



Weekly Update: 7th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

7th-16th March	Science Week 'Change and Adapt'
Wednesday 12th March 2pm	SENDCo and PFSA Drop-In Cafe
Thursday 13th March	CLP Cross Country (Years 3-6) Info to follow from Mr Bridgeman
W/B 17th March	ASSESSMENT WEEK
17-23 March	British Sign Language Week
Tuesday 18th March	National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)
Wednesday 19th March	Mr Silver's Sausage Sandwiches
Wednesday 26th March 4.30pm	Year 6 Residential Meeting
Wednesday 26th March 8.50am	Blenheim Sharing Morning
Thursday 27th March	Maigold Class Trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre
Thursday 27th March 8.50am	Camelot Sharing morning
Friday 28th March	PTA Mothers' Day Pop Up Stall
Saturday 29th March	PTA Family Bingo at the Village Hall
Monday 31st March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 1st April	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 2nd April	Reception Vision Screening
Wednesday 2nd April 8.50am	Discovery Sharing Morning
Wednesday 2nd April 6-7.30pm	Information Session for Parents/Carers: Online Safety & Social Media. Book via: https://forms.gle/6ZT7kJBEgD5h8Xk17
Thursday 3rd April	Last Day of Term; Easter Service at St Andrew's Church (9.15am); PTA Easter Raffle; Pooky's cafe for regular readers
Friday 4th April	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
4th – 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day of Summer Term
Thursday 24th April 5pm (New Date)	Key Stage 1 (Year 2) Assessment Parents' Information Meeting- let the office know if you are attending
23/24 April	Year 6 Bikeability
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
Thursday 12th June	Discovery Class Trip to Vivary Park

Dates and INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Spring Term (Second half): Monday 24th February- Thursday 3rd April
- INSET Day: Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- 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

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What a week! World Book Day was enjoyed by all; Shrove Tuesday pancakes went down a treat (Thank you PTA); the children were wonderful at the Ash Wednesday Service; Carymoor Environmental Centre visit and workshops taught us about how we can be more sustainable; Somerset Youth Theatre have run a Year 6 drama session; a Pippin class trip and a Maigold Creative Parent/Carer afternoon building boats. Visitors to our school have all said how much they had enjoyed their visits and how lovely the classes were and that the children all had great questions; they were also very impressed by the warmth of the staff- great to get such lovely feedback.

Lent

As we enter the season of Lent, we have a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the small changes we can make to create a positive impact on our world. This year, we are encouraging our children to think about simple, everyday actions that can make a big difference. Whether it's being kinder to one another, reducing waste by recycling, or helping out at home, every small effort counts. By focusing on these small changes, we can collectively contribute to a better, more compassionate world. Let's inspire our children to embrace these small acts of kindness and responsibility, and watch as their efforts ripple out to create meaningful change.

Attendance: Penalties for Term Time Holidays

For your children to be successful in school, it is crucial they are here every day as children only spend around 14% of the total year learning in school! Children spend around 6 hours per 24 hour day learning in school = 25% Take out 13 weeks holiday, 52 weekends and 5 Inset days = 14% There is no automatic entitlement in law, to time off in school time to go on holiday. Amendments to the Education Regulations 2006 came into force in September 2024 and make it clear that headteachers may NOT grant leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your request for leave is unauthorised and you still choose to take your child out of school for a holiday or another reason, you may be issued with a fixed penalty of £80 per child per parent, rising to £160 per child per parent if not paid within 21 days.

Pippin Class Trip To Magdalene Farm- A Report From Miss Kilner

Yesterday, Pippin class went on their first ever school trip to Magdalen farm. All the children enjoyed the day and were a credit to the school. The day started with our bus journey which was an excitement in itself! When we arrived at Magdalen farm, we were met by Lucy who was our guide and 'farm teacher' for the day. She was extremely knowledgeable and the children showed super listening throughout the day. After a short briefing about the day, we put on our wellies to go visit, feed and learn about many of the animals on the farm. We first met the goats and they were pleased to see us as we had their favourite food to give them. Many of the children fed the goats and gave them a stroke too. We learnt that their main job is to be 'lawn mowers' at the farm. Then we went to see the pigs and one of them had recently had piglets. It was extremely muddy but luckily no wellies were lost! The children were able to stroke some of the pigs and learnt that the mud helps to protect their skin from the sun. Finally, we visited the chickens – there were lots of different varieties. Each child then collected an egg from the laying boxes. We headed back to the farm buildings and then watched a machine sort all the eggs out by weight. Most of the eggs were 'large'. After a quick welly wash we had earned our lunch! After lunch, the children then enjoyed doing a variety of crafting activities - they could choose from sawing, painting, making a nature frame and clay animal. The day flew by and it was soon time to get on the bus and return to school.

Creative Afternoon with Parents/Carers

On Thursday, Maigold had an amazing creative session with parents, bringing their English to life. They used junk modelling to build their own boat. The children and parents were so engaged and have made some lovely boat models. Thankyou parents/carers for joining us!

'I loved building a boat, like we wrote about in English'- Ellis

'I had fun making a boat with my Mummy'- Daisy

'It was lots of fun'- Wilf

Deciding on a winner was very difficult, as they were all fantastic and so creative.

The winners are-

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- Amelia David
- Oliver Fleming
- Kirree Cain
- Harrison Frome

Triathlon

You will find attached some information about a Triathlon opportunity at Kings College, Taunton. Triathlon representatives will be meeting the older children next week to promote the event, but it is optional and requires parent/carer support- we just felt it was an opportunity to be aware of.

Science Week- A message from Mrs van Cole

As a school we will be celebrating British Science Week. British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 7th and 16th March 2025. The theme this year is 'Change and Adapt' and all classes will be exploring this theme in their science lessons. There is also a poster competition, which your children will find out about from their teacher. Mrs van Cole looks forward to seeing all of the entries!



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Invite your parents to today!

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PTA Update



It's on Saturday 8th March

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.

Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late. Great progress this week.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	2	1
Maigold	2	1
Gala	2	0
Discovery	2	1
Camelot	3	1
Blenheim	2	3
TOTAL	13	7

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

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Overall attendance (School target 96%): 94.1%

Highest attendance: Discovery (96.5%)

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: Avaleigh
Maigold: Noah
Gala: Phoebe
Discovery: Henry
Camelot: Emily
Blenheim: Mia-Rose

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Esmae
Maigold: Razan
Gala: Honor
Discovery: Oscar
Camelot: Rose
Blenheim: Dexter

50 Dojos

Camelot: David
Blenheim: Oakley

100 Dojos

Discovery: Henry, Luca, Honor
Camelot: Rose, Arya, Emily, Anna, Ruth

New Sports Captain: Toby H (Blenheim)

Achievements outside of school

Club Showcase: Elly and Emily (Discovery)
Stage 4 Gymnastics: Lilyann Mai (Camelot)

Langport Youth Theatre

Somerset Youth Theatre are excited to invite young people to join their local Youth Theatre. Somerset Youth Theatre: 6-11 year olds meet Fridays 4.00-5.00pm; 11-18 year olds meet Fridays 5.00-6.00pm

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