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Newsletter – 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and fulfilling term, it is a time to reflect on all the achievements, challenges, and progress that our school community has experienced. It is always a privilege to look back and celebrate the hard work, resilience, and growth that our children, staff, and families have demonstrated. This term has had a special end with the Key Stage One and Reception nativities and the Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Services. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know our students, staff, and families, and gaining a deeper understanding of what makes this such a special community. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for welcoming me so warmly, and I look ahead with enthusiasm and commitment to building on this positive foundation in the coming terms.

As a school, we have continued to emphasise the importance of a well-rounded education, where literacy, numeracy, creativity, and physical well-being are all given equal value.

We have seen improvements in reading, writing, and maths, thanks to the dedication of our staff and the hard work of our children.

Social and emotional development has remained a key priority this term. Collective worship and our PHSE activities have given children a platform to discuss their thoughts and feelings, further promoting a positive and supportive school culture.

Extra-curricular activities have also flourished, with our Smileys team and clubs continuing to engage children outside the classroom.

Looking Ahead

As we look towards the next term, there is much to be excited about. We will continue to build on the progress made so far and work to address any areas for improvement. The upcoming term will bring new opportunities for growth, both in the classroom and within our school community.

Christmas Tree Festival

Recently, our Ethos children group enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael's Church. They were delighted to see the beautifully decorated trees, each one unique and full of festive cheer. The children were especially proud to have created a school tree of their own, where they hung baubles displaying our school values. The visit provided a lovely opportunity to celebrate the season, showcase our shared values, and enjoy being part of a special community event, making it a truly memorable experience for all.



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School Value Art Competition

We are excited to announce a whole-school competition to design a unique symbol for each of our core values: Peace, Hope, Love, Respect, Perseverance, and Forgiveness. The Children's Ethos committee have come up with the two new values for the school.

These values underpin everything we do, and we would love our children to play a central role in bringing them to life visually. We are inviting all pupils to create one or more symbol designs, each representing one of the six values. The designs can be in any style or medium—drawn, painted, digital, or mixed media.



The Ethos Group will review all entries and choose a winning symbol for each value. The chosen designs will then be used throughout the school, including in our Reflection Zones, displays, and future materials.

All entries must be submitted by Friday 9th January 2026.

We look forward to seeing the children's creativity and the thoughtful ways they express our school values.



Rocketts Cottages Parking

We kindly remind parents, carers, and visitors that parking is not permitted in Rocketts Cottages. This area is a residential space, and it is important that we respect the needs and access of local residents at all times. We ask everyone to please use the designated parking areas or alternative nearby options when visiting the school. Thank you for your co-operation and for helping us maintain positive relationships within our local community.



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Smileys Early Closure

Please be reminded that Smileys closes at 4:30pm this Friday, 19 December.

Lost Property Boxes

As we approach the end of the term, please can we ask families to check the lost property boxes located at the office entrance. Anything left at the end of term will be disposed of.



After School Clubs:

Our clubs went live this week for Term 3! On offer this coming term is:

- **Monday** – Sewing Club (Years 3-6)
- **Tuesday** – KS1 Dance (Years R - 2)
- **Wednesday** – Lego Club (Years R – 2) and KS2 Dance Club (Years 3-6)
- **Thursday** – KS1 Gymnastics (Years R-2)
- **Friday** – KS2 Basketball (Years 3-6)

To book clubs, please go to **the clubs section** of your **SchoolGateway App**. If there are no sessions showing available then this means the club is full.

Clubs run for the whole of term 3, excluding our 2 INSET days, 12th and 13th February.



Swimming:

Narnia Class begin their swimming lessons this week. Please ensure children bring their **swimwear, towel, and goggles** each week. Their lessons will run each Thursday until Thursday 5 February 2026.

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.

PTFA

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our PTFA for their incredible support and hard work throughout this term. From the lively disco and delicious cake sales, to the Coffee, Cake, and Reading afternoon; every event has brought our school community together and created wonderful



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memories for our children and families. Their dedication has truly enriched our school life and added so much joy to the term.

A special thank you also goes to the PTFA for making the Christmas season extra magical. From organising the Christmas fair and the pantomime for all the children to arranging a very special visit from Santa, complete with gifts for every child, their efforts have brought smiles, laughter, and festive cheer to everyone. We are so grateful for their time, energy, and commitment to making this term so memorable and joyful.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Please see the flyer for details of the Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme in aid of the Children’s Hospice South West.



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School Dinners

School Dinner menus for the Spring term are now loaded onto SchoolGateway – Please remember to place orders in advance of the deadlines. If you have not ordered for the first week back, please supply your child with a packed lunch, as numbers for that week have already been submitted to the caterers.



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

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 5th January 2025.

Merry Christmas to you all.

With best wishes

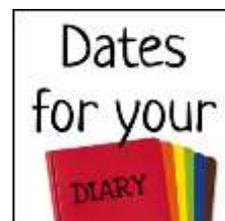
Mrs Chloe Holt
Headteacher



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
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day (worn over school uniform)
Thursday 18 December	Narnia Swimming Week 1
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term 2 – Smileys closes at 4:30pm



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Saturday 20 December to Sunday 4 January	Half term – Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 January	First Day of Term 3 – After School Enrichment Clubs start
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 – Last Day of enrichment clubs 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 donation
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
Monday 23 March to Wednesday 25 March	Year 4 Residential
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
Tuesday 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

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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 – Please can years 5 and 6 bring cakes and the rest of the school please bring £1 donation
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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