



## Weekly Update: 26th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<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>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Camelot Sharing Morning
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Wessex Water Primary Futures Workshops KS2
<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>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Non-Uniform Day- Mix it up day!
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Half term holiday
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Discovery Sharing Morning
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am</b>	SENDCo & PFSA Coffee Morning
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2.15am</b>	Pippin Sharing <b>Afternoon</b>
<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>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Disco (Details to follow)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Stand Against Violence workshop for Year 6
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1pm</b>	Panto - Sleeping Beauty (Gifted by the PTA)
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Maigold Sharing Morning
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols on the Green (Details to follow)
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Blenheim Sharing Morning
<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>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Raffle draw
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term; PTA Kids' raffle

### 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**

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- Summer Term (First half): Monday 20th April- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- **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

### Sharing Mornings

You will notice that we have planned dates for the class sharing mornings- this is where you are able to come into the hall after drop-off and enjoy a cup of tea and coffee (Supplied by the PTA)- this is a good chance to catch up with other parents/carers. The class will then join you and there will be a presentation by the teacher, with a chance for your child to share their learning and work with you. Usually, the session lasts for about an hour. Please note that Pippin class are running a 'Sharing Afternoon'.

### Harvest Festival

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to help children and young people to think about how food reaches their plates and to say thank you for all they have received, as well as giving to those in need. Our harvest festival service will take place on Thursday 2nd October at St Andrew's Church, at 9.15am. Parents/carers will be welcome to join us- there may be standing room only if this is a popular event. We will be demonstrating 'courageous advocacy' by supporting the important work of the Curry Rivel Foodbank, and ask that children bring dried foodstuffs (tins or packets) to the Harvest service. The PTA will also be serving tea and coffee.

### Well-being Ambassadors- Message from Mrs Monk, SENDCo

We are excited to share that we will soon be launching a Wellbeing Ambassadors' Programme at school, aimed at promoting kindness, inclusion, and emotional support across our school community.

This initiative will give selected pupils in Years 5 and 6 the opportunity to take on a leadership role in supporting the wellbeing of their peers. As Wellbeing Ambassadors, children will:

- Act as Playground Champions, helping to create a positive and friendly environment during break times
- Support classmates and younger pupils who may need a listening ear or a helping hand
- Help implement a buddy system to ensure no child feels left out or alone

The children have been informed of this new initiative during assembly this week. Application forms can be sent home with those who would like to apply for pupils in Years 5 and 6 and the closing date for applications will be Thursday 2nd October. We look forward to seeing our pupils take on this important role and help make our school an even more caring and supportive place for everyone.

### PFSA (Parent Family Support) and SENDCo Cafes: Message from Charlotte Monk, SENDCo

We will continue with our termly SEND / PFSA cafes this year, with the first scheduled in for Thursday 6th November at 9.00am. I am really pleased to confirm that we will continue to have reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum attending our cafes this year as part of our PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) programme that we are fortunate enough to be taking part in. They are an extremely knowledgeable and friendly parent-led organisation, who are there to listen and share the same common interests as the rest of us: improve outcomes for all children. We look forward to seeing you there - biscuits and a cuppa provided!

### Chrome Books

Thank you to the PTA who have gifted 20 Chromebooks for our older classes to ensure each child can access this technology to enhance their learning.

### Parents' Evenings

You are warmly invited to your child's parents' evening. We are pleased that these meetings will be 'face to face' and 'in person'. Parents' evenings will be held on **Monday 20th October** and **Thursday 23rd October**. The timing of the meeting is 10 minutes, and teachers will be providing you with some feedback on your child's start to the new school year and progress. The teacher will also answer any questions you may have and you will have a chance to look at your child's work. Please be aware that the length of

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the meeting will be rigidly adhered to and if, in the meantime or after the meeting, you wish to discuss any issues or concerns please remember that your child's class teacher will be pleased to make an appointment to see you to discuss the matters further.

We will send you a link via email which should make booking really easy. If it is impossible for you to attend on one of these evenings, please see your child's class teacher to make an alternative arrangement. For some families, where parents are separated, we hope you can attend these meetings together – please contact the school office if an additional appointment is needed. During the parents' evening, the school's parent teacher association (PTA) will be providing refreshments and pre-loved uniform in the hall where you can also view your child's books. The PTA will also be selling books from the Book Fair. The school SENDCo, Mrs Monk, will be in attendance and we hope to have the Parish Council present. School Governors also hope to be there. You can book your appointment via a link, which will be shared with you next week.

### Clubs Update

Additional clubs on offer:

Tuesdays: Year 1 and 2 Multi skills, with Mr Snow

Fridays: Years 3-6 Girls' football, with Mr Snow

These will start week beginning the 13 October and are £5 for 6 sessions- you can book through school money.

Also, our Christmas Choir 'The Mistletones' will be starting soon:



### Flu Vaccinations

We have flu vaccinations in school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Deadline for consent forms to be completed is 12pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### Toys and Fidget Toys

We would like to remind you of our school policy regarding toys and fidget toys:

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- Children should not bring toys/collectables etc from home to school.  
This helps us avoid lost or broken items, prevents distractions in class, and ensures a safe and focused learning environment for everyone.
- No fidget toys from home are allowed.  
We understand that some children benefit from fidget toys to help them concentrate. In these cases, the school will provide specific fidget toys as part of an agreed support plan. If you see your child's classmates using a school-provided fidget toy, please know this is part of their individual learning support.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us create a calm and inclusive environment for all our pupils. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

### **Sports Update from Mr Bridgeman**

The sporting calendar has kicked off at Curry Rivel for another year in spectacular fashion!

First, we had the Key Stage 1 Fun Run on Monday after school, where 8 fantastic young athletes represented the school for the very first time, including some of our Reception children at just 4 years old! The future of our Cross-Country team is in safe hands! This was followed by the first Key Stage 2 Cross-Country event of the year on Tuesday, where over 20 runners from Years 3-6 laced up their running shoes, donned their purple tops and headed to Long Sutton to give their all for our school! We were so proud of the resilience and determination shown by all, as well as the incredible support the children gave to each other. A great week of sport; we are looking forward to the rest of the year!

### **Breaktime Snacks**

Fresh fruit and vegetables are the snack choice for breaktimes at school. This decision has been made to support healthy eating habits and also to help reduce the risk of allergic reactions amongst some of our pupils who have food allergies. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us create a safe and healthy environment for all children.

### **Message from Parish Council**

Curry Rivel Parish Council recently had a tree surgeon inspect some trees around the village. He noted that some of the branches on the little oak tree on the Green are cracked, and so aren't safe to climb on. I know that children love to climb it, though! Would you be able to pass on the warning that it isn't safe to climb on, please.



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## Open Days

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'Healthy trees bearing good fruit'  
- Matthew 7 vs 17

Ofsted  
Good School

# 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**

## 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	3	2
Maigold	0	2
Discovery	3	5
Camelot	2	2
Blenheim	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</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%): 95.8%**

Highest attendance: Maigold 98.5%

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Most improved: Camelot

### **Celebration**

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

#### **Class Cup Awards**

Pippin: Athena  
Maigold: Elsie B  
Discovery: Mabel  
Camelot: Maisey  
Blenheim: David

#### **Lunchtime stars**

Pippin: Arianna  
Maigold: Rosie  
Discovery: Ethan  
Camelot: Oscar & Ethan  
Blenheim: Maxwell

**Headteacher Value award:** Rose and Darcy J (Blenheim)

#### **Sports Captains:**

Blackdown: Daisy and Evie  
Mendip: Dylan and Rose  
Polden: Oscar and Darcy  
Quantock: Ellie-Mai and Lily H

Have a wonderful weekend.

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