



## Weekly Update: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7pm</b>	PTA meeting at Firehouse- Open to all
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Democracy Day (Children voting at Polling station for School Councillors)
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Flu vaccinations
<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>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> &amp; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evenings
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Half term holiday
<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>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>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term

### Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2025/26\*

**\*Please see calendar of dates attached to this email, as it can be easier to use for planning.**

- 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**
- 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

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Welcome Back! I hope that you have had a good summer and found at least some time and some ways to relax, refresh and 're-set'. A special welcome goes to new families joining the school, particularly those of Reception pupils- welcome to our school family! We are pleased that other pupils have joined in other year groups too. We warmly welcome new staff members:

- Mr Dan Rubino- Maigold teacher
- Mrs Laura Jenkins- Pippin teacher (Wednesdays)
- Mrs Ali Moore- Forest School Leader (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
- Miss Mia Pinkham- Teaching Assistant
- Miss Jade Frost- Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Pippa Stevens- Kitchen Manager
- Mrs Lesley Chapman- Volunteer in Pippin (Thursdays)

### **Communication**

Communication with our families is so important to us and I just wanted to ensure you knew how we share updates with you:

- Weekly Update email (Fridays): All main information for all classes
- Termly class newsletter- hardcopy and on website (Pippin class also on Tapestry)
- Email- we will email you if there are additional messages/reminders
- Our Facebook pages celebrate what is going on in school
- Our school website has statutory information, policies and curriculum detail

If you have any questions, queries or messages, do see the class teachers or senior staff at the beginning/end of the day. If you require a longer conversation, do contact the school office to make an appointment as we will be happy to help. Please meet the class teacher in the first instance, as they will know your child best. For safeguarding concerns, please see Mrs Pook who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Where there are concerns or worries, please speak to us as if we are not aware we will not be able to assist. The class Whatsapp groups are really useful to families, but may not resolve school issues for you.

### **Good News From Ofsted**

The Nest, our 0-2 Years nursery setting was inspected in July- Ofsted judged us to be 'Good' in all areas and the report includes this feedback:

*"Staff welcome children warmly to this inclusive and nurturing setting."* This emphasises the caring and inclusive environment created by the staff.

*"Staff know the children well. They plan learning opportunities that build on children's interests and past experiences."* This shows the staff's attentiveness and personalised approach to learning.

*"Children delight in the adult's playful balancing demonstrations and celebrate each other's efforts."* This illustrates the joyful and supportive atmosphere that encourages physical development and peer interaction.

Thank you to the amazing Nursery staff team.

### **Curriculum Learning**

It is important to us that you are fully informed about the school's curriculum and all that goes on in the classroom- your enthusiasm, interest and encouragement in your child's learning makes such a difference to your child. Early next week, your child/ren will be coming home with paper copies of Autumn Class Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers - these will help you have those daily conversations about the learning happening in class. You can also use the Knowledge Organisers for mini-quizzes once you have read them together with your child- you may find the children quizzing you too! This information is also on our website (Under Children/Classes).

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## After School Clubs

Clubs will be firmed up next week, and can be booked through School Money.

Please note that KS2 (Years 3-6) Netball and Football will be run by external coaches and are due to start week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September, but only 2 children are signed up- please let the office know if you are interested as the coaches will not come unless there are enough children.

Don't forget that we have Apple Trees wraparound provision from 7:30am-5:30pm every day. See our website or contact the school office for more details.

## Water and snacks

Please can water bottles be labelled. Reception and Key Stage one pupils have fruit provided; older children can bring in fruit or vegetables to eat at morning break- please no sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps or bars for snack time as we have children with serious allergies and of course we want to ensure all of our pupils are choosing healthy options.

## Premises

The school grounds at Curry Rivel are amazing- we are so lucky to have so much space, a large hall, front and back playgrounds, a field and an Orchard- many smaller village schools would be envious. As head teacher, I have high expectations for the school premises as I believe that the surroundings for both staff and pupils impact on how they feel about being here. Not only does our school look great because it is uncluttered and tidy, it also means that children and staff can access resources easily and it also reduces risk of accidents etc. Over the summer we have had the following works completed:

- New energy saving LED lighting across the whole school
- Pippin class new interactive whiteboard
- Newly painted internal doors (Purple of course)
- New gazebo on bark area
- Tree surgery on trees in neighbours' garden and on our own school trees
- Carpet cleaning

Mr Silver had completed many other premises works which may go unseen, but they are vital in keeping our grounds looking fabulous.

## Car parking/turning

Schools were not built with the 21<sup>st</sup> century travel in mind, so we know the challenges of getting to school. If you can walk, we encourage this. Cycling might be an option, and we do provide cycle stores at the front and back of the school. We are working with the local Travel action group to help improve safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists in the village. **There are new enforceable double yellow lines- please do not park on these- it is likely that neighbours will report you.** Thank you for parking responsibly- please can we respect our neighbours by avoiding drives etc, and also please can we avoid turning in the Water Street entrance. Thank you for your support in this.

## Accelerated Reader

All pupils have their reading books for home reading- older pupils read books within Accelerated Reader ranges. Star Reader Quizzes will be taken next week, as research shows that children need some time settling back into school to gain a realistic assessment- we can use these results to move children onto a new range if needed.

## Well Being

We are committed to supporting every child's well-being with a well-planned PSHE curriculum, with a relational approach to behaviour. Place2Be provision at lunchtime will be led by Miss Carnie before she goes on maternity leave- this is a good drop-in provision for many children at lunchtimes. The children are reminded that they can also talk to any trusted adult.

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## Smart Watches & Mobile Phones

Some of our pupils may have 'smart watches'- like mobile phones, children are not permitted to use them in school due to risks of loss and damage and of misuse. For those older pupils in Years 5 and 6 who, in exceptional circumstances, may need a mobile device at the beginning/end of the day, parents need to complete a 'Mobile Phone' form (Please contact the school office)- devices are stored by the school office throughout the school day.

## Punctuality and procedures for late pupils

The school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. At the beginning of the school day, the gates open at 8.40am and they will close at 8.45am, both front and back- pupils and parents arriving after this time will need to come through the front gates and parents/carers will be asked to inform the office for the reason for lateness- we may be able to help! I cannot stress enough the importance of being punctual in the morning. Similarly, children must be collected on time, as staff have meetings, training and preparation to attend to, which can only take place once at the end of the school day. If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please contact the office. Thank you for your understanding regarding this very important matter.

## StudyBugs– report absence securely and help improve children's health

We're pleased to announce that Curry Rivel Church of England has an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now at <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

### Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

## School Uniform

The children have looked so smart this week- thank you for your support in this, especially where you are supporting the new uniform. Please ensure you write your child's name on all uniform, coats, lunch boxes, bottles and PE kit. The correct PE kit must also be worn on PE days – which includes a school jumper/cardigan (No sports sweaters, hoodies or branded tops please). Preloved uniform is also available from the PTA. Please email: [CurryrivelPTA@outlook.com](mailto:CurryrivelPTA@outlook.com) for further details. Thank you for asking your child not to wear earrings on PE days.



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Celebration Assemblies start next Friday- parents/carers of pupils receiving weekly awards will be invited via email each week- we aim to get invites out a week in advance (Sometimes this is not always possible). Have a wonderful weekend, and see you on Monday!



2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month until Christmas

3.30-5.30pm

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

The Old School Room

(behind St Andrew's Church in Curry Rivel)

All ages welcome - children must be accompanied by a responsible adult  
Informal with activities, crafts, chat, food, prayer, songs and story.

Feel free to just turn up or let us know beforehand to help us plan!



Messy Church Curry Rivel

Contact Helen 07880 706517 or Dawn 07764 308825

Free entry - donations welcome but not expected

Have a wonderful weekend.

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