



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

5th July 2024 Term 6 Newsletter 5

Dear Parents & Carers,

I had the pleasure this week of joining Year 5 on their Geography field trip to Clevedon. We visited the pier and learnt about the history of the area and the change in land use over time. Of course, the best bit was the children exploring the sea shore and I'm always so surprised at how easily they find interesting things like fossils amongst the rocks. They had a brilliant time and didn't want to stop when we had to leave. It just shows how much fun children can have outdoors with their friends and without screens! Unfortunately the rain came down which meant the ice cream shops were closed, but we'll see if we can make it up to them before the end of term.

There was much excitement in the school hall on Tuesday when Basketball Star Corey Samuels came to visit. He showed off some serious skills and put the children through their paces with fitness challenges for every class. Thank you so much to everyone who raised money for the event. We're just waiting for the last bits of sponsorship money to come in before we reveal the grand total. The pupil leadership team are eager to start planning what to spend it on, so watch this space. The Year 6 basketball team put their new found skills to good use with a tournament in Keynsham that evening. They all played brilliantly with exceptional team work on display! Well done!

Year 1 had a colourful afternoon of art on Thursday and were joined by Lennox's mum who delivered a masterclass on painting sunflowers. The end results were simply stunning and will look fantastic on display at home. A huge thank you to Miss Ashman for sharing your wonderful expertise and creativity and for providing a canvas for each child to paint on.

Move up morning went really well for all the students and teachers were impressed with the children's behaviour and attitude to learning. We missed Year 6 while they were away at secondary school, but Year 5 confidently filled their place. As always, there will be a small number of year groups moving class locations next year and we will let children know as soon as possible about these changes to again help with transition.

Hope you have a great weekend!

Mr Low & Mrs Simmons

Our Peg Award Winners

Bronze	Yellow	Pink	Green	Orange	Purple	Blue
Chloe F	Ezra C Amelia-Grace H Daisy H	Zarah H Evie B	Joshua T Harley F Lily P Hudson B Isla C	Zoe MG Marina C Enzo J Nik H Nuala K Molly J	Evie N Quinn J Thea T	Pixie-Rose H Joseph H Luna L Ada H William P Darcie N Morgan C

Basketball Superstar Fundraiser!

A morning of fitness fun with Corey Samuels from the Bristol Flyers!



Our Award Winners

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam	Zak M	Leo D	Dara Tilly B	Aille S
Somer	Austin R	Kayla	Lennox D Freya BG	Joe H
Dart	Bobbie J	Chloe F	Ada H Reggie K	

Our Values



In Year 1 RE we have been learning about what it means to belong to a faith community. Our classroom picnic was based around some foods from Middle Eastern Faiths. Delicious!

Year 1 Super Sunflowers!



Scooters & Bikes

A massive thank you to the children who have listened carefully to our rules around not riding on the school site. A huge improvement this week and a much safer site for everyone! Well done.

Outside of School Achievements

- Well done to Iona T who has passed Level 7 in swimming.
- Brilliant work—well done!

Attendance

Cam	92.9%
Somer	94.1%
Dart	96.9%
Avon	94.2%
Mells	96.3%
Yeo	98.8%
Hartlake	94.2%
Midford	97.1%
Wellow	75%
Overall attendance is: 95.1%	

Time to Talk

Cam	What facts do you know about sharks?
Somer	Talk to your grown ups about the food you tried in RE. What was your favourite and why?
Dart	What is plastic pollution and how can you prevent it?
Avon	What units of measure do we use for mass and weight?
Mells	What does ostinato mean?
Yeo	Talk to your grown up about our trip to Clevedon. Why were there so many interesting rocks on the beach close to the pier?
Hartlake	What was the best part of your day at secondary school?
Wellow	Can you explain what a bar chart is?
Midford	

House Points

Ludlow	371
Foxcote	429
Tynning	310
Huish	323

Diary Dates

Thursday 11th July

Reception Trip To Bristol Aquarium

KS2 Celebration Assembly

Friday 12th July

INSET DAY

Wednesday 17th July

2.00pm Leavers Play

Thursday 18th July

Leavers Party

Friday 19th July

9.00am Spirit Of St Nicks

Tuesday 23rd July

9.00am Leavers Service

End Of Term 6 - Please note we will be finishing at 12.40pm

Wednesday 4th September

Term 1

PLEASE SEE NEW TERM DATES AND INSET DAYS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Class Photos

Children had their class photos taken this week, proofs to follow. You will be able to order the photos online. If you need any assistance, please contact the photographer direct once the information has been received. Orders will be returned to school in September. Thank you.

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	

2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Monday 2nd September
Finish:	Friday 25th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 4th November
Finish:	Friday 20th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Monday 6th January
Finish:	Friday 14th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 24th February
Finish:	Friday 4th April
TERM 5	
Start:	Tuesday 22nd April
Finish:	Friday 23rd May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 2nd June
Finish:	Tuesday 22nd July
INSET DAYS	
Monday 2nd September 2024	
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	
Friday 25th October 2024	
Monday 6th January 2025	
Wednesday 18th June 2025	



NEW PLAYERS

WANTED

Holcombe are launching a new U8's team for the 24/25 season.

If you have a child currently in year 2 looking to join a family friendly club then get in touch.

Contact us
Holcombeyfc@gmail.com

Search Holcombe FC on Facebook or contact our club secretary Luke via email

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

Gift a Costume

Donate your unwanted kids costumes to us!

We're creating dressing up corners in our children's libraries and we'd love some costumes to get us started!

Where can I donate?

- Bath Central Library
- Keynsham Library
- Midsomer Norton Library



What do we want?

- Good quality, clean kids costumes such as princess dresses, mermaid tails, tutus, pirate/superhero/police/nurse/vet outfits.
- Accessories in good condition such as wings, tiaras, capes, masks, swords, hats, deely boppers etc

Bath & North East
Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Please hand your donations into a
member of staff from 27 May - 29 June.

STAY SAFE ONLINE

1

Don't share your personal information



2

Only talk to people that you know



3

Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online



4

Only accept friend requests from people you know personally



5

Always think carefully about what you post



8

Report inappropriate content immediately



6

Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts



7

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are



9

Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing



10

Never share your passwords





The Summer Reading Challenge is a **FREE** holiday activity for children aged 4 - 11, so visit Midsomer Norton Library to:



Join the library, it's free!



Sign up to take part in the challenge



Enjoy our **FREE** Summer Reading Challenge Craft Events

Find out more online!

Just pop in to your local library or sign up at:
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Sunday Social



Sundays 3 - 6.30pm,
free food, tea & coffee

**OLD
PRINTWORKS
ARTS** Radstock

Old Printing Works - behind the Radstock Museum
Bath Old Road, Radstock, BA3 3HA

W E N D E D



**DO
FIX
MEND
REPAIR
REPURPOSE
RE-ENERGISE**

A practical meet-up for men

Wednesdays 10am - 2pm @ Old Printworks Arts

Bath Old Road, Radstock, BA3 3HA Must be aged over 16 years



FESTIVAL DECOR MAKING

Drop in 10 - 2pm
22nd - 26th July
Everyone welcome,
family friendly

@Old Printworks Arts

Monday - Thursday
12-3pm

Week 1 - Space

Weds 24th July Beacon Field, Peasedown St John BA2 8SN
Thurs 25th July Whiteway Green, Bath BA2 1PB



Week 2 - Pirates

Mon 29th July - Southfields, Radstock BA3 3NZ

Tues 30th July - Alice Park BA1 7BL

Weds 31st July - Town Park, Midsomer Norton BA3 2UH

Thurs 1st Aug - Play Out Wild, Broadmoor Lane, Newbridge BA1 4JY

Week 3 - Superheroes

Mon 5th August Paulton Memorial Park BS39 7LW

Tues 6th August Springfield Park, Meare Road, Foxhill BA2 5PP

Weds 7th August National Playday, Pennyquick Park, Twerton BA2 1NW ("£3 entry per child")

Thurs 8th August Play Out Wild, Entry Hill BA2 5NA

Week 4 - Fantasy

Mon 12th Aug Kelston Road, Keynsham BS31 2JL

Tues 13th Aug Norton Hill Rec, Westfield BA3 4AY

Weds 14th Aug Roundhill, Mount Road, Southdown BA2 1LF

Thurs 15th Aug Bloomfield Open Space, off Wellsway BA2 2AB

Please Note:

- Parents: Stay close, supervise, or join in!
- Wear old clothes for messy play and water slide.
- Don't forget water bottles, sun cream, coats, and umbrellas.
- TOILETS: Only at near or near certain sites

National Playday

£3 entry per child

- Straw Bale Dens | Spin Painting | Archery | Swingboats | Messy Play | Drumming | Bungees | Construction | Scrap Adventure | Woodwork Adventure | Samba Band | Inflatable | Games | Chair'Planes | Ringworld

Pennyquick Park, Newton Road Bath BA2 1RW

Limited Parking

Please walk, cycle or take a bus if you can



Activities

- Play Days: Messy, Sensory, Creative play; Bouncy castle, and Football.
- Play Out Wild: Nature-based play, Den building, rope activities, and mud play.



A campaign led by Play England
Reg Charity # 1013897



WHILST THESE ARE FREE WE REALLY APPRECIATE DONATIONS OF £2/3 PER CHILD PER DAY



www.bapp.org.uk | Call Us (01225) 832479

Bath Area Play Project

FAMILY Playdays 2024

12-3 pm

24TH JULY - 15TH AUGUST

Inclusive & SEND Friendly

We are very Grateful for Financial Support From Town & Parish Councils & The Ludlow Trust

Families with children aged 5 to 11 years (younger ones welcome!)

Team Games



Construction Fun



Play is the best way to learn and discover new things!

Inflatables



Messy & Sensory & Creative Play



Play Out Wild



JOIN IN A SUMMER OF FUN FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS

- Active games
- Messy & Sensory Play
- Imaginative & Creative
- Den Building
- Construction
- Clay
- Football Coaches
- Inflatables
- Waterslide
- Smoothies
- and Much More!

Playdays are "More Fun Than the Whole of Summer!"
Come & have fun together with the fantastic BAPP Playworkers!



Bath Area Play Project

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FREE family cycle training

This Summer B&NES Council is pleased to offer free family cycle training in Midsomer Norton at Free Rangers Forest School Nursery.

This one to one course is designed to instruct the lead family member how to shepherd the group with road safety tactics. It also aims to improve children's cycle skills and road awareness while having fun with parents! The first hour will introduce basic cycle skills and will take place under a barn. Then, the group will have activities on a cycle lane and carefully selected local junctions under guidance of our instructor.



There is no minimum age but to attend this course, all riders must be able to ride a bike (set off, pedal, slow down and stop). If required, we can offer **bike & helmet loans free of charge.**



To see available dates and book a space,
scan the QR code or email: bikeability@bathnes.gov.uk

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Improving People's Lives



The Summer Reading Adventure



Get involved in our
FREE event



Ask me
now for
more
details



[Facebook- Poppets Summer Reading](#)

Bath & North East Somerset Libraries

WRITING COMPETITION

100 Years Writing Competition

To celebrate our 100-year anniversary, we're launching a Centenary Writing Competition!

The competition theme is 'One Hundred Years.'



Who Can Take Part?

The competition has three categories. Children up to the age of 11 years, 12-17 years, and adults.

Prizes include a £20 Mr B's Book Token, with runner up prizes of up to £10 in Book Tokens.

Word Count

There is no minimum, but a maximum of 2,500 words.

The competition runs from 3 June – 31 August 2024.

For full details visit:

<https://baneslibraries.co.uk/100-years-writing-competition/>

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Scan for more info

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
8 July

Bath Central Library

Centenary Storytime - 1970s The Lorax & There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 9 July

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 10 July

Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 11 July

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 13 July

Art in the Library: Library Centenary Exhibition

Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 31 July

Dressing Up Corner

Mon - Sat During opening hours From 15 July

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Marvellous Makers - Summer Reading Challenge

Mon - Sat During opening hours 13 July - 14 September

Sign up in any of our libraries for free!

