



Weekly Update: 12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Thursday 25th September 7pm	PTA meeting at Firehouse- Open to all
Monday 22nd September	KSI Fun Run (email to follow)
Tuesday 23rd September	Cross Country 4pm Years 3-6 @ Long Sutton (email to follow)
Friday 26th September	Democracy Day (Children voting at Polling station for School Councillors)
Tuesday 30th September	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 1st October 9.00-10.30am	Open Morning for prospective new families
Thursday 2nd October 9.15am	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)
Thursday 9th October 2.30-3.15pm	Coffee & Biscuits with Mrs Davies-Evans- Phonics & Reading Focus for Reception Parents/Carers
Monday 13th October	Tempest - Individual Photos
Monday 20th & Thursday 24th October	Parents' Evenings (NB Change of date)
Monday 27th October – 31st October	Half term holiday
Monday 10th - Friday 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 10 th November- Odd Socks Day)
Thursday 13th November 9.00-10.30am	Open Morning for prospective new families
Monday 15th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Tuesday 16th December	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th December 9.15am	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term

Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2025/26*

- Autumn Term (First Half): Thursday 4th September- Friday 24th October 2025
- HALF TERM BREAK: 27th-31st October 2025**
- Autumn Term (Second Half): Monday 3rd November- Friday 19th December 2025
- INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026
- Spring Term (First half): Tuesday 6th January- Thursday 12th February
- INSET Day: Friday 13th February 2026
- HALF TERM BREAK: 16th-20th February 2026**
- Spring Term (Second half): Monday 23rd February- Thursday 2nd April 2026
- EASTER BREAK: Monday 3rd April- Friday 17th April 2026**
- Summer Term (First half): Monday 20th April- Friday 22nd May 2026
- HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May 2026**
- INSET Day: Monday 1st June 2026
- Summer Term (Second half): Tuesday 2nd June- Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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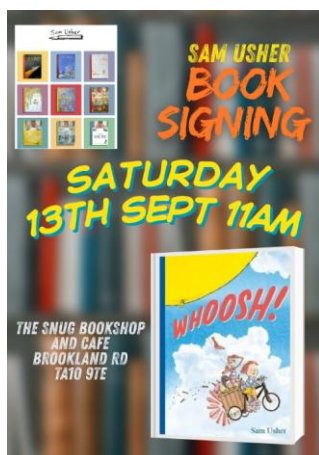
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Clubs

Club	Year Group	Day	Dates	Led by	How to book
Play Netball Juniors- Netball (Boys and girls)	Years 3-6	Mondays	Starting w/b 22nd September- last week of term	Play Netball Juniors	https://play-sports.classforkids.io/info/125
Play Football Juniors- Netball (Girls)	Years 3-6	Tuesdays	Starting w/b 22nd September- last week of term	Play Football Juniors	https://play-sports.classforkids.io/info/147
Fizz Pop Science	Years 1 and 2	Wednesdays	24th September- 22nd October	Fizz Pop Science	http://www.fizzpopscience.co.uk/ and click on cloud
Fizz Pop Science	Years 3-6	Wednesdays	12th November- 10th December	Fizz Pop Science	http://www.fizzpopscience.co.uk/ and click on cloud
Forest School	Years 1, 2 and 3	Tuesdays	16 th September- 21 st October	Ali Moore (School Forest School Leader)	School Money (Fully Booked but there will be availability for Autumn 2))
Forest School	Years 4, 5 and 6	Wednesdays	17 th September- 22 nd October	Ali Moore (School Forest School Leader)	School Money

Primary Futures Visit Today: Author Visit

Today, Year 1 and 2 pupils had the exciting opportunity to meet local author and illustrator **Sam Usher**, who visited our school to launch his new book. The children were captivated as Sam shared insights into the creative process of writing and illustrating. This inspiring visit is part of our commitment to **Primary Futures**, helping young learners explore different careers and understand the real-world journey behind the books they love. It was a wonderful way to connect storytelling with future aspirations!



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New Spellings Homework for Years 3-6

From 22nd September, each Monday, we will be sending home a list of spelling words for your child to practise during the week. The test will take place the following Monday and will include 15 words: 10 new ones based on that week's learning and 5 mystery words that revisit previous spelling rules or statutory spellings.

In this spelling book, the 10 weekly words will be stuck in at the front and their test will be recorded in the back so you can easily track your child's progress. We kindly ask that children practise their spellings at home, but not in the spelling book itself. To help with this, we have stuck in a sheet with useful ideas for how your child can practise their spellings throughout the week. Thank you for your continued support!

An example of how the spellings will look in the new Spelling Homework books:

Spelling rule: homophones or near homophones
These spellings will be tested on 29.9.25
accept
except
knot
not
peace
piece
plain
plane
weather
whether

Safety

There is an oak tree near the Village Green which some children climb. The Parish Council have had their tree survey- this tree is not safe and definitely not safe to climb in- please remind your children.

Safeguarding

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'. Curry Rivel Primary Church of England School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. If you have any concerns, no matter how small they seem, about the safety or welfare of any child, please make contact with a member of our team below:

- Ali Pook: Head Teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Hannah van Cole: Senior Teacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Charlotte Monk: SENDCo & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

All staff have regular update training and can also help. If you are concerned that a child is in danger you should report this immediately to: Children's Social Care on 0300 123 224 or the Police on 999 or www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens/safeguarding

Parent Support: Tuning into Kids Course

Tuesday 4th November- Tuesday 9th December 9.30-11.30 at Somerton Library.

Tuning into Kids is a program that helps parents support their child's emotional development. It teaches you how to respond to your child's feelings in a way that builds their **emotional intelligence**, helping them understand and manage emotions like anger, sadness, or frustration.

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For Parents/Carers, It Means:

- Learning to **recognise emotions** in your child.
- Responding with **empathy and guidance**, rather than reacting with discipline alone.
- Helping your child **name and understand their feelings**, which improves behaviour and relationships.
- Building a stronger, more connected relationship through **emotion coaching**.

It's especially helpful for managing everyday challenges and supporting your child's wellbeing and resilience.

If you want to book a place, please email our Parent Family Support Advisor (Victoria):

vgould@longsuttonprimary.co.uk

Open Days

Please promote our School Open Days:



The poster is purple and white with a wavy background. It features the Curry River C of E VC Primary School logo, an Ofsted Good School badge, and a quote: 'Healthy trees bearing good fruit' - Matthew 7 vs 17. The main text reads 'OPEN DAYS FOR NEW STARTERS' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Come and see why our School is the perfect place for your child to learn, grow, and succeed!'. The dates '1st October and 13th November' and time '9am - 10.30am' are listed. Four small photos show children in various school activities: working at a table, playing outdoors, sitting in a circle, and playing cards.



2nd Saturday of the month until Christmas

3.30-5.30pm

Sept 13th Oct. 11th Nov 8th Dec 13th

The Old School Room

(behind St Andrew's Church in Curry River)

All ages welcome - children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
Informal with activities, crafts, chat, food, prayer, songs and story.

Feel free to just turn up or let us know beforehand to help us plan!

 Messy Church Curry Rivel

Contact Helen 07880 706517 or Dawn 07764 308825

Free entry - donations welcome but not expected

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Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin		2
Maigold		1
Discovery		1
Camelot		2
Blenheim		1
TOTAL		7

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- *Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends*
- *Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind*
- *Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day*
- *Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future*
- *The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.*
- *The wellbeing and progress of our pupils is our priority, and we know that absence from school is often a sign that additional support may be needed.*

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Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Overall attendance (School target 96%):

Highest attendance: Maigold and Camelot (99%)

Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Elsie P
Maigold: Ophelia
Discovery: Jake
Camelot: Jason
Blenheim: Arya

Lunchtime stars

Maigold: Esmae
Discovery: Harley
Camelot: George
Blenheim: Ruth

House Captains

Blackdown: Daisy and Henry

Mendip: Arya and Freddie

Polden: Darcey and David

Quantock: Anna and Darcy

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Message from Saints Southwest

My name is Drew and I am the county development officer for Saints Southwest in Somerset. We still have spaces in our two community sessions in Langport and I was hoping you could post the below information in your weekly newsletter or send via email to all parents for me. I have also included a poster to send with the below information. Please let me know and also feel free to share my email if they have any questions.



TAUNTON MINI SAINTS

Ages 4-6

Huish Leisure 3G, Langport

17:00-18:00

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/saints-southwest-huish-leisure-mini-soccer-saints-langport-ccl1fc3b-b7c7-4599-ac47-f9d521a91754>

Mini Saints offers a fun and energetic environment for 4-6 year-olds to develop essential ball skills and a love for the game. Sessions are tailored to their stage of development, combining imaginative games with skill-building activities. Children learn teamwork, listening skills, and resilience, all while having fun. Every session is delivered by our quality-assured coaching team, ensuring safe, engaging, and age-appropriate learning for every child.

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TAUNTON SOCCER CENTRE

Ages 7-11

Huish Leisure 3G, Langport

18:00-19:00

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/saints-southwest-huish-leisure-soccer-centre-langport-9e952824-67aa-49c7-bf5c-9623498422d9>

Soccer Centre sessions are perfect for 7-11 year-olds who want to sharpen their football skills, grow their game awareness, and play with creativity. Our structured programmes balance technical drills with fun match play, helping children develop confidence on and off the ball. We make sure activities are suited to different ability levels, with all coaching delivered under Saints Southwest's quality assurance process to guarantee safe, professional, and enjoyable sessions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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