

## Working Together to Achieve

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### Autumn Term Newsletter No 8 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be the last newsletter of this term so we would all like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fabulous Christmas and New Year break. Term finishes on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.15pm and the children return to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**.

We have lots of exciting events happening over the next two weeks including our performances of 'Bethlehem Bake Off' at Appley Pavilion, a visit to see Beauty and the Beast in Yeovil and a hot Christmas meal provided by the Beambridge Hotel. There will also be a surprise guest!



On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, the children can wear Christmas jumpers or own clothes.

### KS2 Dance Festival

There will be an all-day KS2 Dance Festival at Wellsprings Leisure Centre on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** from 9.30 to 3pm. **Mr Stirzaker has confirmed who will be attending from Class 3.** The attendees will require a packed lunch and plenty to drink. **They will be travelling to Wellsprings in a shared coach with the children from Sampford Arundel. The coach will depart SAMPFORD ARUNDEL SCHOOL at 8.45am sharp.** They will need to wear school PE kit with a school jumper or hoodie plus coat. The coach will drop off the Sampford children first and then come to Stawley with our children. It is expected back at school by 3.30pm.

### Bethlehem Bake-Off

The children are hard at work on our Christmas nativity play, to be presented, at Appley Pavilion at **2pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December and 6pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. All are welcome to attend. The evening performance will include our traditional mince pies and mulled wine refreshments.



### School Meals

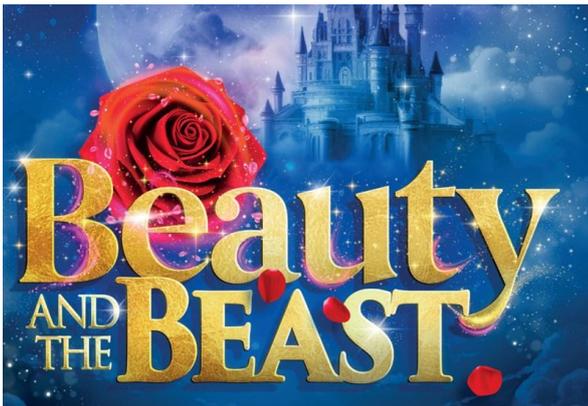
Mrs Adams has uploaded the Spring term 2026 menu to Parentpay. **Orders must be placed with the caterers BEFORE we break up for the holiday. PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM AND FOR THE FIRST WEEK BACK IN JANUARY 2026. THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

### Swimming



Class 2 will finish swimming on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Can Class 2 and Class 3 parents please check Parentpay for the relevant swimming payment items. Please **check your Parentpay accounts now or speak to Mrs Adams if you need assistance with this.**

### Beauty and the Beast, Westlands, Yeovil



On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, there will be a whole school visit to Yeovil to see the 10am school performance of Beauty and the Beast. The children will be travelling by coach and minibus accompanied by all staff and the school will be closed whilst we are at the performance. **The coach must depart at 8.15 am** to ensure arrival with sufficient time to use the toilets before the performance and get settled in seats. Please make sure that your child has had a good breakfast, is in smart school uniform and in school ready to

depart by 8.15am.

**This will be a packed lunch day so each child should bring a small named backpack with snacks, lunch and plenty to drink. No hot meals should be ordered for this day- Mrs Adams has cancelled any orders which had already been placed.**

The school is substantially subsidising the cost of this visit so the cost per child to parents will be £15 to include a vanilla ice cream for the interval. Mrs Adams has raised a Parentpay item. Please speak to her if you need assistance with this.

### Class 2 Multiskills Festival

There will be a Christmas themed Class 2 multiskills festival at Court Fields from 9.30 to midday on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. The children will travel by minibus and will be back in school in time for their hot Christmas meal. They should come to school in their sports kit ready to depart just after 9am and bring their Christmas jumper/own clothes in a bag for later.

### Hot Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 17th December will be a Christmas jumper/own clothes day** and the whole school will be enjoying our annual hot Christmas lunch supplied by the Beambridge Hotel. The menu will be turkey with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy followed by chocolate mini roll. There will be no charge for this as it is being covered from school Unofficial Funds.



## Applications for Reception 2026

**When applying, you should make 3 selections in order of preference and include your catchment school. If you do not do so, you increase the risk of not being offered a place.**

### Important-Admissions Process 2025/2026

**The deadline for applications for Primary School from Sept 2026 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

[Applying for school \(somerset.gov.uk\)](http://somerset.gov.uk)

Parents/carers are advised to read the information thoroughly before making an online application. It is a parent's responsibility to make an application by the closing date.

### Book of Excellence for the week beginning 17th November

**Lenny, Spencer, Arthur, Amit Toby, Oliver, Sholto, Lucas** For a fantastic team performance at the rugby tournament. Great play and great sportsmanship. A massive well done!

**Maia** For being an amazing helper to the Reception children, particularly in their geography activity this week.

**Meredith** For trying her best with her reading this week and making some great progress.

**Olivia** For always being so kind and caring and looking out for his peers.

### Book of Excellence for the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Oliver** For a really conscientious approach to all he does and working really hard in all his lessons.

**Spencer Arthur** For a great effort with his times tables and working hard in maths. For a good positive attitude to his schoolwork and working hard in lessons.

**Esme** For being an amazing friend to everybody.

**Anna** For some amazing writing- both at home and at school.

**Torin** For wonderful effort across all subjects. Well done Torin!

*Jacqui Collier*

### Dates for your Diary (new dates appear in red)

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yrs 5/6 Dodgeball We Can Play at Blackbrook Pavilion (Indoor tennis dome) 3.45-5pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Dance Festival at Wellsprings Leisure Centre 9.30-3pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal at Appley Pavilion from 1.30pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Christmas play performance at Appley Pavilion
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm Christmas Play performance with mince pies and mulled wine
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR HOT MEALS ORDERS FOR FIRST WEEK BACK IN JANUARY</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am Whole school visit to Beauty and the Beast at Yeovil Westlands. Packed lunches today. <b>Coach departs at 8.15am sharp.</b>
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 2 Multi Skills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-midday



	Whole school Hot Christmas Meal from the Beambridge Hotel with special guest.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term today at 3.15pm
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	INSET Day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	Children return to school today
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2026	Class 3 commence swimming.
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	Year 1 Multi Skills Festival at Court Fields 9.30-midday
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	Half term commences at 3.15pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026	Children return to school
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 26	Year 4 Net and Wall Festival at Court Fields 9.30-midday
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 26	Easter holiday commences at 3.15pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April 26	Children return to school
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May 26	Bank holiday- school closed
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> May 26	Reception Multi Skills Festival 09.30-midday
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 26	Half term holiday commences at 3.15pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June 26	INSET Day
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 26	Children return to school
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> July 26	Year 5/6 Games Based festival at Court Fields 09.30-midday
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July 26	School term ends at 3.15pm
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 26	INSET Day

