



Weekly Update: 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

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
Friday 14th November	PTA Disco (Details to follow)
Tuesday 18th November	Stand Against Violence workshop for Year 6
Thursday 20th November	PTA Meeting @ The Firehouse 7pm
Thursday 4th December 1pm	Panto - Sleeping Beauty (Gifted by the PTA)
Friday 5th December	Maigold Sharing Morning
Monday 8th December	Carols on the Green (Details to follow)
Tuesday 9th December	SATs Information Evening for Year 6 Parents/Carers
Thursday 11th December	Blenheim Sharing Morning
Monday 15th December	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Tuesday 16th December	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18th December	Christingle making in school
Friday 19th December 9.15am	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 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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Headship News: Message from the Chair of Governors

It gives me great pleasure to write to you to inform you that after a demanding and rigorous recruitment process the Governors have appointed Mrs. Angela Sullivan to the position of Headteacher of Curry Rivel CofE (VC) Primary School and Little Pips Nursery and The Nest.

The process was led by the Governors and involved staff and pupils as well as representatives from Somerset Local Authority and the Diocese of Bath and Wells and we were delighted that the position generated a lot of interest and a strong field.

Mrs. Sullivan is currently Assistant Headteacher at Heathcoat School in Tiverton and will bring to our school extensive experience in Primary education as a teacher and a school leader. She is very much looking forward to joining the school in January and getting to know everyone.

As part of the handover process Mrs. Sullivan will be visiting the school to meet with Mrs. Pook and members of the leadership team to get to know the school over the next few weeks.

I am sure you will join with me in welcoming Mrs. Sullivan to Curry Rivel. I know she will continue the excellent work established by Mrs. Pook and ensure that we continue to provide an excellent education and a happy and safe learning environment for all children in our school and nursery.

SIAMs

We have been informed by SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) that we have our Church School inspection on Thursday 13th November.

What Is a SIAMS Inspection?

SIAMS stands for **Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools**.

It's a special inspection that looks at how well a Church school shows and lives out its **Christian values and vision**.

What Does SIAMS Look At?

Unlike Ofsted, which focuses on academic standards, SIAMS looks at:

1. **Christian Vision**
How the school's Christian values guide everything it does — from teaching to relationships.
2. **Worship**
The role of collective worship in school life and how it helps children reflect and grow spiritually.
3. **Religious Education (RE)**
How RE helps children understand Christianity and other world faiths.
4. **Spiritual and Moral Development**
How the school helps children explore meaning, purpose, and values in life.
5. **Leadership**
How school leaders make sure the Christian vision is central to decisions and school culture.

Why Is This Important for Parents?

- It shows how the school supports your child's **spiritual, moral, and emotional development**.
- It celebrates the school's commitment to being a **loving, inclusive, and values-driven community**.
- It helps ensure the school stays true to its **Church foundation** while welcoming everyone.

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Baby News

Congratulations to Miss Carnie and her partner who welcomed their baby boy 'Brodie' into the world in September and also to Mr Bridgeman and his wife who have baby 'Hallie' who was born this week- such wonderful news and we all wish them well.

Place to Be is back

From next week, Mrs Ainsworth will be running Place2Be which is our lunchtime mental health provision for pupils who may seek some additional support. The children know that can speak to any adult at any time, and where necessary children may be referred to Place2Be where they can chat, colour or just have quiet time.

Anti-Bullying Week 2025: "The Power of Good"

From Monday 10th to Friday 14th November, our school will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, celebrating the theme "*The Power of Good*." This week is all about recognising how small acts of kindness and standing up for others can make a big difference. We'll kick off the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November**, where children (and staff!) are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Throughout the week, we'll be engaging in activities and discussions that promote respect, inclusion, and the importance of speaking out against bullying.



Message from the PTA

Book Fair Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair, it was a fantastic success! Together, we raised an impressive £457 in rewards for the school, which will be used to purchase new books for our classrooms, nursery and library. We're thrilled to be able to add even more exciting titles for our children to enjoy. Our next Book Fair will take place in the spring, and we look forward to seeing you there!



School Disco – Tickets Still Available!

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Don't miss out on our school disco next Friday, 14th! Tickets are still on sale, so be sure to get your orders in as soon as possible. Please note that ticket prices will increase to £6.50 on the day of the disco, so we encourage you to book early to save and secure your place. It's set to be a fantastic evening of fun, music and dancing.



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	3	1
Discovery	3	4
Camelot	1	2
Blenheim	1	3
TOTAL	11	14

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%): 95.5%

Highest attendance: Maigold 98.8%

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Millie
Maigold: Kirree
Discovery: Sonny
Camelot: Lily T
Blenheim: Lily T

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Erin
Maigold: Max
Camelot: Lily T
Blenheim: Daisy

50 Merit (Dojos) awards:

Camelot: Archie A, Archie T, Luca, Ailsa, Izabelle, Trixie, Azalea, Ella, Emily, Rosie, Alec, Noah, Ethan, Maisey, George, Oscar, Oliver, Bella, Dot, Elly-May, Finley, Lily T, Henry, Elliot

Headteacher Value awards: Jason & Archie T (Camelot); Thomas T & Willow (Discovery); Lilly S & Lexi (Blenheim)



It's on Saturday 8th November

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.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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