



## Weekly Update: 27th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 30th September</b>	Clubs start this week
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9.00-10.30am</b>	Open Morning for prospective new families
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PTA Mrs Silver's Sausage Sandwiches (To celebrate World Teacher Day)
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-3.15pm</b>	Coffee & Biscuits with Mrs Davies-Evans- Phonics & Reading Focus for Pippin Parents/Carers
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Flu vaccinations
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PTA Colouring Competition Launch
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am</b>	<b><u>NEW DATE (APOLOGIES): Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)</u></b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Tempest - Individual Photos
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evenings (including PTA Book Fair, Preloved Uniform)
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Bags2School bags in
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PTA Fundraiser Break The Rules Day; Launch of Christmas Card
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Half term holiday (PTA Village Trail)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	INSET training day- school closed
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Meeting at the Firehouse
<b>Monday 11th - Friday 15th November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November- Odd Socks Day)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-10.30am</b>	Open Morning for prospective new families
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Silent Disco
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Adult Silent Disco Party
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm</b>	Parent Family Support Adviser and SENDCo Drop-in Café for parents/carers
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Launch of PTA Christmas Raffle
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Panto (Gifted by the PTA)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Elfridges Stall
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Evening Nativity performance to parents
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term

### INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)

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## Trip to Magdalen Farm

Camelot Class enjoyed a trip to Magdalen Farm where they took part in a variety of activities linked to their Science and Geography learning. The children enjoyed pond dipping, measuring the temperature and PH, as well as measuring the cloudiness of the water. They also marked coordinates on an OS map and mapped the River Axe which runs through the farm. The children walked to the river and learnt about meanders and erosion. A highlight was also finding lots of frogs and making models out of clay! A fun day was had by all and the children were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

"I really liked pond dipping and measuring the temperature of the water" - George

"It was really fun & interesting! The best part was looking for creatures in the pond" - Millie

"It was really good to see the River Axe in real life!" - Lily H

"I loved seeing the frogs!!" - Freddie

## Parents' Evenings

You are warmly invited to your child's parents' evening. We are pleased that these meetings will be 'face to face' and 'in person'. Parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday 15th October** and **Thursday 17th October**. The timing of the meeting is 10 minutes, and teachers will be providing you with some feedback on your child's start to the new school year and progress. The teacher will also answer any questions you may have and you will have a chance to look at your child's work. Please be aware that the length of the meeting will be rigidly adhered to and if, in the meantime or after the meeting, you wish to discuss any issues or concerns please remember that your child's class teacher will be pleased to make an appointment to see you to discuss the matters further.

We will send you a link via email which should make booking really easy. If it is impossible for you to attend on one of these evenings, please see your child's class teacher to make an alternative arrangement. For some families, where parents are separated, we hope you can attend these meetings together – please contact the school office if an additional appointment is needed. During the parents' evening, the school's parent teacher association (PTA) will be providing refreshments and pre-loved uniform in the hall where you can also view your child's books. The PTA will also be selling Disco tickets and we will have a Book Fair. The school SENDCo, Mrs Monk, will be in the hall on **Thursday 17th October** and we hope to have the Parish Council present. School Governors also hope to be there.

You can book your appointment via the following link, which will go live on **Wednesday 2nd October 7pm**

<https://koalendar.com/u/curry-rivel-parents-evening>

## Harvest Festival

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to help children and young people to think about how food reaches their plates and to say thank you for all they have received, as well as giving to those in need. Our harvest festival service will take place on Friday 11th October at St Andrew's Church, at 9.15am. Parents/carers will be welcome to join us- there may be standing room only if this is a popular event. We will be demonstrating 'courageous advocacy' by supporting the important work of the Curry Rivel Foodbank, and ask that children bring dried foodstuffs (tins or packets) to the Harvest service (Details of what is needed to follow). The PTA will also be serving tea and coffee.

## Front Gate

The new closer on the front gate has been fitted. The gate will open  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way and is set to close slowly then the gate will snap shut at the end. Please can we make sure we do not lean on the gate when open and please do not force the gate closed- just let it do its thing!

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## School Council

The full results from the 'Democracy Day' are as follows:

Pippin : Hazel  
Maigold: Harley  
Gala: Lily T  
Discover: Dot  
Camelot: Anna  
Blenheim: Paige

The new School Council will be meeting next week, led by Mrs Davies who will be setting them their first task of the year.

## **TUNING IN TO KIDS™: PARENTING PROGRAM: Message from our PFSA (Parent Family Support Advisor)**

You are invited to take part in a free program that aims to help you and your adolescent manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. *Tuning in to Kids™* is a six-week parenting program run one evening a week for two hours. The program will teach you how to manage your own and your child's emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your teen is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face. These are factors that have been found to reduce the risk of mental health and substance abuse problems.

### **What is Emotional intelligence?**

The program is based on the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

### **Why is Emotional Intelligence important?**

Research has shown that young people with greater emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success — Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.

When parents focus on helping their teen learn about emotions, the young person is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence. In this parenting program we will teach parents what to do to help these skills develop.

### **Would you like to find out more?**

The groups will be: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024. 9.30-11.30 at Somerton Library. Please contact your PFSA, Victoria Gould if you are interested: [vgould@longsuttonprimary.co.uk](mailto:vgould@longsuttonprimary.co.uk)

## **SEN Workshops for Parents /Carers Autumn Term 2024**

<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

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01895 649211

## Message from the PTA

🔊 Mr. Silver's Sausage Sandwiches - 4th October! 🔊

Celebrate World Teacher Day with a delicious start to the day! 📷 Mr. Silver's Famous Sausages Sandwiches are available from 8.20am on the 4th October. Grab a freshly made sandwich and kick off the morning in style. Available for kids and adults.

📅 4th October

📄 Only £2 (Pre-booked)

📍 Available 8:20 AM in the front playground (on in the lobby if wet)

📱 Pre-book your sandwich at [crpta.co.uk](http://crpta.co.uk)

Why not brighten our teachers' day with a sandwich, too? It's the perfect way to celebrate! 😊 Limited availability so order today!



## 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	1
Maigold	3	6
Gala	2	3
Discovery	1	3
Camelot	2	0
Blenheim	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>

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 this week (School target 96%):**

Highest attendance: Discovery (97.1%)

Most improved: Gala

**Celebration**

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

**Class Cup Awards**

Pippin: Finn  
Maigold: Kirree  
Gala: Willow  
Discovery: Elia M  
Camelot: Anna  
Blenheim: Brooke

**Lunchtime stars**

Maigold: Mabel  
Gala: Henry  
Discovery: Annabel  
Camelot: Bobbie  
Blenheim: Olivia

Have wonderful weekend.

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