



## Weekly Update: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PTA Colouring Competition Launch; Christmas Boxes launch
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am</b>	<b><u>NEW DATE (APOLOGIES): Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church- Families welcome (Donations for the Curry Rivel Foodbank)</u></b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Tempest - Individual Photos
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evenings (including PTA Book Fair, Preloved Uniform)
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Bags2School bags in
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PTA Fundraiser Break The Rules Day; Launch of Christmas Card
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Half term holiday (PTA Village Trail)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	INSET training day- school closed
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	The Stand Against Violence Workshops for Years 5 and 6.
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Meeting at the Firehouse
<b>Monday 11th - Friday 15th November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November- Odd Socks Day)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.00-10.30am</b>	Open Morning for prospective new families
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Silent Disco
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Adult Silent Disco Party
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm</b>	Parent Family Support Adviser and SENDCo Drop-in Café for parents/carers
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Launch of PTA Christmas Raffle
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Panto (Gifted by the PTA)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Elfridges Stall
<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Evening Nativity performance to parents
<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am</b>	Carol Service at St Andrew's Church; Last Day of term

### INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Majority of parents have booked for Parents Evening, I have sent a chase out today to those who have not.

### Harvest

One of our 5-a-day values is 'thankfulness'. Today, we demonstrated this core value by gathering together in St Andrew's church with Rev Mark 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.

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## 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: Improve Curriculum Outcomes, including phonics, writing and aspects of maths

Priority 2: Build a Culture of Oracy

Priority 3: Develop Staff Effectiveness

Priority 4: Improve Outcomes for Vulnerable Learners

Priority 5: Ensure the Christian Vision and Values are realised through shared values, policies and practice

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

## Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing you next week at Parents' Evenings. Please enter the school via the Water Street entrance, and we will welcome you to the hall where you can enjoy tea/coffee and all the various information stations and stalls. Don't forget Mrs Monk, our SENDCo, will be there if you would like to chat with her (Thursday). Your child's books will be readily available for you to look at in the hall. It's not too late to book; please book via this link or phone the office if you need help with an appointment:

<https://koalendar.com/u/curry-rivel-parents-evening>

## Open Morning

We had a very positive Open Morning last week- showing prospective parents/carers around our lovely school- they were very impressed with the children's positive behaviour and attitude to learning in all classes. We have a second open day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 9-10.30am, so do pass this on.

## Tempest Photos

Pupils will have their school photographs taken on Monday 14th October, both individual and with **school** siblings.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are joining forces with St Andrew's Church in their Christmas charitable work with the 'Shoebbox Appeal'. Despite the difficulties that they face every day, through poverty, illness, disability, or other disadvantages, receiving a shoebox brings such joy to children and adults in Eastern Europe. Jinny Smith from St Andrew's met all the children today to explain how to pack a Christmas shoebox, and will be giving us the leaflets next week. If you are interested in filling a Christmas Shoebox with gifts, you can download the leaflet with list of items etc. from the Blythswood Care website at <https://blythswood.org/shoebboxappeal/>. Your filled boxes need to be delivered to school **by 18th November** (After the half term break). Please note that this is a completely voluntary activity

## PFSA and SENDCo Cafes: Message from Charlotte Monk, SENDCo

This year, Victoria Gould (PFSA) and I have decided to run termly cafes together.

These cafes are open to all families and will cover a range of themes. It gives parents/carers the opportunity to share experiences, discuss ways of supporting children and ask questions in a safe, open environment (there are also biscuits!)

Victoria and I have put together some themes to explore, however we would really appreciate your feedback to help us narrow down which ones you feel would be most helpful.

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Please find a link below with a very short survey to help us with this.

<https://forms.gle/jkFkTKFVwRaHDhxT9>

The deadline for this survey will be Wednesday 23rd October.

## Message from the PTA

### Book fair 11th - 21st October

We are excited to announce that our biannual School Book Fair will be open from tomorrow! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to discover new books and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Opening dates and times

Friday 11th 3.15pm Front playground

Monday 14th 3.15pm Front playground

Tuesday 15th 3.30pm In the hall

Thursday 17th 3.30pm In the hall

Monday 21st 3.30pm Front playground

The Book Fair will offer a wide selection of books for all ages and interests, including popular series, new releases, and educational materials. There's truly something for everyone!

Why Attend?

Encourage Reading: Explore exciting new titles with your child and help spark their passion for reading.

Support Our School: Every purchase at the Book

Fair earns rewards for our school, helping us buy more books for classrooms and the library, benefiting all children.

The children have already previewed the selection this week and may have shared a few titles they're excited about!

Thank you for supporting our children's love for reading and helping enhance our school's resources!



The image contains a poster for the 'BOOK FAIR' and a photo collage. The poster, on the left, has a pink and white striped background and features the text 'BOOK FAIR' in large purple letters, with '11th - 21st October' below it. A list of dates and times is provided: Friday 11th 3.15pm Front playground, Monday 14th 3.15pm Front playground, Tuesday 15th 3.30pm In the hall, Thursday 17th 3.30pm In the hall, and Monday 21st 3.15pm Front playground. The photo collage on the right shows children and adults browsing bookshelves filled with books. A small circular sign at the bottom of the collage reads 'Purchases will lead to rewards for the school to spend on books'.

### Bags2School Collection – 17th October

Join us for our Bags2School collection! We'll be picking up donations on Tuesday, 17th October at 6 PM, and everyone in the community is welcome to participate!

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### Pick Up Items:

- Clean, good-quality clothing (all ages)
- Paired shoes
- Handbags, belts, and accessories
- Bedding (sheets, pillowcases)

### Not Accepted:

- Duvets, pillows, or cushions
- School uniforms or branded clothing
- Curtains, towels, or soft toys
- Electrical items or books

You can also drop off your bags at the school in advance! Let's make a difference together!



### Break the Rules Day – Friday 25th October

Attention students, parents, and teachers! Get excited because Break the Rules Day\* is just around the corner! For just 50p, you can break one rule, or pay £3 to break them all!

This special day is about embracing your individuality and having a great time, so let's make it a day full of laughter and lasting memories.

\*Please remember that all other school rules will still apply.



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## 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	1	2
Maigold	2	2
Gala	1	1
Discovery	1	1
Camelot	1	4
Blenheim	3	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>

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%):

Highest attendance: Camelot and Gala (98.5%)

Most improved: Camelot

## Celebration

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

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Oscar M  
Maigold: Mabel  
Gala: Thomas  
Discovery: Bella  
Camelot: Lizzie  
Blenheim: Finley

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Rupert  
Maigold: Noah  
Gala: Emily  
Discovery: Ella  
Camelot: Megan  
Blenheim: Toby W

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Have wonderful weekend.

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