

### Weekly Update: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 8.50am Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 8.50am Friday 28th March Saturday 29th March Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Wednesday 2nd April 8.50am Wednesday 2nd April 8.50am Wednesday 2nd April 6-7.30pm Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> April Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 5pm (New Date) 23/24 April	Blenheim Sharing Morning Maigold Class Trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre Camelot Sharing morning PTA Mothers' Day Pop Up Stall PTA Family Bingo at the Village Hall Parents' Evening Parents' Evening Reception Vision Screening Discovery Sharing Morning Information Session for Parents/Carers: Online Safety & Social Media. Book via: <u>https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17</u> Last Day of Term; Easter Service at St Andrew's Church (9.15am); PTA Easter Raffle; Pooky's cafe for regular readers INSET Day (School closed to pupils) <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b> First Day of Summer Term Key Stage 1 (Year 2) Assessment Parents' Information Meeting- let the office know if you are attending Year 6 Bikebaility
23/24 April Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	PTA Meeting at Firehouse- All welcome
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	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
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June Friday 13th June Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Discovery Class Trip to Vivary Park Father's Day pop up Festival Disco

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

- Spring Term (Second half): Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- INSET Day: Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- 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

The sausage sandwiches went down a treat on Wednesday- what a lovely community atmosphere with children, parents and staff tucking into Mr Silver's specials in the morning sunshine- thank you to our chef and also to the PTA team! Debbie Elliot is a member of our staff team, and she is profoundly deaf- the children learned about British Sign Language this week with the aim of equipping the school community with the skills to communicate with Debbie and also to add to our inclusive environment as some of our school community use sign language (BSL and Makaton).

## Science Week- Report From Mrs van Cole



This week, children have been busy in their science lessons thinking about the Science Week theme of 'Change and adapt'. The Science Week poster competition is still open until 28<sup>th</sup> March, where children can bring in a poster linked to the theme of 'Change and Adapt'. Please ask your class teacher if you would like some ideas on what your poster could focus on. There is a prize for each class and then 5 top entries will be sent off to the official Science Week poster competition!

As well as the official Science Week theme, Camelot were lucky enough to take part in the Thales Primary Glider Live session. They got to learn all about the physics of how gliders work, design their own, make them and then test their flight outside. Camelot learnt lots and thoroughly enjoyed their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) morning. 'I loved it' - Seth 'My glider glided really well because of the shape of fuselage' - Henry 'It was really fun!' - Ruth 'It was an inspiring and creative morning' - Lizzie 'I loved the part where we got to throw the gliders on the field' - Freddie

# **Cross Country Report From Mr Bridgeman**

Over the last two Thursdays, more than 30 children from Years 3,4, 5 and 6 have taken part in CLP Cross Country races at Huish and Somerton. The children signed up by choice, and have shown fantastic attitude and determination. So many of our runners stayed behind after their races to support other members of the team, and we are so proud of each and every one of them for representing us and doing our school proud.

# New Device Usage Guidance for Curry Rivel Primary School (On-line Games)

## Our Aims:

- 1. Ensure Children are Safe Online: We prioritise the online safety of all our pupils.
- 2. Supervise Pupils When Online: Pupils will always be supervised while using the internet.
- 3. **Use Online Games Purposefully**: Online games will be used with specific educational purposes to enhance learning.

## Addressing Current Issues:

- **Inappropriate Material**: Despite existing filters, some children try to access inappropriate content.
- **Bandwidth Pressure**: Online gaming has increased pressure on our Wi-Fi bandwidth. We need to manage this to ensure smooth internet access for all.
- **Gaming Addiction**: Some pupils struggle to stop playing games, leading to potential addiction. We aim to address this issue effectively.

# **Rules and Guidelines:**

- 1. **Approved Websites and Platforms**: Only websites and online platforms instructed by teachers are to be used.
- 2. **Free Time Usage**: At times, when other tasks are complete AND IF THE TEACHER HAS INSTRUCTED, pupils are allowed to use only the following (educational) games:
  - BBC Bitesize
  - Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)
  - $\circ$  Ed Shed

Teachers might direct children to other appropriate websites linked to their learning- they will very clear so there can no misunderstanding.

# 3. Consequences for Rule Violation:

- Any child found accessing games other than those listed to directed by the teacher will have their device removed for a set period- this will be at the discretion of the teacher.
- Parents will be informed when there are repeated incidents.

By adhering to these guidelines, we aim to create a safe, productive, and balanced online environment for all our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### School in a Bag

We were excited to welcome a local charity '*School in a Bag*' to our school to deliver an inspiring assembly this week. *School in a Bag* provides essential school bags and educational supplies to children in poverty around the world. As a school, we are committed to developing empathy and a deeper passion for helping children who are less fortunate than ourselves, and we look forward to learning more about how we can make a positive impact on their lives. We aim to support this charity as a school, but you can find out more yourselves by visiting their website: <u>https://www.schoolinabag.org/</u>

### **PTA** message

### 🛞 Mother's Day PTA Pop-Up Shop – 28th March 🋞

Our Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop is a special opportunity for children to experience the joy of choosing a thoughtful gift for someone they love—whether it's Mum, Nan, or another special person in their life.

A lovely selection of gifts – including beauty items, jewellery, fluffy socks, candles, and more.

(5) Affordable prices – all items priced between £1 and £2.50.

Each class will have the chance to visit our shop during the day. For younger children, please send their PTA Bux or cash in a named envelope to help them with their purchase.

♦ PTA Bux can be purchased online at <u>https://curryrivelpta.co.uk/shop/</u>

We hope you and your loved ones enjoy the gifts as much as the children enjoy choosing them!

DTA pup Shop Gifts £1 - £2.50 available for all the special ladies in your life. 28th Hlarc Bring cash or buy PTA Bux by 27th March

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# ⓒ Egg shaped decorating competition. 28th March

Lovely creations have been appearing in the PTA pigeon hole already. You still have time to return yours with £1 or pay via the QR code. Winners will be awarded their prizes kindly donated by OneStop Langport on 3rd April.



🏂 PTA BINGO NIGHT – Saturday 29th March! 🏇

Eyes down for a fantastic evening of fun, prizes, and fundraising at our PTA Bingo Night! Whether you're a seasoned player or a first-timer, come along for a great night out in support of our school.

📰 Date: Friday, 29th March

- $\ensuremath{ \ensuremath{ P} }$  Location: Village Hall
- 🗏 Doors Open: 6:00 PM
- Eyes Down: 6:30 PM
- Ickets: Available from the PTA Shop

Bring your friends, family, and best bingo skills—there are fantastic prizes to be won! Spread the word, grab your tickets, and join us for a brilliant evening!



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# 💥 Hop Into Our Egg-citing Kids Easter Raffle! 💥

Get ready for a super fun event at the kids' class this Easter season! We are thrilled to announce our Easter Raffle, where you can win lots of yummy prizes—including non-dairy options!

Draw Date: Thursday 3rd April in class

Tickets: Just 50p each!

Tasty Prizes Await!

Our raffle is packed with delicious treats, from classic Easter chocolates to special non-dairy goodies, there's something for everyone!

How to Get Your Ticket:

Tickets are available in class on the last day of term—don't miss your chance to be part of this egg-cellent celebration!

So hop on over, grab your tickets, and get ready for some Easter fun! Winners will be drawn in class 3rd April—good luck! 🕙 🏂

## Overall attendance (School target 96%): 94.22%

## Celebration

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

# **Class Cup Awards**

## Pippin: Azania Maigold: Eddie B Gala: Eddie W Discovery: Archie Camelot: Ellie Mai Blenheim: Ashton

## Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Avaleigh Maigold: Max Gala: Ava Discovery: Jason Camelot: Freddie Blenheim: Mia Rose

### 50 Dojos

Pippin: Mila, Oscar, Lola, Athena Camelot: Bea

# 100 Dojos

Gala: Brody, Jake HM, Jake Y Discovery: Elly-May, Noah, Oliver Camelot: Daisy, Lily, Darcy,

### 150 Dojos

Discovery: Izabelle

# World Book Day Story Jar Winners

Pippin: Lola Maigold: Jessica Gala: Jake Y Discovery: Finley Camelot: Freddie Blenheim: Elcie



Take care everyone.

Ali Pook, Head Teacher