



## Weekly Update: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Dates for your diary

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 5 (Camelot) to watch Bussy Malone at Huish Academy

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Information Session for Parents, Carers Behaviour Management Techniques with Family Intervention Services

To book a place to attend this session please do so via this link:

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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

2pm: Church Service of Celebration '150 Years of Curry Rivel School'

3.15pm: Community Cream Tea & Exhibition

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 12-3pm**

Village Fete with school/nursery open day

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 6pm**

Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Service with parents/carers; Tea Party (pm)

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Last day of term: Final Awards Assembly 2pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

INSET Day- training day for staff

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

INSET Day- training day for staff

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

First day of Autumn term

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

- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Sports Update

Although we have the disappointment of a cancelled Sports Day, we do have a lot to celebrate. Here is an update from Mr Bridgeman: *"We have had a fantastic few weeks of sport at Curry Rivel. Our Athletics team finished an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the annual CLP Athletics Competition, even without the Year 6 children who were away on residential. Our Year 5/6 Rounders team WON the CLP Rounders event! An incredible effort from all involved on a very hot day. This week, the KS2 swimmers finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place at the CLP Swimming Gala at Huish Academy. The children were amazing, winning several races including two of the relays. Amazing teamwork and resilience from them all!"*

### YEAR 6 SATs Assessment Outcomes

We congratulate our wonderful Year 6 pupils on their fantastic Key Stage 2 SATs results. Their hard work, perseverance, and positive attitude throughout the year have truly paid off. These results reflect not only their academic achievements but also their growth as confident, capable learners ready for the next exciting chapter in their education. A huge thank you as well to our dedicated staff and supportive families who

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have helped guide and encourage our pupils every step of the way. Well done, Year 6- we are so proud of you!

<b>Year Group &amp; Subjects</b>	<b>Curry Rivel School 2025</b>	<b>National 2025</b>
<b>Reading</b> % reaching national expectations	75%	74% <b>+1%</b>
<b>Reading</b> % reaching greater depth	29%	29% =
<b>Writing</b> % reaching national expectations	71%	72% =
<b>Writing GD</b> % reaching greater depth	13%	13% =
<b>Maths</b> % reaching national expectations	75%	73% <b>+2%</b>
<b>Maths GD</b> % reaching greater depth	29%	24% <b>+5%</b>
<b>SPAG*</b> % reaching national expectations	75%	72% <b>+3%</b>
<b>SPAG*</b> % reaching greater depth	33%	32% <b>+1%</b>
<b>Reading, writing and maths</b> % reaching national expectations	67%	
<b>Science</b> % reaching national expectations	79%	81% =

**Where Curry Rivel School % higher than National Average**

\*Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

### Other outcomes:

Reception pupils achieving a Good Level of Development: 68% (2024- 40%)

Year 1 Phonics screen: 92% (2024- 47%)

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: 13/17 (76%) who sat the check achieved 18 or more, which is what is judged as a 'pass'.

### Reading Books

There is strong evidence supporting the importance of reading over the summer for primary-aged children, particularly in preventing learning loss and promoting long-term academic success. Here are some key findings:

### Why Summer Reading Matters

#### 1. Prevents the "Summer Slide"

Children can lose up to **20% of their reading progress** over the summer if they don't engage in regular reading.

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## 2. **Boosts Brain Development and Language Skills**

Reading stimulates brain pathways essential for language, emotional intelligence, and social development. It also helps children build vocabulary and comprehension skills in a natural, enjoyable way.

## 3. **Improves Academic Outcomes**

Studies show that children who participate in summer reading or interventions demonstrate **significant improvements in reading outcomes**.

## 4. **Encourages a Love of Reading**

Summer reading often allow children to choose their own books, which increases motivation and enjoyment. This autonomy helps foster a lifelong love of reading.

## 5. **Builds Confidence and Fluency**

Regular reading practice over the summer helps children maintain and improve their reading fluency, making them more confident and better prepared for the new school year.

## 6. **Supports Emotional and Social Growth**

Reading helps children understand emotions, develop empathy, and connect with diverse perspectives- all of which are crucial for personal and academic development.

### **Practical Recommendations for Parents and Carers**

- Encourage participation in **local library summer reading programmes**.
- Provide **access to age-appropriate, interest-based books**.
- Promote **daily reading routines**, even if just 10–20 minutes a day- children can read magazines, news reports, interest books- anything.
- Share stories- read to your children- they will love it!

As you can appreciate, we like to collect our school reading books over the summer to ensure they are prepared for the next school year ahead. **Please can we ask that all books are returned by 18th July.**

For our younger children, if you wish to continue reading with your child over the summer, please practise their sight words:

- **Reception** children have been taught up to *Phase 4*
- **Year 1 and above** up to *Phase 5*

<b>Phase 2</b>	<i>the</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>into</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>go</i>			
<b>Phase 3</b>	<i>me</i>	<i>we</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>he</i>	<i>she</i>	<i>was</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>all</i>
	<i>are</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>her</i>						
<b>Phase 4</b>	<i>said</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>like</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>some</i>	<i>come</i>	<i>were</i>	<i>there</i>
	<i>little</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>when</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>what</i>				
<b>Phase 5</b>	<i>oh</i>	<i>their</i>	<i>people</i>	<i>Mr</i>	<i>Mrs</i>	<i>looked</i>	<i>called</i>	<i>asked</i>	<i>water</i>
	<i>where</i>	<i>who</i>	<i>again</i>	<i>thought</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>mouse</i>	<i>work</i>	<i>many</i>	<i>laughed</i>
	<i>because</i>	<i>different</i>	<i>any</i>	<i>eyes</i>	<i>friends</i>	<i>once</i>	<i>please</i>		

Alternatively, use this website to access some great reading resources and information about the **Summer 2025 Reading Challenge**:

👉 <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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## Parent Support

 <b>August Timetable</b> All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each or <b>FREE</b> with School Membership - 90 minutes long Book online at <a href="http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a> Recordings available for 48 hours	
Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

### Information Session for Parents/Carers: Behaviour Management Techniques with Family Intervention Services

**Date:** Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Time:** Starting at 6pm with an estimated end time of 7:30pm

**Venue:** King Ina Church of England Academy, Northfield, Somerton, TA11 6FQ

We are pleased to be able to offer this session again for parents, carers, governors and school staff. Please book your place online via the link found below.

### A whistle stop tour of some parenting techniques and strategies to use with your children aged 2-18.

We will be looking at the following principles that underpin all areas of parenting (and relationships) whatever the age.

- Emotion Coaching, being able to label our emotions- CBT/Behaviour Curve
- Brain development and how it affects children
- 3 Key questions to help with behaviour management
- Supporters – who can support you?
- Focusing on what really matters – ~~back to exercise~~

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- Rupture and repair within relationships

The session will be fully collaborative, and we will be open to conversations and listening to your own techniques which have been successful.

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#### Report from Jake in Year 2- Fundraiser for the RNLI

*"My name is Jake. I have walked 100 miles to raise money for the RNLI. My favourite walk was from Curry Rivel to Langport. I have finished my work but you can still donate."* Jake has raised £700 so far- great job.



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## School Uniform

A uniform creates a sense of belonging and shows pride in our school and our commitment to a shared vision, value and ethos. It helps to promote a positive and professional work ethic and encourages a focus on learning. It promotes equality of opportunity and protects our students from social pressures to dress in a particular way. It nurtures school cohesion and promotes positive behaviour. We expect all children to wear our school uniform and we ask parents to assist us in maintaining standards in this important aspect of school life.



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UNIFORM	
Polo Shirt	Purple polo shirt
Jumper/Cardigan	Purple jumper or purple cardigan
Trousers	Charcoal grey trousers or tailored shorts
Skirts	Charcoal grey skirt/pinafore dress/culottes Purple gingham summer dress (optional)
Shoes	Black flat shoes or ankle/mid-calf flat school boots (No slip-on ballet pumps please). Please ensure that shoes are comfortable for running, playing and physical activities.
Socks	Grey socks or tights
Jewellery	If your child has pierced ears then small plain studs may be worn. Watches may be worn at the owner's risk. (Please no smart watches).
Hair	The school does not allow extremes of hair fashion. i.e no lines or patterns or obvious dyeing of hair. Long hair must be tied back.
PE KITS (To be worn on PE days)	
Shirt	School purple PE T-shirt
Shorts	Plain black shorts or plain black jogging bottoms (No logos)
Trainers	Sports trainers or daps
Jumper/Cardigan	Purple jumper or cardigan OR Purple school PE hoodie
Jewellery	Earrings and watches must be removed for all PE lessons. If ears are recently pierced, they will be taped for safety.
Hair	Long hair must be tied back.

- Items can be ordered via:
- <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/CU4572PD/>
- Preloved uniform is also available from the PTA. Please email: CurryrivelpTA@outlook.com for further details.
- Book bags are also available at school. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly named so that we can return clothes that are found and also to help the children when they are changing. Also, especially when your child is young, velcro or elastic on shoes is much easier for them rather than laces. We also ask that every child has a waterproof coat every day of the year so that they are properly dressed for outside play.

**All items must be labelled with your child's name.**

**Overall attendance (School target 96%): 94%**

Highest attendance this week: Camelot (96.3%)

Most improved: Gala

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## Message from Fyne Court

We are thrilled to introduce our new Nature Explorer Backpacks, now available at Fyne Court and Brean Down! These seasonal activity backpacks are designed to engage young people (ages 11 and under) with nature through fun and educational activities. We're also excited to launch a Logo Competition for the Nature Explorer Backpacks! We invite students to get creative and design a logo that represents exploration and nature. A template for entries is attached, but students are welcome to use plain paper or create their designs digitally. The competition is open to children pre-school and primary age, and the winning three entrants will receive a free National Trust book of their choosing. Please submit photos or scans of entries to [FyneVolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:FyneVolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk), including the entrant's name, age, and a contact number or email address. Thank you for your support in spreading the word and encouraging participation in our logo competition and summer activities. We can't wait to see the amazing designs your students come up with!



**North Curry FC**

North Curry fc is now actively recruiting talented and committed players to join our U10 football team next season.

Open training sessions on:  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 6-7.30pm  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9-10.30am  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 6-7.30pm

To register your interest, please contact either of the following coaches:  
Matt Vella: 07810186764  
Holly Meakins: 07410928592  
Jamie Stewart: 07710655731  
[www.northcurryfc.com](http://www.northcurryfc.com)  
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