



Weekly Update: 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th October

Thursday 9th October 2.30-3.15pm

Monday 13th October

Tuesday 14th October

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Wednesday 15th October

Wednesday 15th October

Wednesday 17th October

Monday 20th October

Monday 20th & Thursday 23rd October

Tuesday 21st October

Friday 24th October

Monday 27th October – 31st October

Wednesday 5th November

Thursday 6th November 9.00am

Thursday 6th November 2.15am

Monday 10th - Friday 14th November

Thursday 13th November 9.00-10.30am

Friday 14th November

Tuesday 18th November

Thursday 20th November

Thursday 4th December 1pm

Friday 5th December

Monday 8th December

Tuesday 9th December

Thursday 11th December

Monday 15th December

Tuesday 16th December

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December 9.15am

Huish Episcopi Academy Open Morning 9-10.30am

Coffee & Biscuits with Mrs Davies-Evans- Phonics & Reading Focus for Reception Parents/Carers

Tempest - Individual Photos

Huish Episcopi Academy Open Morning 9-10.30am

Free Online safety session for parents/carers at H1 in Huish Sixth form starting at 6pm.

Camelot Sharing Morning

Book Fair after school (At back)

Book Fair after school (At front)

Wessex Water Primary Futures Workshops KS2

Parents' Evenings

Huish Episcopi Academy Open Morning 9-10.30am

Non-Uniform Day- Mix it up day!

Half term holiday

Discovery Sharing Morning

SENDCo & PFSA Coffee Morning

Pippin Sharing **Afternoon**

Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 10th November- Odd Socks Day)

Open Morning for prospective new families

PTA Disco (Details to follow)

Stand Against Violence workshop for Year 6

PTA Meeting @ The Firehouse 7pm

Panto - Sleeping Beauty (Gifted by the PTA)

Maigold Sharing Morning

Carols on the Green (Details to follow)

SATs Information Evening

Blenheim Sharing Morning

Afternoon Nativity performance to parents

Evening Nativity performance to parents

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Christingle making in school

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

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- 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

Harvest

One of our 5-a-day values is 'thankfulness'. Yesterday, we demonstrated this core value by gathering together in St Andrew's church with Anne Geach (Lay Reader) and parents/carers. It was a joyous Harvest service- the children sang beautifully and our readers did an amazing job. The Curry Rivel Foodbank were so overwhelmed by your generosity- they pass on a big thank you to you all.

School Council

46 children ran as candidates in the school council elections last week! The full results from the 'Democracy Day' are as follows:

Pippin: Elsie R
 Maigold: Charlie
 Discovery: Willow
 Camelot: Izabelle
 Blenheim: Ellie-Mai

The new School Council will be meeting next week, led by Mrs Davies who will be setting them their first task of the year.

School Development Plan

We always want the best for our children and we are always striving to improve. The Governing Board of the school works with the school leadership to develop the priorities for the year ahead. This year, our priorities are:

Priority 1: Enhance School and Nursery Sustainability and Growth

Priority 2: Raising Outcomes for All

Priority 3: Enhance outcomes for vulnerable pupils

Priority 4: Enhance Ethos and Values

To find out more, please find our detailed SDP on our school website.

Data Sheets

Data Collection Sheets and Permission/Consent forms are being sent home today for your completion- please return to the school office.

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

Mrs Ali Pook

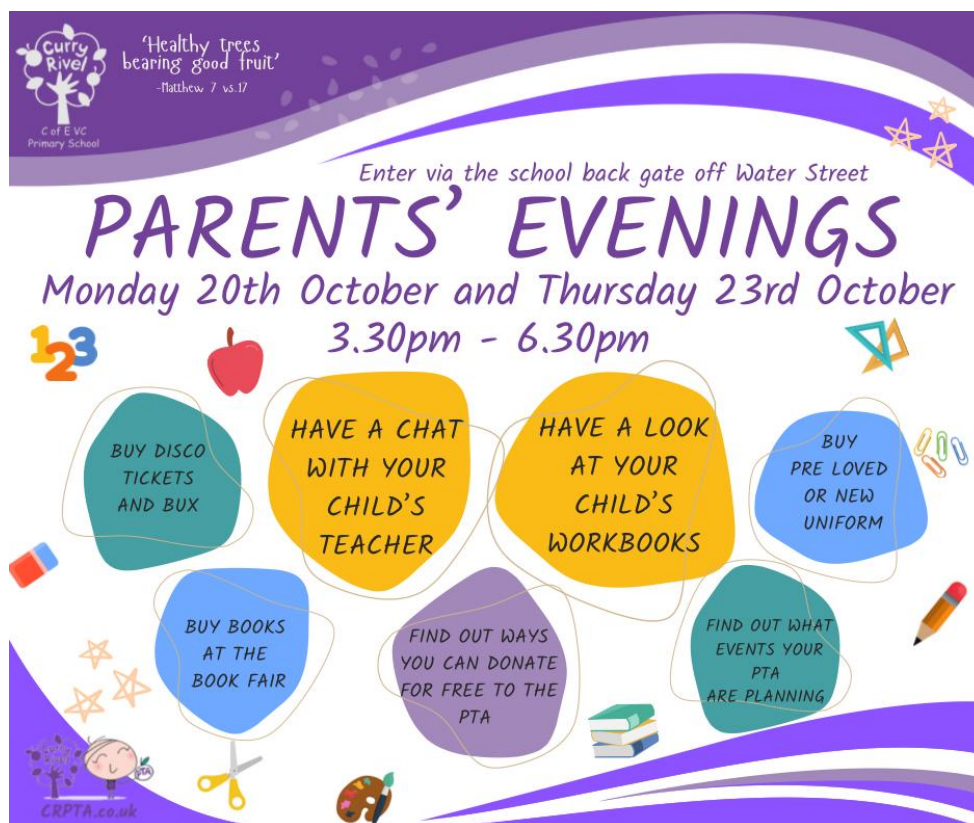
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year and progress. The teacher will also answer any questions you may have and you will have a chance to look at your child's work. Please be aware that the length of the meeting will be rigidly adhered to and if, in the meantime or after the meeting, 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.

We will send you a link via email very soon, 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.



Message from Triathlon Organisers

I'm Rachel from Restless Development, and I'd like to invite the pupils of Curry Rivel C of E Primary School to take part in the Schools Triathlon Series 2026 at King's College Taunton on Sunday 28th June 2026.

What is the Schools Triathlon Series? This is a fun, parent-led event for children aged 7-13, where pupils take on a swim, cycle, and run in teams of 4. It's a fantastic way for children to challenge themselves while raising funds for Restless Development and other worthy causes. Last year, over 10,500 children from 250+ schools raised £1.5 million for charity! The event is a relay, and it's open to all abilities. It's a great mix of sport, teamwork, and community spirit. To see the event in action, [check out our video from a previous year.](#)

Use [this link](#) register teams directly online – no school involvement needed on the day.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, or if you'd like to chat more about this exciting opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Message from the PTA

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PTA News

We're pleased to announce that our PTA officers are remaining in post for this year: Ele continues as Chair, Sara as Secretary, and Damien as Treasurer. A huge thank you to them for their continued hard work and dedication. We had lots of discussions at the last meeting and have some exciting plans lined up for this term, watch this space! Last year, thanks to your amazing support, we raised an incredible £10,508! This helped us provide so many wonderful things for the children, including:

- New books for the library
- Chromebooks
- Sensory room items
- KFC for Blenheim
- New toys for Pippin
- Gummy bears and talking buttons for Maigold
- A fantastic Panto trip
- The unforgettable Quidditch day
- Leavers' books
- Reception book bags
- ...and many more items and experiences!

In total, we were able to give back £9,820 to enrich the children's school life. What will we be able to provide this year with your help?

Did you know you can join the PTA at any time? Just send us an email at curryrivelpTA@outlook.com or speak to your class rep. Even if you can't make the meetings, we'd still love to have you on board, every bit of support makes a big difference.

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!



A colorful poster for the 'Autumn Term Book Fair'. At the top, two cartoon children are shown reading books. The title 'AUTUMN TERM BOOK FAIR' is written in large, stylized purple letters. Below the title, a pink box contains the schedule: Wednesday 15th 3.15pm Back playground, Friday 17th 3.15pm Front playground with cake sale (accompanied by a cupcake illustration), Monday 20th 3.30pm Hall, and Thursday 23rd 3.30pm Hall. A small cartoon child is next to the Thursday entry. To the right, a photograph shows a child browsing a bookshelf filled with books, with a 'SCHOLASTIC' sign visible. At the bottom right, a pink circle contains the text: 'Purchases will lead to rewards for the school to spend on books'. A small note at the bottom left says 'If wet the fair will take place in school.'

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

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Scarecrow Competition – Get Creative!

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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 – 24th October

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

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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	2	2
Discovery	5	1
Camelot	2	3
Blenheim	2	3
TOTAL	13	12

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%): 95.95%

Highest attendance: Maigold (98.7%)

Most improved: Blenheim

Celebration

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

Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Mally & Athena
 Maigold: Eddie
 Discovery: Harley
 Camelot: Trixie
 Blenheim: Bea

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Frankie
 Maigold: Violet
 Discovery: Jake & Ethan
 Camelot: Dot
 Blenheim: Megan

Headteacher Value award: Wilf (Maigold)

It's  on Saturday 11th October

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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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