

Working Together to Achieve

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Ofsted Inspection-letter received from Somerset Council

In last week's newsletter, we published a copy of our latest Ofsted Inspection report. As you can imagine, we were delighted with the results which are a testament to all the hard work put in by the Staff and Governors in supporting our children and families.

A letter of congratulation has now been received from the Senior Leadership of Somerset Council which is attached for you all to read. Well done to all our dedicated and hardworking team.

Devon and Somerset Fire Rescue Service Visit

Simon from the Devon and Somerset fire rescue service has been visiting school today to deliver a whole school assembly followed by two safety workshops with Classes 2 and 3. The focus of the visit is fire prevention and encouraging safe behaviour. They also support our partners in the RNLI by sharing water safety advice. Each session is age-appropriate and aims to help children identify risks in everyday situations and help them make informed choices when it comes to safe behaviour.



Year 1 Multiskills Festival

There will be a Year 1 Multiskills festival at Court Fields on **Thursday 6th February** from 9.30am to 11.45am. The children will travel by minibus and will be back in school in time for lunch.

Year 1 should come to school in their PE kit and be ready to depart at 9am PROMPT.

Years 3 / 4 Rugby Megafest

There will a Year 3 / 4 Rugby Megafest Friendly at Taunton Rugby Club on **Thursday 13th February** from 3.50-5.20pm. Mr Stirzaker will let the children know who is playing. Please speak to him regarding transport.

Swimming

Class 3 are swimming until **Friday 14th February**. Mrs Adams has raised a payment item on Parentpay. Class 2 will recommence swimming on **Friday 28th February**.



Half Term

Half Term commences at 3.15 pm on **Friday 14th February**. We return to school on **Monday 24th February**.

Class 3 Kilve Residential 31st

March to 4th April 2025

Class 3 will be attending Kilve Outdoor Education Centre from 31st March to 4th April 2025. The activities at camp enable the children to experience the physical education requirements of the National Curriculum, which we cannot provide on the school premises. It also provides the children with the chance to live and work together.

We will be taking all children in Class 3 (Years 4, 5 and 6) and will be sharing this experience with the Class 2 children from Sampford Arundel Primary

School. Last year many of those who went to Charterhouse made friends with children from the Sampford and we are hoping this opportunity will further the chance to make some new friends. Kilve is a fantastic facility and offers the chance for the two schools to have exclusive use of the accommodation and facilities.

As a school we are committed to offering our pupils as many exciting opportunities as possible whilst keeping costs to parents at a reasonable level. Last year we were able to offer the Charterhouse trip at a cost to parents, which was considerably subsidised by both FOSS and the school.

This year we are again using the PE Premium to considerably subsidise the trip. The school will cover all coach transport costs and FOSS are subsidising each pupil by £75. Class 3 are also holding various fundraising events to contribute towards this. This leaves a residual cost to parents of £230. Pupils who are in receipt of FSM or Looked after Pupil Premium will be entirely covered by the Pupil Premium grant, which the school receives to support them.

Mrs Adams has set up a payment item on Parentpay, which permits you to pay in instalments over the coming months and spread the cost. The date by which final payment should be made is **Friday 21st March 2025. The cost covers accommodation, catering, travel and expert tuition and offers excellent value for money.**

Mr Stirzaker will be arranging a meeting for parents and children, to give you all the chance to find out more about what we will be doing and things that the children will need for the week. Further details of this meeting will follow.



Book of Excellence for the week beginning 20th January 2025

Elizabeth Dotty	For fantastic effort in all she has done this week. Great work!
	For consistently good effort and work in all areas of the curriculum. Well done!
Eliza Cr Edith Angus	For some amazing reading- both at home and at school!
	For some super effort with her Maths this week. Well done Edith!
	For wonderful effort with his writing. He has really begun to think about how his writing style needs to be different in a newspaper.
Kai	For fantastic effort across all areas of his learning.

Jacqui Collier

Dates for your Diary (new dates appear in red)

Thurs 6 th February	Year 1 Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am
Thurs 13 th Feb	Year 3 / 4 Rugby Megafest Friendly at Taunton Rugby Club 3.50-5.20pm
Fri 14 th February	Last session of swimming for Class 3 Half term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 24 th February	Children return to school
Weds 26 th -Thurs 27 th Feb	Bikeability
Friday 28 th Feb	Class 2 commence swimming for 6 weeks
Weds 5 th March	Yrs 5 / 6 Netball Bee Stingers Friendly at Taunton Vale Sports Club 3.45-5.30pm
Weds 12 th March	Bikeability Yrs 5 / 6 Netball Bee Stingers Friendly at Taunton Vale Sports Club 3.45-5.30pm
Thurs 13 th March	Bikeability
Thurs 27 th March	Year 4 Net and Wall Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am Year 3 / 4 Netball-Bee fliers at Bridgwater & Taunton College (Taunton site) 3.50-5.20pm
Mon 31 st Mar-Fri 4 th April	Class 3 Residential at Kilve
Fri 4 th April	Last session of swimming for Class 2 Easter holiday commences at 3.15pm
Tues 22 nd April	Children return to school
Mon 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday- school closed
Thurs 8 th May	Reception Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am
Mon 12 th -Thurs 15 th May	SATS week No swimming this week.
Friday 23 rd May	Half term commences at 3.15pm
Monday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Fri 27 th Jun 2025	INSET Day
Mon 30 th Jun 2025	INSET Day



Thurs 10 th July	Years 5/6 Multiskills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-11.45am
Tues 22 nd July	Term ends today at 3.15pm
Weds 23 rd July 25	INSET Day
Tues 2nd Sept 25	INSET Day
Fri 24th Oct 25	INSET Day
Mon 5th Jan 2026	INSET Day
Mon 1st June 2026	INSET Day
Weds 22nd July 2026	INSET Day

