



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

22nd September 2023 Term 1

Newsletter 3

Dear parents and carers,

This week, the school hall echoed with the sounds of children putting their oracy skills to good use, with Year 6 performing their House Captain speeches to the whole school. Public speaking is always a daunting task but the children were wonderful, speaking with passion and enthusiasm to convince their peers to vote for them. Miss Sampson was so proud of everyone who was brave enough to stand up and speak, so all will be receiving an award certificate next week. The votes are currently being counted and we will find out our winners soon!

It has been lovely to see so many parents attending the welcome meetings that have been taking place over the last few days. There are still a few to take place next week. Please do come and see your child's teacher at the end of the school day if you have any questions about school or if there is any important information we need to know about your child.

Our Harvest Festival Services will be taking place on Thursday 12th October and we are taking donations for Somer Valley Foodbank. Please see below for suggested items for the foodbank that would really support this good cause in these financially difficult times.

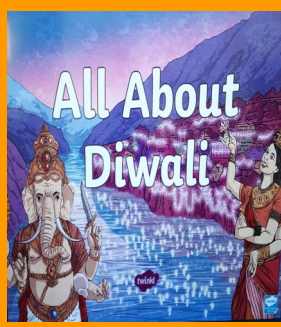
On Monday, we'll be waving goodbye to Year 6 as they set off on their week long school camp. Judging from previous camps, we know you're all going to have a fantastic time. However, looking at the weather forecast, we think you're really going to need those coats and wellies! It's going to be a muddy one!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Low & Mrs Biss

Our Values

Avon Class started the RE lesson this week with a reminder of our school values; we discussed how we show them and the importance of them too. Also this week, Year 3 have been looking at the festival of Diwali. Diwali is a very important religious celebration that takes place every year. Although it is traditionally celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs, it can be celebrated by people from other religions as well. The specific date of Diwali varies but it is between the months of October and November each year. The activity was to colour some Rangoli patterns and to talk about the story of Rama and Sita. Super RE Year 3, well done.



Attendance

Cam	97.7%
Somer	98.6%
Dart	97.1%
Avon	97.7%
Mells	95.3%
Yeo	94.6%
Hartlake	96.5%
Midford	82.5%
Wellow	96.7%

Overall attendance has improved and is now 96%.
Well Done!

KS1 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam				
Somer	Ivy	Harley	Lennox	Zoe
Dart	Luna L	Caleb C	Alexander P	Iona T

Diary Dates

Monday 25th September

Yr 6 Heatree Residential

3.30pm Y2 Welcome Meeting

3.30pm Y4 Welcome Meeting

Friday 29th September

KS2 Praise Assembly

Thursday 5th October

Census Day

Friday 6th October

KS1 Praise Assembly

Tuesday 10th September

Yr 6 Bikeability Starts

Thursday 12th October

9.15am KS1 Harvest Service

2.30pm KS2 Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th October

Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October

Spirit Of St Nicholas

Time To Talk

Cam	What can you find at home that begins with a 's' or an 'a' sound?
Somer	Can you talk about where you live?
Dart	Can you recall any of our world's amazing places?
Avon	What do you remember about Skara Brae?
Mells	Where is the Amazon Rainforest? Name 2 countries.
Yeo	Why do animals migrate?
Hartlake	What are you most looking forward to about our Heatree trip?



The following items are currently required for the Somer Valley Food Bank. We will be taking donations as a school as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. Please bring any items to the main office for collection.

THANK YOU!

Food items

Milk Powder
Milk (UHT)
Instant Mash
Mac Cheese
Sponge & other puddings
Coffee
Custard
Tuna
Meat Pies (tinned)
Tinned Vegetables
Vegetable Soup
Jam

Non-food items

Toilet Rolls
Household cleaner
Washing up liquid
Toilet cleaner
Hair conditioner & shampoo
Razors & shaving foam
Deodorant

2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Tuesday 5th September
Finish:	Friday 20th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 30th October
Finish:	Friday 15th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Wednesday 3rd January
Finish:	Friday 9th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 19th February
Finish:	Thursday 28th March
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 15th April
Finish:	Friday 24th May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 3rd June
Finish:	Tuesday 23rd July
INSET DAYS	
Friday 1st September 2023	
Monday 4th September 2023	
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	
Monday 29th January 2024	
Friday 12th July 2024	

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23rd – 24th September

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Vocal Sunday Sessions

Two exciting vocal sessions for students
who love to sing!

**A morning session for primary aged students
and afternoon for secondary aged students
delivered by Kate Courage, covering a wide
range of different styles and genres.**

When: Sunday 24th September

Who: 9.30am - 12.30pm Primary
1.30pm - 4.30pm Secondary

Where: St John's RC Primary, Bath

Cost: £15 per student, free for students
in receipt of free school meals



To book a space: <https://bit.ly/sessionvocal>

For more information: | music@wema.org.uk

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in a group, having
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perform alongside other
local choirs.



Where: The Church of the Ascension, Claude Avenue, Bath, BA2 1AG






When: Wednesdays, 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Cost: £30 per term

Come along for a free trial session! Email contact@voicesforlife.org.uk



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Saturday 21st October 2023 - 7.30pm

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9.30 - 10.00am

26 Sept

10.30 - 11.00am

ne & Craft

11.00 - 11.30am

28 Sept

mer Norton Library

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11.00 - 11.30am

25 Sept

ne Sessions

day 10.30 - 11.00am

27 Sept

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young adults with sensory needs**

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