



Monday 27th January

Forest School for Maigold Class
Swimming: Discovery class
Archery for Years 1 to 4

Tuesday 28th January

Netball club for Years 4 to 6
Gymnastics for Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 29th January

Dodgeball for Years 3 and 4

Thursday 30th January

Forest School for Pippin Class
Jim Jam Jamboree (please bring slippers and dressing gown)
Art club (full)

Friday 31st January

Non-uniform day – please bring in donations of prizes for the PTA
Recorder club at lunchtime
Celebration Assembly at 2.40pm
Multisports for Years 3 to 6

Dates for your Diary!

7 February	Maigold sharing in Celebration Assembly
10 February	Messy Church
11 February	Parents' meetings 3.30 to 6pm
13 February	School to Church for assembly
	Parents' meetings 3.30 to 6pm
14 February	Inset day
17 February – 21 February	Half term
24 February	Gala Class swimming starts
	Book Fair week starts
26 February	Reception and Year 6 children health measurements
28 February	Camelot sharing in Celebration Assembly
2 March	Class photos
5 March	World Book Day: dress up as a character
6 March	Discovery sharing in Celebration Assembly
	PTA Bingo evening 6pm doors open
13 March	Blenheim sharing in Celebration Assembly
16 March	Dance Show for KS1
20 March	Gala sharing in Celebration Assembly
25 March	CLP meeting for parents on Growth Mindset
27 March	Sponsored walk for 'School in a bag' charity
	Pippin sharing in Celebration Assembly
30 March	Poetry and art focus week
2 April	Easter Service
3 April	Easter bonnet parade & final celebration assembly
6 April – 17 April	Easter holidays
20 April	Term starts; Maigold swimming



He came so that we may have life and have it to the full

John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're all looking forward to a special day next Thursday when the children will be getting into 'buddy' groups (children from across the classes into a group of about 15) to enjoy storytelling around the school. We will try and create that special magic of mystery and excitement that comes with a great story.

We received a special thank you following our carol singing to the Memory Cafe at Christmas. The link with various generations of the Curry Rivel community is really important for us and was much enjoyed.

We are extremely fortunate to have so many volunteers coming in to support our readers and I know that the children appreciate having that one to one time each week. We will hopefully be recruiting a few more from the WI and we have also had some grandparents get in touch to see if they can come in. When someone volunteers, we complete the DBS screening and ensure then that anyone new receives an induction and advice on how to support a child. If you are interested, do get in touch with me.

A neighbouring school has recently found that many of their Year 3 and 4 children have been accessing really disturbing material on the internet. The headteacher also related the worrying influence of some of the messages on TicToc and their young children messaging strangers. Talking to the head, I learnt that her parents had thought that their home's filtering would be sufficient but the children had used their phones at others' houses or with mobile data and so had had no screening. What shocked me was how young these children were and how much we need to do to protect them. Can I suggest that everyone regularly checks their children's browsing history and puts strict filters on each individual device? I have added information below if this is something that is relevant to your family.

At the end of this newsletter are our term dates for 2020 to 2021. We have aligned the Inset days with Huish to make it easier for families with children at both primary and secondary stages. I hope that this will make the planning of holidays or special events easier and without impacting on children attendance in school.

We are looking into providing milk for children at breaktime (free for under 5s and a small charge for over 5s to 11s). It would be helpful to know if you would be interested in your child having a carton of milk each day so that we can estimate possible numbers and therefore how to organise it.

Coming out on Monday will be the next menu selections and also letters for the upcoming parents evenings. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

Mrs Frances Burns
Acting Headteacher

Online safety information

Whether it's playing with the latest robotic toy or talking to a smart speaker, more children are using devices that connect to the internet. This has increased over the past few years, with industry experts predicting that there will be over 20 billion connected devices in our [homes worldwide by 2020](#).

Connected devices and toys can be found in most homes, and have changed how many of us go about our daily lives and how children interact and play.

It's important for parents to find the balance between providing ways for their children to learn and have fun and minimise the risks associated with the Internet of Things.



How can I make my connected home more secure?

There things you can do to help make your connected home safer for your child:

- 1. Do your research:** Research different products online and read reviews. This is a great way to find out more about a product including age restrictions and credibility, as well as hearing directly from other parents.
- 2. Read the manual:** Read the manual provided by the manufacturers. Information should be given about the privacy of the device, how it connects to the internet, and information about any app which may need to be downloaded in order to use the device.
- 3. Set up parental controls:** Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet enabled device in your home. You can find out more about how to use parental controls by visiting your broadband provider's website, or by reading our Thinkuknow article about [parental controls](#).
- 4. Use safe search:** Enable the 'SafeSearch' function on your connected device and web search engines. This will allow you to limit the material your child can see when online. It is important to understand that no parental control or 'SafeSearch' function is 100% effective. This cannot be used alone to protect your child from accessing age-inappropriate material.
- 5. Change the default password:** When you buy a connected device or toy, change the default password. Use a strong password that cannot easily be guessed and do not share this with others.
- 6. Set your Bluetooth to 'undiscoverable':** Many connected devices are Bluetooth enabled. This means they are able to connect to nearby devices without having to connect to the internet. If the device has Bluetooth, set this to 'undiscoverable' so your child doesn't share data or pair with an unknown device.
- 7. Review and/or delete audio files:** Some connected devices or toys work by listening to your child's voice commands, so these devices usually record and keep these audio files to work properly. Refer to the manual and find out how to review and/or delete audio files. If there's a microphone on your child's connected device, you can turn on the 'mute' button. This will stop the device from recording and storing audio files.
- 8. Talk to your child:** Include connected devices in your online safety conversations, reinforcing the message that if your child sees or hears anything that makes them feel worried, they can speak to you or another adult they trust. Read further information on [starting the conversation about online safety](#).
- 9. Supervise your child:** If your child is primary school aged, supervise them when they are online or using a connected device. You should keep the connected devices your child uses in communal areas of the home such as in the kitchen or living room.

For more information: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot>

Would you like a flexible part-time job?

Do you have admin skills and an interest in the running of the school?

Our clerk to the governors role might be the job for you?!

We are looking for a Clerk to the Board of Governors to work for approximately 2 hours a week during term-time. Apart from the fixed evening meetings (4 a term), you would be able to complete the duties as is convenient for you. The role is paid at £10.14 an hour. Please do get in touch if you would like the full details or, if you have any questions, do have a chat with Frances Burns to find out more about the role.





Weekly Award winners

Week ending 24th January

Pippin: Emily R for doing her best in all that she does, particularly with great writing and maths this week.

Maigold: Noah B for fantastic maths and showing determination in his writing.

Gala: Casper B for showing such resilience in all of his learning this week.

Discovery: Sophia E for working hard in everything that she does and for always being a delight in the classroom.

Camelot: Natasza S for really applying herself to her writing, creating some fantastic work.

Blenheim: Milo S-L for such hard work with fractions in maths.

Forest School: Mia-Rose T for being a fantastic explorer and asking great questions.

Lunchtime Star: Alexis C for being helpful in the hall at lunchtimes.

Bronze awards: Kahleesi E, Sophie H, Amy W, Tyler G, Ashleigh-Marie M

Silver award: Alex C

Our of school awards: Alex C for completing Winter Mini Reading Challenge 2019

Bronze awards: Swimming dates for February 2020 - July 2020



13 January – 10 February

Discovery class

Huish pool

24 February – 30 March

Gala class

Huish pool

20 April – 1 June

Maigold class

Strode pool

8 June – 13 July

Pippin class

Strode pool

Safeguarding

The safety and the happiness of each child are our school's highest priorities. We take our safeguarding duty of the children very seriously. This duty covers many aspects from neglect or physical harm to e-safety and the Prevent Duty. If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing or queries about what to do, please talk to Mrs Jo Ward, our designated safeguarding lead or Miss Hollie Westlake, our deputy safeguarding lead or phone for advice or to report a concern to Somerset Direct on 0300 1232224



Curry Rivel C of E Primary School Terms and Holidays 2020/2021 Academic Year



September 2020						October 2020						November 2020					
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu	3	10	17	24	
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th	5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa	7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29
December 2020						January 2021						February 2021					
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	
Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	
F	4	11	18	25		F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	
March 2021						April 2021						May 2021					
M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M	3	10	17	24	31
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu	4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W	5	12	19	26	
Th	4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th	6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	30	F	7	14	21	28	
Sa	6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29
Su	7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30
June 2021						July 2021						August 2021					
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M	2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu	3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W	4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th	5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25		F	2	9	16	23	30	F	6	13	20	27	
Sa	5	12	19	26		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa	7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29

Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2020 (37 days)
 Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2020 (35 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2021 (30 days)
 Term 4: 22 February – 01 April 2021 (29 days)
 Term 5: 19 April – 28 May 2021 (29 days)
 Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2021 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

