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Newsletter – 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome all our pupils, parents, and staff back for the start of the second term! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and is ready for another exciting few months of learning, growth, and fun. This term promises to be a busy and rewarding one, with lots of activities, new topics, and special events planned across the school. As always, we encourage everyone to arrive on time, come prepared, and give their best effort each day. Thank you for your continued support – together, we can make this term a successful and enjoyable one for everyone!



This term, we are thinking about the important value of **respect**, especially as we reflect on **Remembrance** and the symbol of the poppy. **Respect** means showing **care and understanding for others**, their feelings, and their experiences.

This term the children will be learning the following topics:

Bunny Burrow/ Tiny Cottage - Fireworks, Toys and Christmas.

Percy Park/Lighthouse – Traction Man, Toys, Energy and Forces.

Enchanted Wood/Farthing Wood/100 Acre Wood - The Iron Man and Vikings .

Kensuke's Kingdom/Shire/Narnia - Vikings, The Man Who Walked Between The Towers and Animals in Science.



Parking

When **parking** outside the school, it's important to do so **safely and responsibly** to keep everyone protected. Always park in designated areas **and never stop or park on double yellow lines**, as these are there to keep the road clear and ensure visibility for children crossing. **Avoid parking in disabled bays** unless you have a valid permit, as these spaces are reserved for people who genuinely need easier access. Similarly, **do not use the taxi bays**, as these are set aside for school transport and licensed taxis. By parking considerately, you help make the area around the school safer for all pupils, parents, and staff.



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Lost Property Boxes

Our lost property boxes are absolutely full of coats, jumpers, bags and much more! Please can we ask families to pop to the office and check for any missing items. Anything not collected by 14 November 2025 will go to the second hand uniform shop or clothing bank.

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**. If you are signing your child up to a club which has already started, please call the office so we can apply a discount for the missed session/s.

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.

Smileys – Reminders:

The Smileys Team have asked for us **to remind families** that **pick up times are 4:30pm and 5:30pm** depending on which session you have booked for your child. Please note that if you are late to pick up your child, a late pick up **charge will be applied**. This is outlined in the Smiley's Terms and Conditions which can be found on our website.

The Smiley's Team have also asked us to advise families that they give the children a **very small snack** but the children do not have a meal so will need dinner when they get home.



A reminder that Smiley's will be **closing at the earlier time of 4:30pm** on 2 dates this term. **Friday 5 December and Friday 19 December**. Please only book the short session for these dates.



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Swimming:

Enchanted Wood Class began their swimming lessons this week. 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. Swimming is for KS2 only.



Year 3 Sports Festival

Year 3 have their **Sports Festival** coming up on **Thursday 13 November**. This is a **free** sport trip taking place in the morning. **Please consent** on SchoolGateway under the Payments section if you have not already done so. The children will return to school after their sports festival and have lunch, prior to going Enchanted Wood going swimming in the afternoon.

Christmas Card Shop

The Christmas Card shop will open back up on **Friday 21 November until Monday 1 December** – so if you missed out on ordering by the previous deadline then your next opportunity is within the above window. Orders will be delivered to the school by 15 December.

Fundraising Dates and Non-Uniform Dates:

Children in Need – Friday 14 November

Children are invited to wear **Pudsey clothes or non-uniform** in exchange for a small donation towards the Children in Need Charity. Let's come together to support this great cause!



PTFA Coffee, Cake and Reading & Non Uniform Day – Friday 21 November

The PTFA will run their next coffee cake and reading event on **21st November at 2pm**. This is open to all members of the community to come in and listen to our children read whilst enjoying a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake. Please pass this on to grandparents, friends and neighbours. It will be a **non-uniform day on this day 21st November for all children**, in exchange for **cakes for years 1 and 2** and a **£1 donation for all other year groups** towards PTFA funds. Please remember that we are a **nut free school** due to members of our community having severe nut allergies, so please check the ingredients carefully if cakes are purchased and please clearly list ingredients for those that are home-made.



Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to welcoming lots of you to the school.

PTFA Non Uniform Day - Friday 28 November

Please bring £1 or a donation to the Christmas Fayre Raffle/Secret Room



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PTFA Events:

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

Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting – Online!

The PTFA are holding an online Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday 11 November at 6pm**. To join the meeting please click here: [ZOOM MEETING INVITE](#)



School Discos – Friday 14 November – EYFS and KS1 6pm – 7pm, KS2 7:15pm – 8:30pm! £3.00 entry per child, cash payment at drop off. Please bring cash for the tuck shop.

Christmas Fayre – Thursday 5 December

Join us for festive fun, stalls, games, and more. All are welcome! If you know of any organisations that would be willing to donate raffle prizes, please let the PTFA or office know.



Pantomime - Tuesday 9 December

The PTFA have kindly funded a Pantomime visit to the school. The children will get to watch a fantastic pantomime performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' – a big thank you to the PTFA for funding this experience.



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Christmas Events:

- 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.
- **Christmas Dinner Day** will be on **Wednesday 17 December** – please book via SchoolGateway for your child.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** will also be on **Wednesday 17 December**. Children are invited to come to school in their school uniform with a **Christmas Jumper instead of school jumper**.



Attendance



We need every child to be an Attendance Hero because **attendance matters!** If a child is not in school then they are not learning and in order for children to achieve their full potential, learning is what they need to be doing. We understand that children can't help being poorly and sometimes they will have an illness that will mean that they need to take time off school and perhaps even visit the doctor but as parents, we are asking you to stop and think before allowing your child to stay off school. [Is my child too ill for school?](#) Have a look at this handy NHS guide to help guide you as to whether or not your child should be coming to school.

The children are really enjoying getting the chance to look after **Cedric, our Attendance Mascot!** Each week, during celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon, the class with the highest percentage attendance that week is announced, and that class gets to look after Cedric for the following week. Cedric stands for – **Come Every Day Remember I'm Counting**.



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School Uniform

One of our school uniform suppliers - <https://myclothing.com/> - have provided us with a discount code to share with families – this is valid until 31.12.202. **Discount Code: 10%MYC2025**

A big **thank you** to all families for supporting our school uniform expectations - 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
- **Police (non-emergency):** 101
- **In an emergency:** Call 999

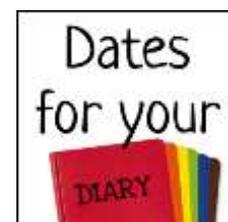


With best wishes

Mrs Chloe Holt
Headteacher

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
Thursday 13 November	Year 3 Sports Festival Trip (morning)
Thursday 13 November	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 2 (afternoon)
Friday 14 November	Children in Need – non uniform day – please bring a donation for the Children in Need charity
Friday 14 November	School Disco – Evening – please see poster for details
Thursday 20 November	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 3



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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 – please bring £1 or a donation to the Christmas Fayre raffle or secret room
Friday 28 November	EYFS Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
Week Commencing 1 December	Last week of Enrichment Clubs
Tuesday 2 December	EYFS Nativity Play 2:30pm
Thursday 4 December	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 5
Friday 5 December	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 5 December	Smileys closing at 4:30pm – no late or long session available
Friday 5 December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 8 December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols at St Michael’s Church (Afternoon) 2:15pm
Tuesday 9 December	Pantomime
Wednesday 10 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play 2:30pm
Thursday 11 December	Enchanted Wood Swimming Week 6 (last swim session)
Thursday 11 December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play 2:30pm
Friday 12 December	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 12 December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols at St Michael’s Church (Afternoon) 2:15pm
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 December	Narnia Swimming Week 1
Friday 20 December	Last day of Term 2
Friday 20 December	Smileys Closing at 4:30pm – no late or long session available
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

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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
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)

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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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