



Weekly Update: 5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th December	Carols on the Green. Food and drink served from 5pm. Singing to start at 5.30pm
Tuesday 9th December	SATs Information Evening for Year 6 Parents/Carers 5pm
Thursday 11th December	Blenheim Sharing Morning Postponed until new year
Friday 12th December	PTA Elfridges stall
W/B Monday 15th December	Inter-House Christmas Sports Competition
Monday 15th December 2pm	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Tuesday 16th December 6pm	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (Non-Uniform Day for Save the Children)
Thursday 18th December	Christingle making in school (Donations to the Children's' Society welcomed)
Friday 19th December 9.15am	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term; PTA Class raffle

Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2025/26

- INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026
- Spring Term (First half): Tuesday 6th January- Thursday 12th February
- INSET Day: Friday 13th February 2026
- **HALF TERM BREAK: 16th-20th February 2026**
- Spring Term (Second half): Monday 23rd February- Thursday 2nd April 2026
- **EASTER BREAK: Monday 3rd April- Friday 17th April 2026**
- Summer Term (First half): Monday 20th April- Friday 22nd May 2026
- **HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May 2026**
- INSET Day: Monday 1st June 2026
- Summer Term (Second half): Tuesday 2nd June- Wednesday 22nd July 2026

This week has been Assessment Week, and the children have worked incredibly hard. These assessments form part of our overall teacher judgments in Reading, Writing, and Maths, which will be shared with you in January through a short report. The children were rewarded with the PTA gifted Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty', performed by the Rainbow Theatre- the children and staff really enjoyed this interactive performance (and the PTA ice pops!)

Christmas is definitely approaching: Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are busy preparing for their Nativity performances- always a highlight of the festive season. We are also proud to share that our school choir, 'The Mistletones', with over 40 talented singers, performed beautifully at the local CLP Carol Concert

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at Huish Episcopi Church this week. A huge thank you to Mr Bridgeman and Miss Martin for leading and supporting the choir in this wonderful event.

In sports news, congratulations to our basketball team, led by Mr Bridgeman, who won the local CLP competition this week! This means we are currently champions in cross country, girls' football, netball, and basketball- an amazing achievement for our small school.

Next week, our Christmas postal service begins. Children who wish to send cards should ensure that names and classes are clearly written on all envelopes.

On Wednesday 17th December, we will enjoy our Christmas jumper day- this is a Save the Children initiative, so donations gratefully received. On Thursday 18th December, we will be making Christingles with support from the church. Donations of oranges, sweets, and other items have been donated by Tesco. Each child will bring home a Christingle to decorate your homes. We kindly ask for voluntary contributions, if possible, to support the important work of The Children's Society- please send in any donations in an envelope to the school office.



Meals

New menus have been released for next term. Please order Christmas dinners by end of day Sunday 7th December.

Thank you from the Royal British Legion

The school raised £216.19 from poppy sales in November- thank you for your support.

Message from the PTA

Carols on the Green - Monday 8th December 5pm

The weather doesn't look good for Monday but at the moment we are still planning for it to go ahead. We will either be out on the green with gazebos or in the church. Please come along and support us bring coats and umbrellas! As this is a community event rather than a school-run activity, all children will remain under parental supervision throughout. We also ask families to take extra care, as it will be dark and with the road being nearby awareness and visibility are important. Thank you for helping us keep the event enjoyable and safe for everyone.



Elfridges - Friday 12th and Class raffle - Friday 19th.

Cash or Bux accepted for both. Bux will start to be delivered next week so keep an eye out in book bags if you have ordered some.



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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	3	2
Maigold	2	1
Discovery	4	3
Camelot	3	1
Blenheim	2	3
TOTAL	14	10

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%): 95.31%

Highest attendance: Maigold (98.2%)

Most improved: Pippin

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Oakley
Maigold: Daisy
Discovery: Phoebe
Camelot: Oliver
Blenheim: Daisy

Lunchtime stars

Maigold: Oscar
Discovery: Thomas
Camelot: Elly S
Blenheim: Anna

Head Teacher Value Awards:

Pippin: Amelie
Maigold: Elsie
Camelot: Maisey

50 Merit (Dojos) awards:

Maigold: Mia, Esmae, Finn, Emmie, Eddie
Blenheim: Bea, Darcey S, Anna

Achievements out of school

Football- Somerton Strikers were the 'Runners Up' in the Yeovil and District Football League: Oliver J, Alec, Dot, Mason, Archie T.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ali Pook
Head Teacher