



Weekly Update: 25th April 2025

Dates for your diary

Saturday 26th April 8am-1pm	Volunteer Morning at School- Exchange of time for cake!
Mon 28 Apr 17:30, 18:15, 19:00	New Parents' Information Evening at Huish Academy (Year 6s)
Thursday 1st May 7pm	PTA Meeting. All welcome (Please let the PTA know if you are attending)
W/B 12th May	Year 6 SATs Assessments
Friday 16th May	PTA Colour Run
Thursday 22nd May 2.30-3.15pm	Escape Line Parents/Carer Workshop at school- let the office know if you are attending
Friday 23rd May	Crazy Hair Non-Uniform PTA Fundraiser
5th/6th June	Year 6 Bikeability (Second Group)
10th June	Quidditch Event Day Experience (Gifted by the PTA)
2nd-13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
9th- 13th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 10th June 6pm	New Curry Rivel Reception Parents' Information Evening
Wednesday 11th June	Tempest Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers
Thursday 12th June	Discovery Class Trip to Vivary Park
Friday 13th June	PTA Father's Day pop up shop
Thursday 18th June 2pm	PFSA/SENCO Cafe
14th -21st June	Water Safety Week (Including Safety Assemblies led by Lifestyle Fitness)
19th June	Active Travel Day- Walking to School day- Details to follow
Friday 20th June	PTA Festival Disco
Monday 23rd June	Public Speaking Day including Competition- Active Travel Focus
24th-27th June	Year 6 Residential
w/b 30th June	Assessment Week
Tuesday 2nd July	New Classes and Transition Day
Monday 7th July 4pm	CLP Public Speaking Competition at Huish Academy
Tuesday 8th July	Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 11th July)
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Friday 19th July	Service of Celebration & Exhibition '150 Years of Curry Rivel School'
Saturday 19th July 12-3pm	Village Fete
Monday 21st July 6pm	Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out
Tuesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service with parents/carers (am) and Tea Party (pm)
Wednesday 23rd July	Last day of term: Final Awards Assembly
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET Day- training day for staff

Headteacher:
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Wednesday 3rd September

INSET Day- training day for staff

Thursday 4th September

First day of Autumn term

Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- EASTER BREAK: Monday 7th April- Monday 21st April
- Summer Term (First half): Tuesday 22nd April- Friday 23rd May
- HALF TERM BREAK: Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May
- Summer Term (Second half): Monday 2nd June- Wednesday 23rd July

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the exciting learning adventures ahead. This term, we have planned a variety of engaging activities and events for all classes to enrich the children's educational experience. Today, your child will receive their termly class newsletters and Knowledge Organisers, which are excellent starting points for discussions about their learning journey. Please remember that children are expected to read five times a week, and we are thrilled to announce that Pooky's Café will be open before half-term to celebrate those pupils who read regularly. Let's make this term a fantastic one!

Worship in Our School

At our Church of England school, worship is a vital part of our community, offering all children, regardless of their beliefs, a chance to reflect, find peace, and explore life's big questions. This term, we are delving into holy books, focusing on the big story of the Bible. Additionally, we are excited to welcome St. Andrew's Church for their monthly 'Open the Book' presentations. 'Open the Book' is a project where a team of volunteers from local churches brings Bible stories to life through engaging and interactive assemblies. Each presentation lasts about 10-15 minutes and includes storytelling, drama, and sometimes songs or hymns that the children can join in with. This initiative helps children understand and appreciate these timeless narratives in a fun and memorable way.

Thank You for Your Generosity

We are delighted to announce that our Easter service raised an impressive £83 through your generous donations. This amount will be donated to the School in a Bag charity, which provides school supplies to disadvantaged children around the world. Each school bag is filled with essential educational resources, giving children the tools they need to learn and thrive. Your contributions will help transform lives through education, offering hope and a brighter future to those in need.

Best Wishes to Miss Kilner

We would like to extend our congratulations to Miss Kilner as she goes on maternity leave to welcome her second child. We wish her (and her husband) all the best during this special time and look forward to her return. Enjoy this precious time with your growing family!

150 Years of Curry Rivel School

There is evidence that a school was formed in Curry Rivel in the second half of the 18th Century linked to the National Sunday Schools' Movement. In 1819 the Rev. Henry Alford offered a room at The Limes, for a small fee, and local parishioners financially supported it, with 95 pupils on the roll. By 1828 the Church provided land for the increasing number of children and a building was provided: this is what we now know as the Old School Room. By 1870 it was decided to build a new school as numbers were over 100, and in 1874 a Church School, able to accommodate 150 children, was built on the site of the present school. Curry Rivel Parochial

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School became a Church School and is now Curry Rivel Church of England VC Primary School and Little Pips Nursery (With The Nest Baby Room). The numbers on roll have varied over the years from 100 to over 200, with evacuees from London increasing the numbers during the 1939-45 war. Today, school and nursery admits the children from 0 to 11 years of age and presently has 140 pupils on roll in 6 classes, with over 40 children in the nursery. This year marks a momentous occasion for our village as Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School celebrates 150 years of educating local children. Since its founding in 1874, the school has been at the heart of the community, shaping generations with its dedication to learning, personal growth, and strong Christian values. Curry Rivel Primary School began as a small village school, offering basic education to local children at a time when schooling was not yet compulsory. Over the decades, the school has grown, evolved, and modernized while staying true to its core values of kindness, respect, and ambition. Throughout the years, countless pupils have walked through its doors, some of whom have gone on to achieve remarkable things in a wide range of fields. Many former students have returned as parents, teachers, or community supporters, continuing the school's legacy of lifelong connection and contribution.

While Curry Rivel Primary School is proud of its history, it is also looking to the future. With modern classrooms, an inspiring curriculum, and a focus on sustainability and innovation, the school is committed to preparing today's children for the world of tomorrow. As we celebrate 150 years of education, friendship, and community spirit, we invite everyone, past and present pupils, parents, staff, and villagers, to join in the celebrations and be part of this historic moment. Here's to another 150 years of success for Curry Rivel Church of England Primary School and Little Pips Nursery! Plans so far:

- Friday 19th July: Service of Celebration & Exhibition/Cream Tea (Hopefully with the Bishop!)
- Saturday 19th July 12-3pm: Village Fete with school/nursery open day showcasing exhibition

Working Party- If you are interested in this and/or Local History (Or know someone who is) and can volunteer a few hours to help us prepare for this event, please let me know asap, as a working party is being set up.

Message from the PTA

Colour Run!

Get ready for an explosion of colour at our exciting Colour Run on Friday 16th May, starting at 4:15pm in Westfield, Curry Rivel! This family-friendly event promises fun for all ages, with participants dashing through clouds of vibrant colour while supporting a great cause. Early bird tickets are just £6, rising to £8 on the gate, and include colourful sunglasses, a delicious milkshake, a shiny medal, a warm-up led by Mr B, and entry to the full colour-filled course. Adults can join in the fun for just £2, but must bring their own sunglasses. Don't forget to wear white so the colours really pop and you can become a walking work of art! This year's Colour Run is going to be bigger and better than ever with exciting obstacles included! Whether you take on the full course or sneak around a few challenges, you're guaranteed to be absolutely covered in colour!

The BBQ will be open from 3:45pm, serving up tasty treats, and there'll be a pocket money stall and tuck shop for all your snack and souvenir needs.

This event is open to everyone, so bring your friends and family so even if they're from other schools! And if you're feeling up for a challenge, try to beat the current record of 22 laps around the track. Mr B has agreed to keep running until the last person stops! Can you outlast him?

It's going to be a colourful, energetic, and unforgettable afternoon!

Get your tickets now at www.crpta.co.uk/shop and don't miss out!

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PTA Meeting

We'd love to invite all parents and carers to our next PTA meeting on Wednesday 1st May at 7:00pm, where we'll be chatting about some of our exciting upcoming events including the Colour Run, Festival Disco, sports day and the Village Fete. It's a great chance to get involved, share ideas, and help us make these events the best they can be for our school community. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, we'd be thrilled to see you there! Please let us know if you can come by emailing curryrivelppta@outlook.com.



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Volunteers Needed for Our School Grounds Clean-Up!

As the warmer months approach, we want to ensure our school grounds are looking their best for summer! We are calling on parents, carers, and members of our school community to lend a hand at our Grounds Clean-Up Day on Saturday 26th April, from 8:00 AM to 12: noon. There are plenty of ways to help, whether it's weeding, tidying, planting, or general maintenance. No special skills are required just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in! If you can spare some time, please contact the school office to let us know. If possible, please bring your own tools (gloves, trowels, rakes, etc.) to help with the work. Children are welcome to join in but must remain under parental supervision. Plus, as a well-earned reward, Mrs. Pook's famous lemon drizzle cake will be provided! Let's work together to create a beautiful space for our students to enjoy!

Tuning into Teens/Kids: Message from the Parent Family Support Adviser

The dates for the next course are Wednesday 4th June- Wednesday 9th July 9.30-11.30am. We will be holding this round at Long Sutton Primary school. To book your place, please see Ali Pook, Head Teacher or email me directly on my email vgould@longsuttonprimary.co.uk.

Celebration

Our next Celebration Worship in on Friday 2nd May.

Take care,

Ali Pook, Head Teacher

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