



## CREECH ST. MICHAEL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter - 24 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term is finally upon us, and we can hardly believe how quickly this first term has flown by! It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks, and we're so proud of everything the children have achieved.

This term, we've been reflecting on our school value of **Hope**, which has inspired many thoughtful discussions and creative work across all year groups.

A huge **thank you** to all the families who supported our **Harvest Festival**—your generosity was greatly appreciated and made a real difference.



We are finishing term 1 with a week jam packed! This includes the **year 1 and 2 trips to the Tiverton Museum** where the children have explored a range of historical toys, comparing old and new toys and even had the chance to make peg dolls! A big **thank you** to the volunteer helpers for giving up their day to join us for the trips.

In addition, this week has been the **Year 6 Residential**, which has been both **fantastic** and (as always) a little **exhausting!** The children have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience—we're very proud of them. Photos and trip diary entries will all be posted on our dedicated PGL Residential page on the website: [Creech St Michael Church of England Primary School - Year 6 Residential Trip](http://www.creechstmichaelprimary.co.uk)



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### Saying Goodbye:

We say a fond farewell to **Mrs. Hannah Kennard** and **Miss Olivia Gill**, who will be leaving us to pursue new opportunities. **We would like to thank them both** for their hard work, dedication, and the care they have shown to the children during their time at our school. They will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike, and we wish them **all the very best for the future.**



### Coming up in Term 2...

#### Swimming:

This term, **Farthing Wood** class enjoyed swimming lessons each week and had a great time. Their swimming abilities improved week on week. **Well done Farthing Wood Class!**

**Enchanted Wood Class** will begin their swimming lessons **on Thursday 6 November**. Please ensure children bring their **swimwear, towel, and goggles** each week. Their lessons will run each Thursday until Thursday 11 December.



To see **Swimming dates for the rest of the academic year**, please take a look at our [key dates](#) to see when your child is scheduled to swim.

#### After School Clubs:

We had a fantastic range of clubs during term 1 which, as always were very popular! In **term 2** our **clubs** are as follows:

- **Monday** – Sewing Club (Years 3-6) and Art Club (Years 1-6)
- **Tuesday** – Colouring Club (Years 1-6)
- **Wednesday** – Dance Club (Years 3-6)
- **Thursday** – KS1 Football (Years 1-2)
- **Friday** – KS2 Football (Years 3-6)



To book clubs, please go to **the clubs section** of your **SchoolGateway App**. Please note that some clubs are already full.

Clubs run from the first week back (4 November) through to the week commencing 1 December. Please note that there are **no enrichment clubs on weeks commencing 8 December or 15 December**. If you need wraparound care for these weeks, please book Smileys.



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### Smileys – Early Closure Dates:

Smileys December bookings are open earlier than usual as we know how busy December is for families!



Please note that on **Friday 5 December, Smileys will be**

**closing at the earlier time of 4:30pm.** Please only book the short session for this date. This is owing to the Christmas Fayre.

Please also note that on the last day of term, **Friday 19 December, Smileys will also be closing at 4:30pm.** So again, please only book the short session for this date.

### PTFA Events:

PTFA Events are advertised on our school Facebook and website ([PTFA Web Page](#)), we are excited to announce a number of fun PTA events coming up:

- **School Discos – Friday 14 November**  
Details and timings will be sent out separately—keep an eye out!
- **Christmas Fayre – Thursday 5 December**  
Join us for festive fun, stalls, games, and more. All are welcome!
- **Pantomime - Tuesday 9 December**

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### Fundraising Dates and Non-Uniform Dates:

- **Royal British Legion Poppies – From 4 November**  
Our **School Council** will be selling poppies during the first week back after half-term. All donations go to the Royal British Legion.
- **PTFA Non Uniform Day – Friday 7 November** – please bring £1 or a donation for the Christmas Fayre raffle/Secret room
- **Children in Need – Friday 15 November**  
Children are invited to wear **Pudsey clothes or non-uniform** in exchange for a small donation. Let's come together to support this great cause!
- **PTFA Coffee, Cake and Reading & Non Uniform Day – Friday 21 November**  
Years 1 and 2 to bring cakes, rest of school please bring £1
- **PTFA Non Uniform Day - Friday 28 November**  
Please bring £1 or a donation to the Christmas Fayre Raffle/Secret Room



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### Christmas Plays:

- Our **Reception (EYFS) children** will be preparing a special Christmas performance to share with parents and carers—we'll send more details about tickets soon! Please save the date: Date for your diary **Tuesday 2 December 2025, 2:30pm** in the school hall.
- **Year 3 and 4** will be singing some Christmas carols at St Michael's Church on **Monday 8 December**, parents are welcome to join but space is limited, we will be starting at **2:15pm** promptly.
- **Year 1 and 2** Christmas Play – Please save the date – **Wednesday 10 December and Thursday 11 December, 2:30pm** in the school hall. We'll send more details about tickets soon!
- **Year 5 and 6** will be singing some Christmas carols at St Michael's Church on **Friday 12 December**, parents are welcome to join but space is limited, we will be starting at **2:15pm** promptly.



### School Uniform & Reminders:

A big **thank you** to all families for supporting our school uniform expectations—children have returned looking very **smart and ready to learn**.

A few reminders:

- Please ensure **all uniform and coats are clearly named**
- Children should bring a **coat and water bottle** to school **every day**, especially as the weather turns colder



Please remember we do also have the wonderful volunteer run Second Hand Uniform Shop where you can buy a fantastic range of pre-loved school uniform at a very low cost.

### Safeguarding – A Shared Responsibility:

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child, please do not stay silent. Support is available through the following channels:

- **Children's Social Care:** 0300 123 2224
- **Email:** [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)
- **Police (non-emergency):** 101
- **In an emergency:** Call 999



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We hope you all enjoy a **restful and enjoyable half-term break**. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday 4 November**, please remember that **Monday 3 November is INSET day and the school is closed to pupils on this date**.

With best wishes

**Mrs Chloe Holt**  
Headteacher



### A message from the PTFA:

#### Could You Be Our Next PTFA Treasurer?

**Creech St. Michael School PTFA is looking for a new Treasurer** — someone organised, reliable, and ready to make a real difference for our children.



The Treasurer plays a key role in our small, friendly team. They look after the PTFA's finances — keeping simple records of money raised and spent, helping with banking, and preparing floats for events. It's not a huge job, but it's an incredibly important one that keeps everything running smoothly and ensures we can continue funding those extras that make school life special.

**Without a Treasurer, unfortunately the PTFA cannot continue** which would mean no Christmas Fayre, no discos, no refreshments at sports day, and no events like the December pantomime. It would also mean no funds from PTFA subsidising school trips, no funding for the Accelerated Reader Programme, no ukulele lessons, no Yoto boxes in EYFS, no welcome book and book bag for EYFS each year.

If you're good with numbers (or even just organised!) and want to help keep the magic alive for our children, **please get in touch at [CSMPTFA@gmail.com](mailto:CSMPTFA@gmail.com)**. Full support and a friendly handover will be provided. **Without a treasurer the PTFA will close shortly, losing its charity status of which the school is the sole benefactor**. We are optimistic someone will come forward so please don't be shy! Hopefully we can appoint someone at the Christmas Fayre planning meeting so the fayre can continue.



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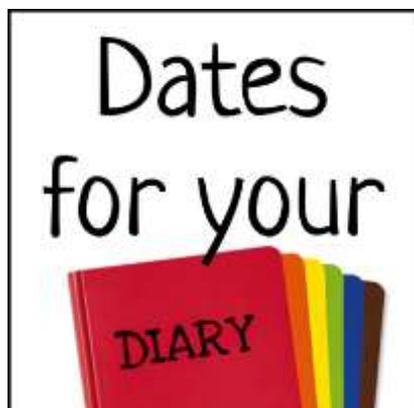


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### Key Dates for Your Diary:

*We will regularly update school website key dates page to help families keep up to date with forward planning for their children. Details about events and trips will be shared closer to the time with those attending. Please note dates may be subject to change, however we will do our utmost to avoid this, and should we need to change dates, we will notify families as soon as possible.*

**Please save our key dates website page – this can be found by [Clicking Here](#)**

Date	Information
Monday 20 October through to Friday 24 October	Year 6 PGL Residential trip to Barton Hall
Friday 24 October	Non-Uniform Day – please bring in £1 or donation for Christmas Fayre
Friday 24 October	Last day of term 1!
Week commencing Monday 27 October	Half Term – School Closed
Monday 3 November	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 4 November	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 4 November	Enrichment clubs start this week
Wednesday 5 November	Open Morning - 9am - 10am
Thursday 6 November	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 1
Friday 7 November	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 13 November	Year 3 Sports Festival Trip (morning)
Thursday 13 November	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 2
Friday 14 November	Children in Need
Friday 14 November	School Disco – Evening
Thursday 20 November	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 3
Friday 21 November	Coffee Cake and Reading – Non Uniform Day – Please can year 1 and 2 bring cakes for the event and the rest of the school please bring £1
Thursday 27 November	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 4
Friday 28 November	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 28 November	EYFS Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
Week Commencing 1 December	Last week of Enrichment Clubs
Tuesday 2 December	EYFS Nativity Play
Thursday 4 December	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 5

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Friday 5 December	Non-Uniform Day
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Friday 5 December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 8 December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols at St Michael's Church (Afternoon)
Tuesday 9 December	Pantomime
Wednesday 10 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play
Thursday 11 December	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 6 (last swim session)
Thursday 11 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play
Friday 12 December	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 12 December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols at St Michael's Church (Afternoon)
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 19 December	Narnia Swimming Week 1
Friday 20 December	Last day of Term 2
Saturday 21 December to Sunday 4 January	Half term – Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 January	First Day of Term 3
Thursday 8 January	Narnia Swimming Week 2
Thursday 15 January	Narnia Swimming Week 3
Thursday 22 January	Narnia Swimming Week 4
Thursday 29 January	Narnia Swimming Week 5
Thursday 5 February	Narnia Swimming Week 6
Wednesday 11 February	Last day of term 3
Thursday 12 February	INSET Day School Closed to Students
Friday 13 February	INSET Day School Closed to Students
Saturday 14 February to Sunday 22 February	February Half Term
Monday 23 February	First day of term 4
Thursday 26 February	Kensuke's Kingdom Swimming Week 1
Thursday 5 March	Kensuke's Kingdom Swimming Week 2
Friday 6 March	Coffee Cake and Reading – Non Uniform Day – Please can year 3 and 4 bring cakes for the event and the rest of the school please bring £1
Thursday 12 March	Kensuke's Kingdom Swimming Week 3
Thursday 19 March	Kensuke's Kingdom Swimming Week 4
Friday 20 March	Non-Uniform Day – fundraising for year 6 leavers events
Friday 20 March	Coffee Cake and Reading – Non Uniform Day – Please can year 5 and 6 bring cakes for the event and the rest of the school please bring £1
Monday 23 March to Wednesday 25 March	Year 4 Residential – details to follow
Thursday 26 March	Kensuke's Kingdom Swimming Week 5

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Friday 27 March	Bingo! Fundraising for Year 6 Leavers events
Thursday 2 April	Kensuke’s Kingdom Swimming Week 6
Thursday 2 April	Last day of term 4
Friday 3 April to Sunday 19 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 April	First Day of term 5
Thursday 23 April	100 Acre Wood Swimming Week 1
Thursday 28 April	Class Photos (morning)
Thursday 30 April	100 Acre Wood Swimming Week 2
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 7 May	100 Acre Wood Swimming Week 3
Thursday 14 May	100 Acre Wood Swimming Week 4
Thursday 21 May	100 Acre Wood Swimming Week 5
Thursday 21 May	Year 5 Sports Festival (morning)
Friday 22 May	Last day of term 5
Saturday 23 May to Sunday 31 May	May half term holiday
Monday 1 June	First day of term 6
Thursday 4 June	Year 1 Sports Festival (morning)
Thursday 4 June	The Shire Swimming Week 1
Thursday 11 June	Year 6 Sports Leaders Academy
Thursday 11 June	Year 2 Sports Festival (morning)
Thursday 11 June	The Shire Swimming Week 2
Thursday 18 June	The Shire Swimming Week 3
Thursday 25 June	The Shire Swimming Week 4
Friday 26 June	Coffee Cake and Reading
Thursday 2 July	The Shire Swimming Week 5
Thursday 9 July	Year 6 Sports Festival (morning)
Thursday 9 July	The Shire Swimming Week 6
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term 6
Thursday 23 July	Summer Holidays!

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