



Weekly Update: 6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th December 5.30pm	Carols on the Green- all welcome
Tuesday 10th December 5.00pm	Year 6 SATs information evening for parents
Thursday 12th December	Camelot Sharing Morning
Friday 13th December	PTA Elfridges Stall
Tuesday 17th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 18th December	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (Non-Uniform)
Friday 20th December 9.15am	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term
Monday 6th January	INSET Training Day (School Closed to Children)
Tuesday 7th January	First day of Spring Term
Thursday 30th January	Water workshops for Discovery, Camelot & Blenheim
Wednesday 2nd April 6-7.30pm	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Online Safety & Social Media. Book via: https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17

Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- INSET Day: Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Spring Term (First half): Tuesday 7th January- Thursday 13th February
- INSET Day: Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- HALF TERM BREAK: 17th-21st February
- Spring Term (Second half): Monday 24th February- Thursday 3rd April
- INSET Day: Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- EASTER BREAK: Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April
- Summer Term (First half): Tuesday 22nd April- Friday 23rd May
- HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May
- Summer Term (Second half): Monday 2nd June- Wednesday 23rd July

What a busy week as the children have been busy completing end of term assessments. You will receive a short report in January as it is our aim is to keep you well informed about your child's performance throughout the year; the report will show your child's Autumn Term assessment outcomes in the core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths. Assessments are completed across all curriculum areas, and a full report for all subjects will be shared with you in July. These assessments help inform the teachers of the next steps in their teaching. Our next parents' evenings will be in March/April. If you have any questions or queries, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

We all enjoyed the Rainbow Theatre's production of 'Cinderella' - thank you for this gift from the PTA! Here are some of quotes from the children:

Delilah, age 5 (nearly 6): *'Very good!'*

Willow, age 7: *'I loved it!'*

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Annabel, age 5: *'I liked it'*

Esmee, age 4 (nearly 5): *'Loved It!'*

Jack, age 10: *'It was good'*

James, age 10: *'Hilarious'*

Liv, age 10: *'The panto was really good! Very interactive and fun. Really enjoyed it. Was very good for a 3-man production. I would definitely watch again'*

Christingle

We were so blessed on Monday when Tina Geary (From St Andrew's Church) was here with us, having resourced and organised all the materials for each child to make a Christingle. The children learned about the symbolism of the orange ribbon, candle and sweets- we hope that the Christingle can be an addition to your festive decorations. We encourage the children to develop the 5-a-day value of 'thankfulness' at this time of year and hope that we can all be grateful for what we have. We aim to raise some money for the charity 'The Children's Society', so request voluntary cash donations which will be sent to support the charity's important work with the most vulnerable children in society. Donations can be brought to the office or sent in with your child in an envelope.

Wise Up Workshops (Workshops for Information, Support and Education)

Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle. To help support parent/carers navigate these, Somerset Parent Carer Forum have created a range of workshops both face to face and online. They are grateful to NHS Somerset for funding the program and to the organisations who are supporting the delivery. This year's offer can be viewed here:

<https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/>

Message from Mrs Monk, SENDCo

Our PFSA, Victoria Gould, has informed us of when the next Tuning into Kids/Teens (TINK) programme will be running.

Please find information below outlining what this entails:

'Tuning into Kids is an evidence-based parenting programme that focuses on the emotional connection between parents and children. In particular, the programme teaches parents skills in emotion coaching, which is to recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting, supportive way. This approach helps the child to understand and manage their emotions. The programme has been shown to improve parenting, parent-child relationships and children's emotional competence and behaviour.'

[Parenting programmes in Somerset](#)

The dates for the next TINK programme are as follows:

Thursday 27.02.25, 06.03.25, 13.03.25, 20.03.25, 27.03.25, 03.04.25.

Location and timings of these sessions to be confirmed.

If you are interested in attending this course, please let us know and we can pass on your details to Victoria, who will be in contact in the new year.

Starting School: How to apply for your school place

Please apply using the online application form.

The closing date for starting school applications is 15 January 2024.

Message from Mrs Dance:



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	2	2
Maigold	3	3
Gala	2	3
Discovery	1	1
Camelot	5	8
Blenheim	4	6
TOTAL	17	23

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 (School target 96%): 94.85%

Highest attendance: Camelot (96.7%)

Most improved: Gala (95.2%)

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Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Violet
Maigold: Elisha
Gala: Lily HB
Discovery: Dot
Camelot: Evie G
Blenheim: Jacob

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Annabelle
Gala: Elly

50 Dojos

Gala: Brody-Luca, Henry, Emily
Discovery: Annabel, Luca, Azalea, Dot, Rosie
Camelot: Rose, Arya, Emily, Ruth

Thank you from the Royal British Legion: £204.28 was raised from the Poppy Appeal.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ali Pook, Head Teacher

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