



## Weekly Update: 10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

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| <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>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>                        | Book Fair after school (At back)   |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | Book Fair after school (At front)  |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | Wessex Water Primary Futures Workshops KS2   |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | <b>NEW DATE: Mix it up Monday (PTA Non-uniform day)</b>                                  |
| <b>Monday 20th &amp; Thursday 23rd October</b>                  | Parents' Evenings  |
| <b>Tuesday 21st 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>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>                        | Discovery Sharing Morning  |
| <b>Thursday 6th November 9.00am</b>                             | SENDCo & PFSA Coffee Morning   |
| <b>Thursday 6th November 2.15am</b>                             | Pippin Sharing <b>Afternoon</b>  |
| <b>Monday 10th - Friday 14th 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 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>                        | PTA Meeting @ The Firehouse 7pm  |
| <b>Thursday 4th 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>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>                          | SATs Information Evening   |
| <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 16th December</b>                                    | Evening Nativity performance to parents  |
| <b>Wednesday 17th December</b>                                  | Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day  |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>                        | Christingle making in school   |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>                   | Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term; PTA Class 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 5th January 2026
- Spring Term (First half): Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- INSET Day: Friday 13th 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

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- **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
- **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

## Personal Devices

We realise that mobile phones have become an important part of everyday life for many children and that they can be a method of keeping them safe and secure. However, we also recognise that they can prove to be a distraction in school and can be a means of bullying or intimidating others.

Therefore:

- Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones or any other devices at school.
- If, in the rare event of a pupil bringing in a mobile phone for issues of personal safety, it must be handed into the school/nursery office immediately and collected at the end of the school. Parents must complete a mobile phone form beforehand to request permission- this is for Year 5 and 6 pupils only. (Please see the school office for the forms).

## Online Safety

Children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.

### 4-7 Year Olds

*Jessie & Friends* is a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. There's also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going. Find out more here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

### 8-11 Year olds

*Play Like Share* follows the adventures of Alfie, Ellie and Sam as they form a band and enter their school's Battle of the Bands contest, taking on the mean but 'cool' Popcorn Wizards as they go. The three friends learn that while the internet can help, they need to use it wisely and safely.

The aim of the films is to help children learn how to stay safe online. In particular, the films teach them to spot the early signs of manipulative, pressurising and threatening behaviour by people they might meet online, and develops their confidence to respond safely and get help.

Find out more here: <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/>

## Message for Pippin Families

Please can we ask that siblings/older children do not come back into Pippin playground and play after collection as some are coming back in playing on bikes and on the bridge. This makes it hard to see everyone go and is not safe. Thank you for your support.

## Parents' Evenings- Not too late to book!

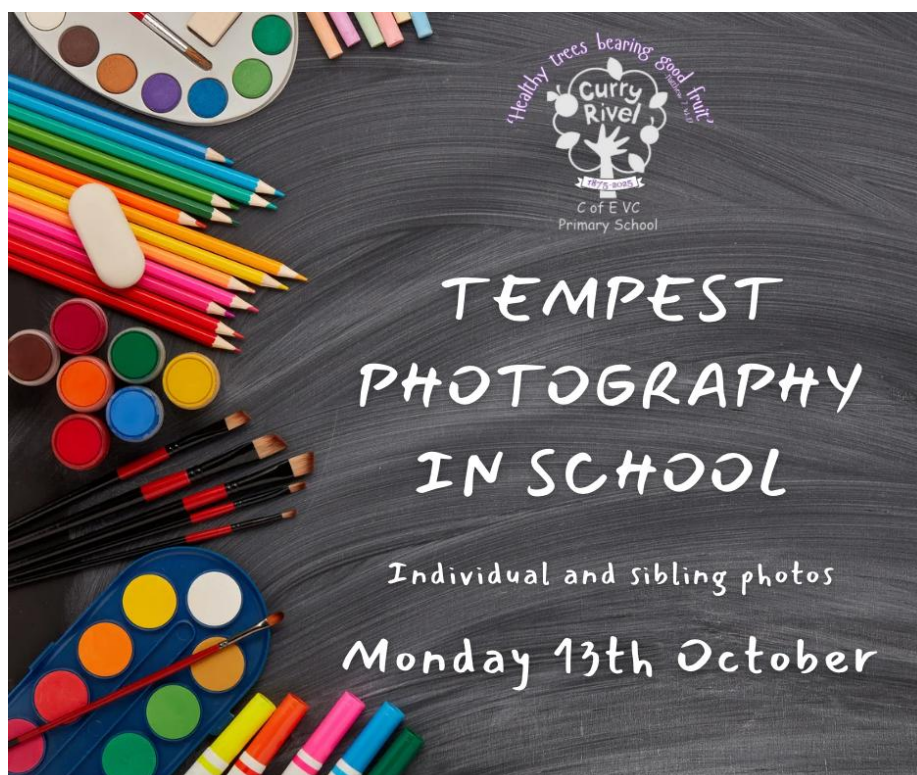
You are warmly invited to your child's parents' evening. We are pleased that these meetings will be 'face to face' and 'in person'. Parents' evenings will be held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. The timing of the meeting is 10 minutes, and teachers will 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 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.

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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. Please contact the school office to book a slot.



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### Message from the PTA

#### Book Fair – Grab a Read (and maybe a cake!)

Our much-loved Book Fair is back! You'll find it open at pick-up time on Wednesday 15th October at the back gate and again on Friday 17th October at the front gate this time with cakes too. If you would like to donate cakes please drop them into the office in the morning of the 17th. The fair will also be open during both Parents' Evenings, giving everyone a chance to browse, buy, and support the school while encouraging our children's love of reading. Even better – every book bought earns us rewards to spend on more books for the school. So every purchase helps grow our library!

**AUTUMN TERM BOOK FAIR**

Children will be able to view the books in school

- Wednesday 15th 3.15pm  
Back playground
- Friday 17th 3.15pm  
Front playground  
with cake sale
- Monday 20th 3.30pm  
Hall
- Thursday 23rd 3.30pm  
Hall

If wet the fair will take place in school.

Purchases will lead to rewards for the school to spend on books

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## Scarecrow Competition – Get Creative!

It's time to get crafty with our Scarecrow Competition! For just £1 entry, you can design either a 3D model (no bigger than 30cm) or a 2D image. Templates and an information sheet will be coming home next week to help get you started.

Bring your finished creations back by 17th October, as voting will take place during Parents' Evenings. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on 24th October. We can't wait to see your spooky, funny, and creative scarecrows!



## Mix It Up Day – 20th October (Change of date)

On the last day of term, we'll be holding a fun "Mix It Up Day"! Children can ditch their uniforms and wear their silliest, most mismatched outfits. Each "mix up" is 50p, so how many can you try? Odd socks, back-to-front tops, wild colours the more the merrier!



## 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                         | 4                         |
| Maigold      | 2                         | 1                         |
| Discovery    | 1                         | 3                         |
| Camelot      | 3                         | 2                         |
| Blenheim     | 3                         | 1                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>12</b>                 | <b>11</b>                 |

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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%): 96%**

Highest attendance: Maigold (98.9%)

Most improved: Discovery

### Celebration

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

#### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Marley  
Maigold: Lola  
Discovery: Louis  
Camelot: Finley  
Blenheim: Millie

#### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Elliot  
Maigold: Ellis  
Discovery: Phoebe  
Camelot: Trixie  
Blenheim: Lizzie

**Headteacher Value award:** Lizzie (Blenheim) and Rohan (Pippin)



It's

on Saturday 11th October

**3.30-5.30pm in The Old School Room, Curry Rivel (behind the church)**

Very informal, includes lots of activities, a Christian message, and food!

Contacts Helen 07880706517 or Dawn 07764308825



Messy Church Curry Rivel

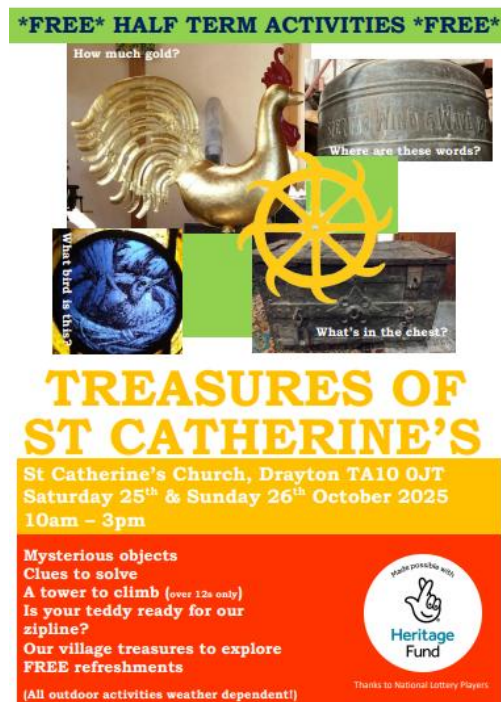
**For families and all ages, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

*Messy church is free - donations are welcomed.*

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Have a wonderful weekend.

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