

Weekly Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

### **Dates for your diary**

W/B 12<sup>th</sup> May
Year 6 SATs Assessments
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May
Pippin Superhero Day
PTA Colour Run

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2.30-3.15pm** Escape Line Parents/Carer Workshop at school- let the office know if you

are attending

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** Crazy Hair Non-Uniform PTA Fundraiser

**5th/6th June** Year 6 Bikeability (Second Group)

**10<sup>th</sup> June** Quidditch Event Day Experience (Gifted by the PTA)

**2<sup>nd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June** Year 4 Multiplication Check **9<sup>th</sup>- 13th June** Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

**Tuesday 10th June** Quidditch experience (Gifted by the PTA)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 6pm**New Curry Rivel Reception Parents' Information Evening

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June
Tempest Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June
Discovery Class Trip to Vivary Park

Friday 13th June PTA Father's Day pop up shop

Thursday 18th June 2pm PFSA/SENCO Cafe

**14th -21st June** Water Safety Week (Including Safety Assemblies led by Lifestyle Fitness)

**19th June** Active Travel Day- Walking to School day- Details to follow

Friday 20th June PTA Festival Disco

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Public Speaking Day including Competition- Active Travel Focus

**24th-27th June**Year 6 Residential
w/b 30<sup>th</sup> June
Assessment Week

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July New Classes and Transition Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 4pm CLP Public Speaking Competition at Huish Academy

**Tuesday 8th July** Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 11th July)

• 9.00-11.00: R, Years 1 and 2

• 12.45-3.15: Years 3-

Children to wear house colours: Blackdown (Red); Mendip (Green);
 Polden (Blue); Quantock (White)

Friday 18th July 2pm: Church Service of Celebration '150 Years of Curry Rivel School'

3.15pm: Community Cream Tea & Exhibition Village Fete with school/nursery open day Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out

Year 6 Leavers' Service with parents/carers (am) and Tea Party (pm)

Last day of term: Final Awards Assembly

Tuesday 2nd SeptemberINSET Day- training day for staffWednesday 3nd SeptemberINSET Day- training day for staff

**Thursday 4th September** First day of Autumn term

Saturday 19th July 12-3pm

Monday 21st July 6pm

Wednesday 23rd July

Tuesday 22nd July

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Pook

### **Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25**

- EASTER BREAK: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April
- Summer Term (First half): Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Summer Term (Second half): Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Wednesday 23rd July

We have loved the sunshine this week- what a treat! The Year 6 children have been so impressive with their commitment to their mock SATs assessments- a great way for us all to practice the 'real thing'. It was great to see Discovery class pupils performing an Opera 'The Team Mascot' alongside a professional opera company called Jack Daws at Huish Academy this week- what an amazing opportunity for them to access high quality performing arts- thank you to the PTA who supported this project. Today, we have said good bye to Mrs Louise Dance, our kitchen manager- she starts a new finance role in another school setting- we will miss you! Mrs Jane Snow will be managing lunch administation, and Miss Jade Frost will be serving lunches from next week.

#### **Smartwatches**

While we understand that smartwatches can be useful tools for communication and organisation, they also present several challenges in a school environment:

- Distraction from Learning: Smartwatches can be a significant distraction in the classroom.
   Notifications, games, and messaging features can interrupt lessons and reduce pupil's focus on their learning.
- 2. **Privacy and Safeguarding Concerns**: Many smartwatches have recording, photo, and video capabilities. This raises serious concerns about the privacy of pupils and staff, as well as the potential for misuse.
- 3. **Fairness and Inclusion**: Not all families are able to provide smartwatches for their children. To ensure a fair and inclusive environment for all students, we aim to minimise visible differences in personal technology.
- 4. **Security and Loss**: Smartwatches are valuable items and can be easily lost or damaged. Managing these situations can be time-consuming and distressing for students.

For these reasons, we kindly ask that children do not wear smartwatches to school. If a child is found wearing one, it will be kept safely in the school office and returned at the end of the day. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused, respectful, and safe learning environment for all.

### Survey

We are always striving to enhance our school. Your feedback is invaluable to us, as it helps our leadership team and governors make adjustments, informed decisions and plan for the future. We kindly ask you to complete our Parent/Carer survey by **Friday 9th May.** Please click on the link below to share your views:

https://forms.gle/bUXLC9ZrjJei8PeZA

### **Curry Rivel Cricket Club for Year 3- 6 (Under 11s)**

This club is an amazing local facility in the village, so it would be great to have pupils from our school training and playing for the team. Contact:

### **Team Manager:**

Name: Kevin Stevens Phone: 07763649166

#### **Alternative Contact:**

Name: Dean Parsons Phone: 07957521122



It's Saturday May 10th

- 3.30-5.30pm in The Old School Room, Curry Rivel (behind the church)
- Very informal, includes lots of activities, a christian message, and food!
  - Contacts Helen 07880706517 or Dawn 07764308825



- For families and all ages, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
  - Messy church is free donations are welcomed.

### Message from the PTA

### Colour Run 16th May 4.15pm - Everything You Need to Know!

Ready for the most colourful, crazy, fun-filled afternoon of the year?

Join us for an event bursting with energy, colour, and smiles and yes, you can walk, run, skip or dance your way around the track!

#### When?

- BBQ, tuck shop & pocket money shop open: 3:30 PM
- Warm-up party with Mr B: 4:15 PM
- Colour Run starts straight after!

#### Who can join in?

EVERYONE! Primary kids, secondary students, mums, dads, families, teachers everyone is welcome! Spectators are FREE come cheer everyone on!

Tickets (early bird on sale now!):

#### Buy yours now at <a href="mailto:crpta.co.uk/shop">crpta.co.uk/shop</a>

- **Child Ticket:** Includes warm-up with Mr B, sunglasses, entry to the course, colour paint, milkshake & a finisher's medal!
- Adult Ticket: Includes warm-up, entry, and colour paint (bring your own sunnies!)

#### The Course:

Run around the Westfield track doing as many laps as you like!

Go for fun... or try to beat the record of 22 laps!

#### What to wear:

White t-shirts work best to show off the colour! Wear old clothes & trainers we promise you WILL get messy!

# Safety:

- Safe, food-grade colour powder
- Qualified first aiders on site
- By buying a ticket, you're agreeing to the event waiver

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### Parking:

Very limited so disabled badge holders only. Please walk or lift share if possible!

# Why we're doing it:

All money raised goes straight back into fun events and extras for the children at Curry Rivel School!

### Rain or shine – we're running!

A little drizzle just makes the colours even more fun!

**NO DOGS**, please this one's just for the humans!



#### Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late. Great progress this week.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	0	0
Maigold	1	2
Gala	1	1
Discovery	1	1
Camelot	0	1
Blenheim	3	3
TOTAL	6	8

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

Overall attendance (School target 96%): 94.2%

Highest attendance: Camelot (97.1%)

Most improved: Blenheim

#### Celebration

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

# **Class Cup Awards**

Pippin: Emmie Maigold: Harley

Gala: Isla

Discovery: Elliot Camelot: Bea Blenheim: Paige

### **Lunchtime stars**

Blenheim: Annmiya

# 50 Dojos

Pippin: Kaleb, Rupert

# 100 Dojos

Gala: Thomas, Frazer, Sonny, Mabel

Discovery: Archie

Camelot: Lilly May, Freddie, George, Ellie-Mai Blenheim: Mia-Rose, Brooke-Bailey, Milla-Louisa,

# 150 Dojos

Discovery: Luca

Take care and a good bank holiday weekend.

Ali Pook, Head Teacher

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