



## Weekly Update: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Half term holiday (PTA Village Trail)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	INSET training day- school closed
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	The Stand Against Violence Workshops for Years 5 and 6.
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Meeting at the Firehouse
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Village Remembrance Sunday Service
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Last day to hand in Christmas Shoe Boxes
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November- Odd Socks Day)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-10.30am</b>	Open Morning for prospective new families
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Silent Disco
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Adult Silent Disco Party
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm</b>	Parent Family Support Adviser and SENDCo Drop-in Café for parents/carers
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Launch of PTA Christmas Raffle; Christingle Making (Fundraiser for the Children's Society)
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Panto (Gifted by the PTA)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Elfridges Stall
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Evening Nativity performance to parents
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 6-7.30pm</b>	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Child Exploitation by County Lines with Escapeline. Book via: <a href="https://forms.gle/JJWv7g8KG2MxbJif6">https://forms.gle/JJWv7g8KG2MxbJif6</a>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 6-7.30pm</b>	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Online Safety & Social Media. Book via: <a href="https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17">https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17</a>

### INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- 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)
- Majority of parents have booked for Parents Evening, I have sent a chase out today to those who have not.

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## Remembrance-Poppy Appeal

As we move into November and Remembrance Day approaches, we will be selling poppies in school every day for the first week after half term. House Captains will be selling the merchandise (Paper poppies, wrist bands, sharpeners, button hole poppies etc) for a small donation (suggested donation 50p-£1.50). Please note that slap bands are £1.50, but we have politely asked the children to wear these out of school. Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion. We will be holding a minute's silence in the school hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. A Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, where I will attend with school pupils- all parents, carers and pupils are welcome to join us.

## Sports Update From Mr Bridgeman

There has been lots of sporting success to celebrate in the past few weeks:

The Year 5/6 Boys' Football team competed in the CLP Football Tournament at Huish. For a large number of the team, it was their first time representing the school - they did us proud, showing great teamwork, resilience and positive communication to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the tournament.

The Year 5/6 Girls' Football team competed in the annual CLP Football Tournament at Huish. The girls did amazing, winning once and drawing twice to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place! They showed such teamwork and enthusiasm and did us all proud!

Across the last fortnight, an amazing 40 children from Years 3,4 ,5 and 6 have chosen to represent our school in the first two CLP Cross Country events of the year, at Long Sutton and Hambridge. As reigning champions, it was great for us to have such a positive start, and to see so many of our children so inspired and motivated to take part was brilliant!

## Primary Futures

Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School is further developing its 'Primary Futures' Careers programme. It is part of our drive to ensure all young people get high quality inspiration and advice to make informed choices on the skills needed for a successful career. Blenheim pupils recently benefitted from meeting a CAD designer from Leonardo's; Pippin class have met a vet and other classes have plans to meet a meteorologist, an environmentalist and a Naval officer.

## School Money

Please can parents/carers review their School Money emails and make any outstanding payments- thank you.

## 500-Words

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries now! All pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be writing their 500 word short stories on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and we will be submitting them all before the competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024. This competition was launched in Celebration Worship today and you can find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

The children can get thinking using the inspirational ideas on the website, and we will share some story starters on the day. Younger children in Years 1, 2 and 3 are welcome to enter by writing their stories at home, and entering via the website.

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## School Council Meeting Summary

**Why do you think that coming to school every day is important? This is known as 'Attendance'.**

Come in to listen and learn. Make friends and social skills. Better writing and if you miss out learning then you have gaps to fill.
May make the difference of having a job or not. If you miss out on learning, lack success in the future.
You learn about all sorts of subjects and learn about different children.
Might not make it to college if you don't come to school. More you learn, the better job you will get. Learn to listen before you go to Huish.
Important to win the Attendance Cup.

**Why do you think that some children have poor attendance? This means that they don't come to school every day, every week.**

Children might be poorly. Or pretending to be poorly.
They might be sad. Might not feel safe.
They make think it's boring and don't like learning. They find school work too hard.
Don't like getting up on winter mornings. Can't be bothered.
Worried about what might happen if they do come into school. If something is too hard to learn and can't understand.
Parents and grandparents should make you come to school rather than just believe you if you say you feel ill.
Teachers might be giving them a hard time.

**What does the school do to encourage your attendance at school?**

Attendance Cup makes it all more fun.
Breaks during lessons if the subject is too hard.
Place2Be to talk about your worries.
Friendly staff and places to feel safe eg. classroom and Place2Be.
School is fun, safe and ready for us everyday.

**What else could we do to encourage children to come into school every day?**

Individual awards for attendance – termly Star award
Make lessons more fun eg. more science experiments
Friday treat for the class with best attendance eg. longer playtime
Ketchup Fridays for everyone
Have some swings and slides. Have a trampoline.
Have a class pet and someone can take home at weekends and holidays
Shorter days or finish early on a Friday eg. 4 long days and Friday day off
More fun events for the children eg. parade and carnival. Have a winter sports day.
Ice Cream vans more frequently. More dance parties
Class with best attendance gets a treat at the end of term eg. movie day
Every Friday to be non-uniform day

We will be taking forward the highlighted ideas- thank you to the children for their great contributions.

### Ketchup Fridays

We have taken advice and will be following all nutritional guidance- we will be using a pump dispenser to ensure the correct amount is dispensed by staff is suitable– this will be no more than 10g, and limiting its use to once per week.

### School Meals

If you have not booked a school lunch for your child, they will need to provide a home packed lunch for the first week of the new half term.

### Anti-Bullying Week

This is coming up in November. Years 5 and 6 will be visited by the organisation ‘Standing Up to Violence’ where they will be completing an anti-bullying course, learning what bullying is, the different types of bullying, primary and secondary victims and how to safely deal with bullying. There will be activities across the school with the theme ‘Choose Respect’. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Monday 11th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

### SEND INFORMATION



## OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b> Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	<b>24 OCT</b> <b>25 NOV</b>
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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November 2024  
**Newsletter**

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<b>Monday</b> 25th Nov 19:00 - 20:00 FREE		<b>FREE SESSION</b> <b>Decreasing Depression</b> A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.
<b>Thursday</b> 7th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
<b>Tuesday</b> 12th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance</b> Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.
<b>Monday</b> 18th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!</b> What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?
<b>Thursday</b> 21st Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24		<b>Supporting Healthy Screen Use</b> Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

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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	1	1
Maigold	4	5
Gala	4	3
Discovery	2	3
Camelot	1	1
Blenheim	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</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*
- *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

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

Highest attendance: Discovery and Maigold (93.3%)

Most improved: Blenheim

## **Celebration**

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

### **Class Cup Awards**

Pippin: Rosie  
Maigold: Jessica  
Gala: Arthur  
Discovery: Elliot  
Camelot: Rose  
Blenheim: Billy

### **Lunchtime stars**

Pippin: Oscar  
Maigold: Mia  
Discovery: Elliot  
Camelot: Darcy J  
Blenheim: Beth

## **50 Dojos**

Discovery: Izabelle

Camelot: Darcey S

## **PTA Pumpkin Colouring Competition**

Upper school: Elcie (Blenheim)

Lower school: Oscar F (Pippin)

## **House Dojos**

1<sup>st</sup> Polden with 28 dojos per child average

2<sup>nd</sup> Mendip and Quantock with 27 dojos per child average

4<sup>th</sup> Blackdown with 26 dojos per child average

## **Out of School Achievements**

Silver medal in Brazilian Jujitsu (Somerset Open): Rosie F (Discovery)

Have a wonderful half term.

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