



## Weekly Update: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

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|---|---|
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       | Bank Holiday- School Closed   |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       | Maigold trip to Puxton Park   |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       | White Poloshirt giveaway 3.15pm (Perfect for the Colour Run)  |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>                       | SENDCo Café- 9.00am   |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May</b>      | Year 6 SATs week  |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>                      | White Poloshirt giveaway 3.15pm (Perfect for the Colour Run)  |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>                      | Reception Vision Screening  |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>                      | Discovery Kingfisher Project day (Info to follow); Saturday Colour Run at Westfield Park 3.45pm   |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>                      | Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff Child Exploitation by County Lines With Escapeline. 6pm, Huish Episcopi Academy. Book via: <a href="https://forms.gle/YVj1EpvbRqJKQzoF8">https://forms.gle/YVj1EpvbRqJKQzoF8</a> |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>                      | Non-uniform day- Crazy hair day   |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> May- 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> | <b>HALF TERM</b>  |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>                      | Road Safety Morning with Road Safety Officer Somerset Council; Bag2School Pick Up; PTA Festival Disco   |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | Pippin Trip to Haldon Forest  |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | Class Photos  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | New Reception Class Parent/Carer Meeting 6pm  |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | PTA Father's Day Pop Up   |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | Curry Rivel Open Gardens- School Gardens Open to Public   |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | Gala Trip to Magdalen Farm  |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | Digital Mobile Planetarium visiting school- gifted by PTA   |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | Camelot Trip to Vivary Park   |
| <b>25-28 June</b>                               | Year 6 Residential  |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | SENDCo Café- 9.00am (New date responding to parent feedback)  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>                      | New classes morning   |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>                      | Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 12 <sup>th</sup> July)   |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>                     | Discovery Trip to Exeter Royal Albert Museum  |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>                     | Escapeline workshops - Years 5 and 6  |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>                     | Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out  |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>                     | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party  |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>                     | Last day of term  |

### INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)

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## **StudyBugs– report absence securely and help improve children’s health**

We’re pleased to announce that Curry Rivel Church of England is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child’s absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven’t already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child’s ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now at <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

### ***Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs***

1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health.

<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>

## **Class Structure September 2024**

We have worked tirelessly on our school budget, within very difficult economic conditions, but the Governing Board and I are delighted that the school can retain the **six-class structure** for the next academic year. Our class structure, from September, will be:

- **Reception**
- **Year 1/Year 2**
- **Year 2/Year 3**
- **Year 3/Year 4**
- **Year 5**
- **Year 6**

This structure means that there are approximately equal numbers of pupils in each class.

***Is the situation different in my child’s school from that in other schools?*** It is fair to say that different situations pertain in all schools. Many schools in Somerset have no choice but to form some or all mixed age classes due to the number of classes they are funded for. In none of these schools is the formation of mixed age classes of itself an issue or a concern. 76% of primary schools in Somerset have formed mixed age classes, and there is absolutely no evidence (locally, nationally or internationally) to suggest that being in a mixed age class has any detrimental effect whatsoever on the education of children in that class.

***Do mixed age classes have fewer pupils in them?*** The maximum size of any class with infant (Key Stage One) children will usually be restricted to 30 children, whilst this is more flexible in Key Stage Two; currently all of our classes will have fewer than 30 pupils. Our ‘admission number’ (which the Local Authority uses when applications for places are made) means that our class sizes could grow.

### ***How will the classes be created?***

For Years 2 and 3, I will work closely with the teachers to create the classes where the year group is spread between two groups. The factors we try to take into account are: numbers of pupils, gender balance, attainment, SEND needs, class dynamics, peers children work well with and friendships. Meetings and discussions are held over a period of time to establish the classes. This is a complex operation and unfortunately, it is not possible to consult with parents and children; it is difficult to please everyone, but I ask parents/carers to respect our professional judgement. Please note that it will not be possible to guarantee that friendship groups will be kept together. Also, classes cannot be changed once parents/carers and children have been informed.

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***Will my child be held back if she/he is placed in a mixed age or split year group class?*** Definitely not! The ways in which learning and teaching are organised in primary schools means that teaching and work is tailored to the needs and current achievement levels of each and every individual pupil. The staff at Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School are very experienced at planning and delivering work to match the needs of mixed age learning. They provide challenge for the more able children and support for those needing more help no matter which year group they are currently in.

***But forming a mixed age or split year group class may mean that my child's friendship grouping is being broken up?*** Although care is taken in allocating pupils to classes, their social needs are not ignored. In general terms it is likely to be good for children to experience classes with different classmates so that their circle of friends and acquaintances can be extended beyond the traditional age boundaries. Certainly when children transfer to secondary school, new friendship groupings in different subject areas become a fact of life, and this situation is generally welcomed by many children. The school will make every effort to ensure that each individual child's transition between classes is as smooth as we can possibly make it.

***Are there any other benefits to the arrangements?*** Children benefit in many ways from the opportunity to become an 'expert' for the younger children and a positive role model which the younger children often aspire to. This 'vertical' grouping often nurtures thinking & problem-solving skills, vocabulary & social competences. There is often a greater sense of cooperation and opportunities to work with a wider circle of peers.

We will inform you about your child's class for September after June half term. **If you have any concerns or queries, I ask that you raise them with myself as soon as possible.**

#### **Parent/Carer Survey Reminder**

As Head Teacher working with the Governors, we are always striving for the school to be as good as it be. As I work with Board of Governors to create the School Development Plan for next year, it is vital that we hear the voice of all stakeholders- therefore I ask that you spend a few moments completing the on-line parent survey- it will only take a few minutes. You have received the link via another email yesterday. Closing date: **Monday 13th May.**

#### **SENDCO Cafes**

Mrs Monk will be running a SENDCo café on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9am (Second date is new). This is a drop-in session which is quite informal. Mrs Monk often shares information on a theme, but if parent/carers have a specific topic they feel would be helpful to discuss or gain a further understanding of, please feel free to email the office with any suggestions. It is also just a chance to ask questions and seek advice on SEND issues. ***Team Lead Psychologist, Emma from Phoenix Psychology Services, will also be in attendance to explain what their team may be able to offer you as parents/carers.***

#### **Brigade Uniform**

SPRING SALE! 10% OFF EVERYTHING THIS BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

USE PROMO CODE SPRING24 4TH-6TH MAY AND RECEIVE 10% OFF YOUR ORDER

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/>

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**School uniform from September 2024**

- ✓ Purple school logo or non logo polo shirt
- ✓ Charcoal grey trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore or culottes
- ✓ Purple jumper or cardigan
- ✓ Gingham summer dress
- ✓ Black flat shoes or black mid ankle boots
- ✓ Grey socks or tights

**PE Kit**

- ✓ Purple school logo PE t-shirt
- ✓ Black joggers, shorts or leggings
- ✓ Trainers or daps
- ✓ Purple school hoodie, school jumper or cardigan

The PTA will accept all uniform including:

- Fleeces
- White polos
- Black trousers, shorts, dresses and skirts.

We can donate them to bags2school collection throughout the year or make them into bunting or fun keepsakes.

**Message from the PTA**

**The PTA Colour Run - Friday 17th May 3.45pm**

Tickets now on sale on our website [www.crpta.co.uk](http://www.crpta.co.uk).

For the colour run it is best to wear pale or white clothes. Due to uniform changes coming in September we have a lot of white preloved polo shirts which won't be uniform, so will be perfect for the colour run! We will be bringing our stock to school at pick up on Wednesday 8th and Tuesday 14th May. They will be FREE of charge. Any not taken after the 15th will be donated to our bag2school collection happening on 7th June. We will be also selling colour run tickets. Due the nature of the event we will need a responsible adult to sign a waiver before the ticket can be sold.



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Curry Rivel PTA's

Tickets £4 in advance.

**Colour Run**

Friday 17th May, 3.45pm, Westfield

White Polo Shirt Giveaway

3.15pm - Wednesday 8th May Front playground

3.15pm - Tuesday 14th May Front playground

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## Preloved Uniform

We have had a number of requests for PE T-shirts and hoodies. If you have any or any other uniform that you don't need do drop them into the office or hand to your class rep. We will be updating our logo stock on the website shortly.



Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 3.30-5.30pm at The Old School Room, Curry Rivel.

Very informal; includes lots of activities, a Christian message, and food.

Contact Helen on 07880706517 [helen@saich.co.uk](mailto:helen@saich.co.uk)



Messy Church Curry Rivel

All ages welcome, no need to book, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

*Messy church is free though donations are welcomed.*

## Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late- a disappointing start to the term.

| Class        | Number of lates last week | Number of lates this week |
|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pippin       | 2                         | 3                         |
| Maigold      | 0                         | 1                         |
| Gala         | 2                         | 3                         |
| Discovery    | 1                         | 2                         |
| Camelot      | 4                         | 6                         |
| Blenheim     | 0                         | 1                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>9</b>                  | <b>16</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

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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

**Overall school attendance:** 94.28% (Target 96%)

**Class attendance award:** Gala (97.7%)

**Most improved class attendance:** Gala

## Celebration

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

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Elisha  
Maigold: Lily T  
Gala: Elliot  
Discovery: Lizzie  
Camelot: Toby W  
Blenheim: Ethan

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Charlie  
Maigold: Lily HB  
Gala: Rory  
Discovery: George  
Camelot: Elcie  
Blenheim: Ronnie

### 50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Pippin: Noah  
Camelot: Evie-Mae  
Blenheim: Isabelle

### 100 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Maigold: Millie  
Gala: Rosie, Noah, Ella  
Discovery: Lexi-Mae, Freddie, Emily,  
Camelot: Elcie, Finley, Sienna, Toby W, Brooke-Bailey, James, Jack  
Blenheim: Casper, Joseph, Bea

### Inter-Area Cross Country Qualifiers Representing Huish CLP

Gala: George, Dot, Rosie  
Discovery: Ellie-Mai, Daisy, Evie  
Blenheim: Joseph, Summer, William, Riley, Jasper

### School Representatives for CLP Aquathon

Casper, Dulcie, Summer, Jasper, Molly, Scott

Have a wonderful weekend.

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