



Weekly Update: 10th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Sunday 12th November 10.50am	Remembrance Sunday Service at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel
Monday 13th - Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13th November	Odd Socks day
Tuesday 14th November	Open Morning for prospective parents 9-10.30am
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Non-School Uniform
Monday 20th November	Deadline for Christmas Shoe Boxes
Thursday 23rd November 7pm	Free Parent Webinar: Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child
Tuesday 28th November	Stand Against Violence Workshop for Year 6
Wednesday 29th November	Mrs Robinson from Huish Academy visiting Year 6
Wednesday 6th December	Christingle Making (Fundraising for The Children's Society)
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day (Fundraising for Save the Children)
Tuesday 12th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Panto, gifted by the PTA
	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Friday 15th December 9.15am	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church. Last Day of term
Wednesday 3rd January	First day of the spring term
Autumn INSET Days	4 September and 20 October
Autumn Half Term	21 October -29 October
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 2023

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The week will start off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This will be followed up in the week by a special assembly and class lessons. The theme of 'Make A Noise About Bullying' came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

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Following the success of the campaign in 2022 – when 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, we can bring an end to bullying.

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School, we take all forms of bullying very seriously, and always encourage children to 'tell a trusted adult'. Parents/carers are also encouraged to share their concerns with us so that we can take action.

Remembrance

Today, we gathered at 11am in the hall, as a school community, for a minute's silence to reflect on this important day. Of course, 'remembrance' means different things to different people, but the children were so well behaved and really showed respect during this event. Pupils held beautiful wreaths made by Pippin and Apple Trees- these will be presented at the village remembrance service on Sunday at St Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel. Do join us at 10.50am- I will be there with the school council and house captains.

Message from Mr Bridgeman

Mr Bridgeman our Maths lead, has launched this competition for Years 3-6

The poster is set against a red and blue background with yellow lightning bolts and white plus signs. At the top, 'TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS' is written in a stylized, winged font. Below it, 'PRESENTS' is written in red. The main title 'ENGLAND ROCKS' is in large, bold, white letters with a red and white striped pattern, partially overlapping a black speaker icon. The dates '14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2023' and time '7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)' are in white. Two red boxes contain the rules: 'PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!' and '1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!'. A white box at the bottom states 'WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!'. The website 'TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS' is at the bottom in white.

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Starting School: How to apply for your school place

Please apply using the [online application form](#).

The closing date for starting school applications is 15 January 2024.

Changed your number or email address?

If you have changed your telephone number or email address, can you please let the school office know so that we can update our records. We need to have at least 3 contact numbers for your children in the event that we are unable to reach the main contacts.

PFSA Coffee Morning

Victoria Gould is the Parent Family Support Advisor for our local group of schools- she was here on the 9th November so you could drop in and have a chat with her about worries or concerns- she can give advice, sign-post you to services or just be a listening ear. We have found that attendance is very low at such events and would be keen to adjust how we do things to improve this offer- please click on the link if you have some feedback- thank you. <https://forms.gle/KN8LKg3yLyei5zB47>

PTA Update

Changes to Class WhatsApp Groups:



- Your class group and its features will remain unchanged.
- Starting next week, all class groups will be transferred to the PTA Community for improved privacy, security, and management. (No action is required from your end)

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- Being part of the community also grants you the option to receive important announcements without being a member of any specific group. All community members will automatically have access to announcements. This is a read-only group with concealed member numbers and names.
- We have updated our Terms and Conditions, which will be distributed to all groups. Violations of these rules may result in removal from the groups. These updates aim to enhance security and privacy.
- If you are not currently a member of a class group and would like to join the PTA Community or a class group, please reach out to us via email at curryrivelppta@outlook.com.

PTA Preloved Shop

Have you got any Christmas jumpers or fancy dress costumes that need a new home? Drop them off by November 24th and we'll give them a new life at our Christmas fair on December 2nd!

Unused nativity items will be very much welcomed too and will be given to the amazing Nativity team who are working hard to get the children ready for performances at the end of term.

If you need any preloved uniform logo items can be bought directly on our website and if you need non logo items email us directly.



PTA PRELOVED SHOP

DROP OFF YOUR WASHED ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

NATIVITY COSTUMES

FANCY DRESS

The poster features illustrations of Christmas jumpers (one with a penguin, one with a snowman, one with a Christmas tree), nativity costumes (three kings, a shepherd, a donkey), and fancy dress costumes (a fairy, a superhero, a tiger, a crocodile, a boy in a mask). A small Santa Claus character is in the bottom right corner.

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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	1	3
Maigold	2	4
Gala	3	5
Discovery	2	4
Camelot	3	6
Blenheim	3	10
TOTAL	14	32

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

Class attendance award: Discovery: 99.2%

Most improved class attendance: Discovery: 99.2%

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Harrison
Maigold: Jake
Gala: Jason
Discovery: George
Camelot: Barney
Blenheim: Mia

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Piper
Maigold: Lily
Discovery: Lillyann Mai
Camelot: James
Blenheim: Molly

There were so many impressive pieces of writing, and artwork for the flood day- well done to all those pupils who submitted their creations. The most impressive work will be celebrated next week.

50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Discovery: Ellie-Mai, Evie, Lilly S, Lexi-Mae, Ruth, Anna

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Achievements outside of school:

Green belt in karate: Sophie (Blenheim)

Orange belt in karate: Poppy (Blenheim)

Well-being tip for the week: Stop and reflect on how you might start changing the world today. What will you do differently? What do you notice others doing for good, let them know it is noticed so we might encourage one another to grow in love and peace, community and dignity.

Have a good weekend.

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