fundraise, whether for school, national or international causes. This year we are focussing our attention on other causes, but unfortunately not Comic Relief.

Mrs Bridgeman says: In April of this year, I will be running the 2024 London Marathon in aid of SMA UK. Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is a genetic disease affecting the central nervous system, peripheral nervous system,

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and voluntary muscle movement. My brother George was diagnosed with SMA at the age of 17, and it has since prevented him doing many of the things that he loves. Currently, there is no cure for SMA, and I know that it affects so many people in such life-changing ways, both physically and mentally. By running this marathon, I will be running it for George, to raise awareness of SMA and the importance of funding continued research to find a cure for a brighter future for all those affected. On March 22nd, we invite the children to come to school wearing sky blue (the colours of the SMA UK charity), to celebrate our differences and raise money for this fantastic cause. The children are asked to bring a voluntary £1 donation, and will be taking part in a few running challenges on the day to score points for their houses.

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March 2024

This year's theme is all about embracing the unique reading choices of each child. With this in mind, we invite the children to come in dressed up as the character that they would most like to see in a story. We welcome them creating their own character and letting their imaginations run wild, however they can choose a pre-existing one if they prefer. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young readers to express themselves and share their interests with their class

Please can they also bring along their favourite reading material on the day- be it a book, a magazine or anything else that captivates their imagination. Let's make this World Book Day a celebration of diversity, creativity and the joy of reading.

Message from the PTA

Book Bingo

Keep an eye out in book bags for this year's Book Bingo. The idea is to encourage children to complete fun activities all whilst getting sponsored to do them. With the feedback from last year we have expanded the number of activities to 16 and included a QR code for easily online payment. Please send the forms back to school to be entered into the prize draw for book vouchers and to be in with a chance of helping the class win extra playtime! The funds raised will go towards new books for the school as well as supporting our enrichment programme. This term we have arranged for Clive Pig, storyteller extraordinaire, to come back for a third year to run workshops for all the classes and Little Pips.

Please return the forms by Monday 25th March. For extra forms please email us curryrivelppta@outlook.com



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Mothers' Day - Pop Up Shop - 8th March

The PTA squad have sourced many delightful gifts for the special ladies in your child's life. The pop up shop will be open in school and children can purchase up to 2 gifts each. Gifts range from £1-£2.50. Buy PTA Bux from our online shop by 6th February or send your child with cash. Any PTA Bux left over can be used at the kids Easter raffle on the last day of term.

Up to 2 gifts each

PTA Pop Up Shop

Gifts £1 - £2.50 available for all the special ladies in your life.

8th March

Bring cash or buy PTA Bux by 6th February

PTA Shop

Family Bingo - 23rd March

Tickets are now available on our shop! Book now to avoid disappointment. We will have prizes for both children and adults, tuck shop, bar and raffle.

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

GREAT PRIZES

BINGO

SNACKS AND LICENSED BAR

RAFFLE AND MUSIC QUIZ

23RD MARCH

CURRY RIVEL VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 6PM EYES DOWN 6.30PM

BOOK TICKETS AT CRPTA.CO.UK

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Term time Mondays, 3.30-4.30
St Andrews School Rooms
Donations for cuppas and biscuits

For more info contact Mark on 07471556366
markmcknight5@gmail.com



Exploring God, Faith, Life

Join us at Cafe Church, an informal get together where we explore faith and life around food and music.

Children, young people and grown ups welcome, as we use clips from the Narnia film to look at the Easter Story.

4:30pm, Sunday 3rdth March
(Following alternate Sundays: 17/03/24)
@ St Andrew's Old School Room, Curry Rivel

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Rama Junior Holiday Club

Frogmary Green Farm
Easter Holidays 2024
Reception - Yr 7



- Tues 2nd April** **Easter Spectacular**
Games, Treats, Crafting & Fun!
- Weds 3rd April** **Jurassic-Tastic**
A day of Dinosaur Excitement - ROAR
- Thurs 4th April** **Harry Potter Day**
Potions, Herbology & Spells!
- Fri 5th April** **Everything is Awesome! Lego Day**
Lego Challenges, Crafting & Big Build
- Mon 8th April** **Record Breakers**
Have a go at some challenges!
- Tues 9th April** **Bushcraft Adventure**
with Forest School Leader Bivi!
- Weds 10th April** **MasterChef**
Get Cooking (and eating!!)
- Thurs 11th April** **Intergalactic**
All things Space - Fact & Fiction
- Fri 12th April** **Minecraft**
Complete Tasks, Earn Gems, Have Fun!

8:45am - 3:30pm (8am-5pm available)
Cost from £30
ramalife.co.uk/booking

 holiday clubs



Come and try Artistic Swimming

Club sessions held on **Fridays from 7.15 - 8.45pm** at Station Rd pool, Taunton
TA1 1NN

Or **Tuesdays from 6 - 7pm** at Wellington School pool, Wellington TA21 8NT

Adult only sessions alternate Saturdays from 5-6 pm at Station Rd pool, Taunton

Everyone is welcome to come along and try Artistic Swimming
We take swimmers from age 7 to adult

Please contact tauntonsynchro@gmail.com or call Alyson on 07903 557054 to
arrange a free trial

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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	0	3
Maigold	1	3
Gala	3	3
Discovery	2	1
Camelot	4	4
Blenheim	7	4
TOTAL	17	18

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 school attendance: 94.46% (Target 96%)

Class attendance award: Discovery (96.9%)

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: Mia
Maigold: Jake
Gala: Henry
Discovery: David
Camelot: Oakley
Blenheim: Sophie

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Thomas
Maigold: Oscar
Gala: Annabel

50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Gala: Liam, Elliot

100 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Camelot: Emily

Achievements Outside of School

Red belt karate: Poppy (Blenheim)

Blue belts in karate: Sophie (Blenheim); James (Camelot)

Trampolining (Selected for competitive team): Ailsa (Gala)

Football (Selected for Yeovil Football Club): Noah (Camelot)

Have good weekend...and Happy St David's Day to those of you with Welsh connections 😊.

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