'Cherish and Nurture, flourish and aspire'

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Congratulations to Our New Pupil Leaders!

A huge congratulations to all of our newly appointed **School Councillors, House Captains, Vice Captains, Sports Leaders, Merit Monitors, Almoners, Music Ambassadors**, and Edie for taking on our newest leadership role, **Eco Warrior**.

These roles are incredibly important within our school and provide pupils with the opportunity to develop leadership skills, take responsibility, and make a positive contribution to our school community.

The selection process for several of these positions is a wonderful example of **Democracy**, one of the fundamental British Values. Candidates for **School Council** prepare and deliver speeches to their peers before being voted into their roles. One of the first responsibilities of the newly elected School Councillors will be to decide which charity the school will support this year.

Similarly, our **House Captains and Vice Captains** prepare speeches for their House Teams and are democratically elected by their fellow pupils. It is fantastic to see children confidently sharing their ideas and taking an active role in shaping school life.

We are incredibly proud of all those who put themselves forward and showed the courage, commitment and enthusiasm to stand for election. We look forward to seeing our new pupil leaders represent and promote our school values throughout the year, serving as positive role models for others and helping to make a difference across our school community.

Well done to all of our successful candidates. We know you will do a wonderful job!

Harvest Service Monday @9am

Please do come along to our harvest service on Monday if you can, all classes will be involved. Please also remember to bring something along for Clevedon Foodbank. (List is further on in the newsletter) The vegetables and fruit from the church will be sold afterschool on Monday and money donations will also go to the foodbank.

National Child Measurement Programme

School Nurses will be coming into school on Friday the 27th November. This is for year 6 only.
If you do not want your child to take part you MUST return an opt out form to sirona.ns.schoolhealthreview@nhs.net before their visit.

School Almoners

Sports Leaders

House Captains and Vice Captains

Merit Monitors

Music Ambassadors

Eco Warrior

Well done to the children who received certificates this week.

Maple Class

Marvellous Mathematician:

55 Division club: Bethany, Skye

Well done certificates:

Evie for writing an excellent narrative using tension and implicit emotion

Skye for trying her best in Maths and doing extra homework

George for a great attitude and focus in work all week, particularly writing

Oak Class

Superstars:

Rosie for being a brilliant role model to all the children in Oak class.

Myles for showing kindness to a child who needed help

Rory for your thoughtful contribution and lovely work in RE

Cora for your fantastic insect observational drawings in art

Charlie K for your fantastic insect observational drawings in art

Tilda for your outstanding effort in maths

Aubrey for your fantastic effort in all lessons

Henry for your positive attitude to all your learning - keep it up!

Birch Class

Superstars:

Regan for outstanding effort in Maths and Phonics
Inka for excellent segmenting in phonics and super neat handwriting in all her work
Nina for supporting year 1 with changing in PE and reading to them in reading for pleasure

Cherry Class

Superstars:

Mabel for working so hard to count the sounds in our maths lesson. You are maths super star!
Wren for always setting a good example, you listen carefully and always follow instructions.
Lyla for coming into school so confidently this week.

Mr Hushers tidiest classroom award: Oak Class

Bikeability

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who successfully completed their Level 2 Bikeability training this week. Throughout the course, they demonstrated excellent cycling skills, confidence and awareness when riding on local roads.

Bikeability is an important programme that helps children learn how to ride safely and responsibly, equipping them with the knowledge and practical skills needed to navigate roads with confidence. By understanding road positioning, signalling, observation and hazard awareness, our pupils are better prepared to make safe decisions when cycling both now and in the future.

Thanks to Mrs Licata for accompanying the children and to the Bikeability instructors.

A Big Thank you!

Many thanks to George in Year 6 who brought in 276 conkers today for our Reception Class children. They have been making use of them this week making snails at Forest School and today using drain pipes to make conker runs.

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.

Monday 5th October	**Harvest Service at 9am. All welcome.**
Monday 12th October	**Individual photos**
Monday 12th and Thursday 15th October	**Birch, Oak and Maple Parents evenings**
Tuesday 13th October	**Reception Parents evening**
Monday 19th October	**PTA AGM @6pm**
Thursday 22nd October	**Spooky Disco**
Friday 23rd October	**End of term**
Monday 2nd November	**Start of Term 2**
Monday 2nd November	**Rags 2 Riches Collection**
Wednesday 11th November	**Remembrance Day Service 10.40am**
Friday 20th November	**INSET Day**

LoveReading 4 KIDS BUY BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

Thank you to all the parents who have been purchasing either Legacy books or birthday books from our Love Reading Wish List. We have accrued enough credits to purchase some fantastic new, high-quality reading books for our library. Please encourage your child to borrow them.

Girls lunchtime Football Club

Girls football club starts again next Tuesday (full list of dates upto Christmas listed below) If your child would like to attend please ensure they bring a packed lunch to school.

6th October

13th October

3rd November

10th November

17th November

1st December

8th December

Afterschool Hockey Club

We are hoping to start the Hockey Club back up next week but we need a few more takers to make it viable. Please can you let the office know if your child is interested.

If we can go ahead, it will run on a Thursday afterschool until 4.30pm.

NEED A NEW SHED?

SUPPORT A LOCAL SOMERSET BUSINESS!

Timberwork Buildings, supply and make bespoke buildings to your specifications — **within our school they have supplied our Forest School shed, PE store and storage shed**.

Made here in Somerset

No job is too big or too small

Made to your requirements

Their range includes:

Sheds

Summerhouses

Dog Kennels

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Storage Buildings

…and much more!

COME AND TAKE A LOOK

Show Yard Open to the Public

BS26 2EA

Flu immunisations

Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection) catch-up clinics are available for Reception to Year 6 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment at **https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2026/book?v=3**

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email **sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net**

Applying for Reception School places for September 2027

If your child is starting Reception in September 2027, its time to apply for their school place. Use the link below to apply online for your place

https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/applying-school-place

The closing date for applications is 11.59pm on the 15th January 2027.

We are holding another open morning for parents of children starting in Reception on Wednesday the 14th October at 9.30am.
Please do share this with any friends who might be interested.

Applying for Secondary school places for September 2027

All year 6's will have received an email today to apply for their Secondary school places. Apply using the same link. The difference is the closing date is the 31st October!

https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/applying-school-place

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
97.14%	97.14%	98.10%	97.40%

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

NORTH SOMERSET PCWT
PARENT CARERS WORKING TOGETHER

The Family Support Fayre

WE'RE BACK!

Discover, Learn & Connect at Our FREE SEND Event

Resources and Information for families supporting children 0 - 25 years with additional needs and/or disabilities

21st October 2026

One Event
3 supportive spaces
Connect • Learn • Explore
- The Royal Hotel
- Winter Gardens
- Sovereign Centre

- **FREE expert-led SEND training** Including Autism, sensory, masking & eating difficulties sessions
- **5 Inspiring Keynote speakers** Sharing professional and lived experience perspectives
- **Local SEND Updates & support information**
- **Understanding medically complex needs**
- **Over 70+ Exhibitors** Ranging across Health, Educational and Support services
- **A Welcoming space for families, carers & professionals**

@nspcwt

Together we make a difference

Burrington Primary School PTA Presents

SPOOKY DISCO

Snacks & Drinks provided

Thursday 22nd October
3.15pm to 4.45pm

Fancy dress encouraged!

£7 per child via ParentPay

PTA are collecting Ink Cartridges for recycling

Please drop off at the school office

North Somerset Council

Open, Fair, Green

Understanding and Supporting

Neurodivergent Children and Young People

Free videos and printable guides for parents and carers

A free, evidence-informed parent support resource for families of neurodivergent children and young people in North Somerset.

Practical, easy-to-understand videos with one-page "Fridge Guides" you can print and keep.

Topics include:

1. What Do We Mean by Neurodiversity and Neurodivergence?
2. How Neurodivergence Can Affect Everyday Life
3. Masking: Why School and Home Can Feel So Different
4. Coming to Terms with the Idea of ADHD or Autism
5. Supporting Your Child Without Waiting for an Assessment
6. Supporting Big Emotions, Meltdowns, and Shutdowns
7. Everyday Challenges: Sleep, Eating, Transitions, and Independence
8. Looking After Yourself as a Parent

SCAN HERE TO ACCESS THE SERIES

Free to access • Share with others who may find it helpful

Or search North Somerset EPS on YouTube

Created to support, not replace, professional advice.
If you have concerns about your child, please speak to your GP, school or local support services.

Codingbug
INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CODERS & MAKERS

MINECRAFT CODING CLUB

Learn to code with Minecraft in a fun, creative and interactive environment at our Minecraft coding club.

Saturday
17th October 2026

Yatton Library
48 High St, Yatton BS49 4HJ

Ages
8–12

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
codingbug.co.uk

HOW TO JOIN ⟶
Scan the QR code to join and book a spot.
Limited spaces available

info@codingbug.co.uk

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Creative Coding

Designed for primary school children, this workshop inspires creativity and curiosity while developing logical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills through interactive robots.

What they'll learn

- Discover how robots work
- Learn to program a robot
- See how code comes to life
- Debug and test programs
- Work as part of a team

WHERE
Yatton Library
48 High St,
Yatton,
BS49 4HJ

WHEN
Tuesday 27th October
10:00am – 12:00pm

FOR AGES
Children aged 7–12 years
For curious beginners and those up for a fun challenge

HOW TO JOIN ⟶
Scan the QR code to join and book a spot.
Limited spaces available!
codingbug.co.uk/creative-coding-with-robots/

codingbug.co.uk **info@codingbug.co.uk**

WINSCOMBE AFC Founded in 1922

New Winscombe Girls Under 7s

Join the fun with our new girls football team.
This if for girls in year 1 or year 2.

Training starts Wednesday 30th September at 5.30pm at Churchill Academy (3G pitch)

Register your interest on the following link

https://www.winscombefootballclub.co.uk/under7-girls

Our School Christian value this term is:

Generosity

'God loves a cheerful giver'

2 Corinthians 9:7

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