



## Weekly Update: 19th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>Thursday 25th September 7pm</b>	PTA meeting at Firehouse- Open to all
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Local Schools' KS1 Fun Run 4pm @ Long Sutton
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Local Schools' Cross Country 4pm Years 3-6 @ Long Sutton
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Huish Episcopi Academy Open Evening 5-7pm
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Democracy Day (Children voting at Polling station for School Councillors)
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Flu vaccinations
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Huish Episcopi Academy Open Morning 9-10.30am
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9.00-10.30am</b>	Open Morning for prospective new families
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9.15am</b>	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Huish Episcopi Academy Open Morning 9-10.30am
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-3.15pm</b>	Coffee & Biscuits with Mrs Davies-Evans- Phonics & Reading Focus for Reception Parents/Carers
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Tempest - Individual Photos
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Huish Episcopi Academy Open Morning 9-10.30am
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Free Online safety session for parents/carers at H1 in Huish Sixth form starting at 6pm.
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evenings
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Huish Episcopi Academy Open Morning 9-10.30am
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Half term holiday
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November- Odd Socks Day)
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-10.30am</b>	Open Morning for prospective new families
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Stand Against Violence workshop for Year 6
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December 1pm</b>	Panto - Sleeping Beauty (Gifted by the PTA)
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Evening Nativity performance to parents
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>	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 4<sup>th</sup> September- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- HALF TERM BREAK: 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**
- Autumn Term (Second Half): Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- INSET Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Spring Term (First half): Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- INSET Day: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- HALF TERM BREAK: 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- Spring Term (Second half): Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026
- EASTER BREAK: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**
- Summer Term (First half): Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

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- **HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**
- INSET Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026
- Summer Term (Second half): Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

## **Our School Vision and Values**

Our vision and values underpin everything we do as a school:

### **‘Healthy trees bearing good fruit’ – From Matthew’s Gospel chapter 7 vs. 17**

At Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School we nurture our children to flourish and grow. We have chosen a tree to symbolise our vision and values. The tree represents our school community, the fruit our children living out our core values, all rooted in Jesus’ teachings.

Building on these core ‘5-a-day’ Christian values of forgiveness, kindness, respect, thankfulness and perseverance we care for each other and our world. We develop resilience, confidence, creativity and independence through our innovative and diverse curriculum, inspiring and motivating everyone to thrive.

Our core Christian values underpin our school, providing the best possible environment for these fruit to grow and ripen within our children and whole community.

## **Collective Worship Theme: Do Justice**

This term, our collective worship theme is “Do Justice,” inspired by the powerful words from Micah 6:8: “What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” Through stories, reflection, and prayer, we are encouraging children to think deeply about fairness, compassion, and standing up for what is right- both in our school and the wider world. By exploring justice, we are helping pupils understand how their actions can make a positive difference, fostering a sense of moral responsibility and courageous advocacy.

Our school makes a positive difference to our community through our Harvest Festival Service on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.15am- you are all welcome to St Andrew’s church for this service focussed on thankfulness. We encourage the children to bring dried/tinned food to donate to the Curry Rivel and Drayton foodbank.

## **Clubs**

This term, we are pleased to offer a range of exciting clubs for our pupils, including some led by external providers. We understand this is a change from previous terms, and we appreciate your support as we explore new opportunities for enrichment. We’re delighted that our Forest School Club continues to be run by our experienced Forest School Leader, Ali Moore, offering children valuable outdoor learning experiences. Please note that uptake for the netball and football clubs is low at the moment and might result in these clubs not going ahead. Looking ahead, our teaching staff will be offering clubs again during the spring and summer terms, and we’re already planning a varied and engaging programme. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Spellings Years 3-6**

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we will be sending home a weekly 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!

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

### Childhood Illness

For NHS-recommended advice on common childhood illnesses and guidance on when your child should stay off school, visit [Patient.info](https://patient.info).

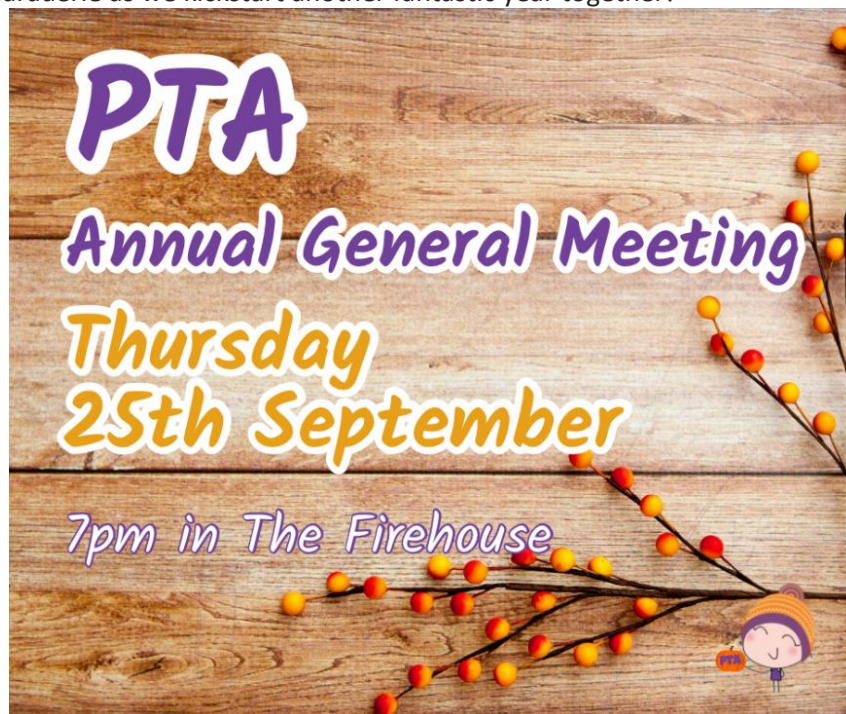
### Primary Futures (Careers Education)

As part of our curriculum, our pupils learn about a range of jobs and careers. If you are interested in sharing your passion for your job, please contact the school office as would love to invite you into talk to classes about what your job entails, and how you got there.

### PTA Update

#### AGM

Our first gathering of the year is right around the corner, and you won't want to miss it! Join us on 25th September for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at The Firehouse at 7pm where fun and engagement are on the agenda. We promise this won't be your typical AGM – think more along the lines of a fun evening filled with discussions, ideas, and opportunities to connect with fellow parents and our dedicated PTA team. Get ready for an evening of collaboration and camaraderie as we kickstart another fantastic year together!



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## Open Days



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bearing good fruit'  
-Matthew 7 vs.17





# OPEN DAYS

## FOR NEW STARTERS

*Come and see why our  
School is the perfect place  
for your child to learn,  
grow, and succeed!*

**1<sup>st</sup> October and 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9am - 10.30am**

# Open Evening

## 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### 5pm to 7pm

For prospective students to visit departmental areas.

We also have scheduled Open Mornings.

To book your place, contact [office@hea.ac.uk](mailto:office@hea.ac.uk)

30<sup>th</sup> September | 7<sup>th</sup> October | 14<sup>th</sup> October | 21<sup>st</sup> October

9am to 10:30am



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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	3
Maigold	1	0
Discovery	1	3
Camelot	2	2
Blenheim	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>

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 this week (School target 96%):

Highest attendance: Maigold (99.3%)

Most improved: Maigold

## Celebration

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

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Christopher  
Maigold: Asher  
Discovery: Sonny  
Camelot: Emily  
Blenheim: Ellie-Mai

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Barnaby

**Headteacher Value award:** Oscar Harbert-Stone (Kindness)


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# STREET BEATS

**JOIN THE RHYTHM REVOLUTION!**  
**A YOUTH DRUMMING PROJECT IN BRIDGWATER**  
 A group for anyone under 18 - from experienced drummers to complete beginners!



Wednesdays: Sept 24 | Oct 8, 22 | Nov 5, 19 | Dec 3  
 5pm - 6:30pm  
 Rollercoaster, Parkway, Bridgwater, TA6 4RL,

To book contact Tim at [tim@thesoundofthestreets.com](mailto:tim@thesoundofthestreets.com) or come along to the first session.  
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## Somerton Honey Show

Sat 20th Sep 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Keinton Mandeville Village Hall, Chistles Ln, Keinton Mandeville, Somerton TA11 6ES, UK



Not just the largest Honey Show in the South West, but also a fun day out for the family with an artisan market, cakes and refreshments too.

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Have a wonderful weekend.

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