'Cherish and Nurture, flourish and aspire'

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Our First Music Recital

This week, Burrington enjoyed a delightful musical recital, with children of all ages performing and entertaining fellow pupils, staff and parents alike.

There were lots of acts. From Emily, who looked every bit the rock star with her pink guitar, to Ned, who delivered a rousing boogie-themed piano piece, the morning showcased an impressive range of talent. We were treated to beautiful piano duets from Alfie and Elsie, alongside angelic performances from our singers, Sebby, Olga and Evie.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and one that is sure to become a much-loved annual tradition.
A special thank you goes to Edwin and Ollie for not only hosting the recital but also creating the order of service.

Harry Palmer's grandparent summed up the occasion perfectly: "What a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop their
confidence and pursue their passions."

Bravo to everyone who took part!

Refugees Welcome North Somerset (RWNS)

Thank you to all the children that brought in donations for the RWNS charity. We raised £104.47!

Refugee Week 2026

This week, Josie Tippett delivered a wonderful whole-school assembly as part of Refugee Week. Using child-friendly language, she expertly explained what refugees are and some of the reasons why people may need to move to another country in search of safety.

Josie asked the children what they would pack in their rucksack if they had to leave their home. Their responses ranged from Cora, who would take her special teddy bear, to Alice, who took a practical approach and said she would pack clothes. The children were also very thoughtful when discussing the emotions someone might experience when moving to a new place, identifying feelings ranging from anger and sadness to being overwhelmed. Kasper summed it up beautifully when he said that children might feel scared about moving somewhere new, but also hopeful for a less dangerous future.

Josie spoke about her involvement with the Welcome Refugees North Somerset charity and the valuable work it does, from helping people in the community become more involved, to organising events and bringing people together to share meals. Ruby asked a poignant question about what had motivated Josie to become involved. Josie explained that meeting a Somali refugee while at university had been a great inspiration to her. She also shared the story of a young boy from Afghanistan who arrived in the UK during Year 1, helping the children to understand some of the challenges refugees may face.

The children listened intently and respectfully throughout the assembly. Josie encouraged everyone to get more involved by attending the Blagdon Festival this weekend and donating to our school fundraiser.

Throughout the week, all classes have been taking part in a variety of activities to learn more about refugees, including reading stories and watching informative videos.

Sports Day 2026

Today was the perfect summer's day for Sports Day – warm sunshine, blue skies and, perhaps most importantly, ideal conditions for the PTA to serve their delicious cream teas!

We were exceptionally proud of our Year 6 House Captains, who led and supported their teams throughout the afternoon with maturity, enthusiasm and encouragement. Their leadership played a huge part in making the event such a success.

The whole afternoon worked like clockwork thanks to the excellent organisation of Sports Day. It was wonderful to see the homemade house banners on display, hear children cheering on their teammates and witness the maximum effort given in every race – even from the highly competitive parents!

After an afternoon of fantastic sporting endeavour, **Peregrines**, led by **Arabella and Peter**, were crowned Sports Day champions with **650 points**. They were closely followed by **Owls** with **631 points** and **Kestrels** with **612 points**.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff for their support, the PTA for keeping everyone refreshed and, in particular, Mrs Morris for organising the entire event so brilliantly.

When Maple Class were asked what the highlight of the day had been, the response was unanimous: the **teachers' inflatable race** stole the show! It was certainly a fitting and memorable way to round off a fantastic afternoon.

Oak Class Forest School Day (18th June 2026)

After a lovely start to the day with our music recital in the church, Oak class made their way, with a trolley full of heavy water containers, to the school field. We started our Forest School session with a quick reminder of the Forest School rules then everyone headed off to build dens, dig mud for creating in the mud kitchen, construct pulleys and generally enjoy being in nature.

We stopped for elevenses of hot chocolate and fruit, and we shared a beautifully illustrated story all about the importance of insects and birds in our environment. We continued on with our Forest School discovery time which included some very colourful cakes and dishes in the mud kitchen. Our Forest School pestle and mortar were skilfully used for grinding old chalks into powder. Foraging in the field led to some impressive decorations on the mud cakes. Some children had a try at fire lighting using our brand-new Flint and Steels. With a bit of practise, we had some great sparks lighting our little samples of cotton wool. The trowels were very popular for digging and some children used our forest school craft items to create some imaginative nature crafts. Brooke built a beautiful garden in a tray inspired by a craft book she had brought to Forest School.

A picnic lunch and more constructing in the sun were followed by some very welcome cold squash. In the shade of the big tree at our fire circle, we enjoyed another story about tree felling and paper production. Our clear up offered an excellent opportunity for working together to fold our very large tarpaulins, some knotting to prepare the ropes for storage and a metal peg hunt on the field to ensure the ground was safe for sports day. There were some very muddy hands as the mud kitchen saucepans were emptied! We rounded off our day with some fire cooked S'mores which were very popular!

Oak class, you were a pleasure to work with - I'm looking forward to more Forest School sessions with you all next year. Thank you Mrs Pincher and Mrs Russell for all your help with our session.

Birthdays

Birthdays are a particularly exciting time for children, and we love celebrating with them at school. One of our well-known traditions is the 'birthday claps' that take place during our celebration service on Fridays. Additionally, we sing "Happy Birthday" to the children in their classes, and each class marks the occasion in a special way, such as with a card or sticker.

We understand that some children may wish to bring something special to school on their birthday. However, to accommodate children with allergies or dietary restrictions, we kindly ask that these birthday treats are not sweet items. Instead, if a child wishes to bring something into school to mark their birthday we are offering an alternative: **the opportunity to contribute a 'birthday book'.**

A 'birthday book' is a book chosen from the school's recommended reads or a high-quality book that the child recommends themselves. We will place a special sticker inside the front cover of the book, noting that it was purchased to celebrate the child's birthday. The birthday child will have the opportunity to present the book to their class, and, if they wish, it can be read aloud to the class on their special day. This creates a lasting legacy of books within the school, while also making the birthday celebration more meaningful.

We hope this new tradition will be a memorable way for children to celebrate their special day while contributing to our school community.

Our school has a whole list of books in a wish list from https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/wishlists/a70a350cc0fef7bf58d0783292631472

For every book purchased through this website, LoveReading4Kids donates 25% of the purchase price back to our school account, allowing us to buy even more books.

We have lots of new exciting books on our wish list to help us refill our lovely library. Thank you all who are buying Birthday Books.

Tuesday 23rd June	**Churchill Academy Induction Day (Yr6)**
Tuesday 23rd June	**Moving up morning**
Wednesday 24th June	**Churchill Academy Drama Day (Yr6)**
Wednesday 24th June	**Moving up morning**
Wednesday 15th July	**School production**
Friday 17th July	**Awards Service @ 9am**
Wednesday 22nd July	**Leavers Service @ 1.30pm**
Wednesday 22nd July	**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Wednesday 22nd July	**End of term**

Absence from school for unauthorised term time holidays

IMPORTANT CHANGES—are you aware?

There are now changes to the penalty notice framework since August 2024:

1. Fines have increased from £60 to £80 for a first time offence or £160 if paid after 21 days and within 28 days.
2. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be **charged at the higher rate of £160.**
3. For a repeat third offence- a Penalty Notice will not be issued- Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. **Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.**
4. The Threshold at which a Penalty Notice must be considered is 10 sessions in a 10 week rolling period.
5. Local Authorities (LAs) have a duty to check with other LAs if a Penalty Notice (PN) has previously been issued in the preceding 3 years- which means that even if families move LA area, any previously issued PN by another LA can count towards the two PN limit per parent per child in the 3 year period.

Have a look at the link to the DFE website: Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)

Please avoid taking holidays in term times. Thank you for support.

Attendance

Please find below the weekly attendance rates by class across the school. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%. **There is considerable research about the link between attendance and attainment.**

We understand that children should not be in school if they are ill (or are recovering from a tummy bug - sickness or diarrhoea -for 48 hours); however, children should still come to school if they are tired or have a minor cold. We also respectfully ask you to avoid taking holidays in term time.

95% attendance equates to 9 days of absence which is approximately 2 weeks off school, which means approximately 50 lessons have been missed. 80% attendance equals 38 days absent which is approximately 8 weeks or 200 lessons.

Birch	Oak	Maple	Whole School
99.6%	97.62%	97%	98.12%

Gold 97+ Silver 95-96% Bronze 90-94% Red 80-89% Blue below 80%

Collection Day!

FRIDAY 3rd JULY

What can I recycle?

STOP
and think would you wear it?

- POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHING.
- UNIFORM
- SOCKS
- PILLOWS
- DUVETS
- CURTAINS
- BOOKS OR CD'S

- CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY REUSABLE CLOTHING
- ADULTS, CHILDREN'S & BABIES CLOTHING
- PAIRED SHOES AND FOOTWEAR
- JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES
- BELTS AND HANDBAGS

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Packed full of fun outdoor experiences at a beautiful working farm! Children will enjoy pond dipping, outdoor games, exploring nature, cooking activities, creative crafts, and lots more. A perfect way for children to learn, play and make new friends in the countryside.

Date	Tuesday 28th July 2026 Thursday 6th August 2026 Monday 10th August 2026
Time	9am to 3pm
Cost	£25 per child
Location	Lower Stock Farm, Bakers Lane, Wrington, BS40 5HT

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https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/07/28/court-de-wyck-ultimate-activity-camps-summer-holidays

★ DAILY HEADLINE ACTIVITIES ★

Featured activities run daily from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

WEEK 1

TUESDAY 11th AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST	THURSDAY 13th AUGUST
LASER TAG	WATER GUN BATTLE	WORLD CUP FOOTBALL

WEEK 2

TUESDAY 18th AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST	THURSDAY 20th AUGUST
FILM AND POPCORN	NERF GUN BATTLES	END OF CAMPS PARTY

★ PRICES AND TIMINGS ★

STANDARD DAY
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
£23

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AGES 5-12

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Our School Christian value this term is:

Truth and Truthfullness

'Tell the truth to each other'

Zechariah 8:16

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Sarah Joskey (Head Teacher)

Deputy safeguarding Lead: LJ Annandale (Deputy Head)

Safeguarding Governor: James Pretty

SENCo: Tracey Jones

Learning Mentor: Maylina Allen

Administrator: Mel Hodgkinson

Concerned about a child?

Please speak to us about it.

PRAYERS:

From: ..... Class: .....

Please could we say a prayer in Service on Friday for:

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Ms Sarah Joskey – Headteacher