



Weekly Update: 28th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for your diary

w/b Monday 1st December	Assessment week
Thursday 4th December 1.45pm	Panto - Sleeping Beauty (Gifted by the PTA)
Friday 5th December	Maigold Sharing Morning
Monday 8th December	Carols on the Green. Food and drink served from 5pm. Singing to start at 5.30pm
Tuesday 9th December	SATs Information Evening for Year 6 Parents/Carers
Thursday 11th December	Blenheim Sharing Morning
W/B Monday 15th December	Inter-House Christmas Sports Competition
Monday 15th December 2pm	Afternoon Nativity performance to parents
Tuesday 16th December 6pm	Evening Nativity performance to parents
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (Non Uniform Day for Save the Children)
Thursday 18th December	Christingle making in school
Friday 19th December 9.15am	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 (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
- 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

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We are delighted to share that Curry Rivel School has recently received its SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) report.

What is SIAMS and why is it important?

SIAMS inspections evaluate how effectively a Church of England or Methodist school's Christian vision impacts every aspect of school life. It looks at how this vision shapes the culture, curriculum, and community, ensuring that pupils and adults can flourish both academically and personally. This is a vital part of our identity as a church school and reflects our commitment to nurturing every child in a caring, inclusive environment.

Headline Strengths from the Report:

- Christian vision and values are at the heart of school life, enabling pupils and adults to flourish and become the best versions of themselves.
- Inclusion is a priority: Leaders and staff go the extra mile to meet pupil needs so that every child can thrive.
- A culture of respect and partnership: Our vision inspires an equitable and caring community where everyone lives well together.
- A strong sense of fairness and justice: Pupils are encouraged to be proactive and become agents of change, promoting fairness across the school.

We are incredibly proud of these findings, which affirm the dedication of our staff and the positive impact of our shared values on the lives of our pupils. If you would like to read the full report, it can be found on our website. Thank you for your continued support in helping us live out our vision every day.

The infographic is titled "SIAMS INSPECTION SUCCESS!" and features the Curry Rivel School logo and an Ofsted Good School badge. It defines SIAMS as the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools, which evaluates a church school's Christian vision. It then lists four headline strengths from the inspection, each with bullet points. The background is purple with white and yellow text and decorative circles.

SIAMS INSPECTION SUCCESS!

WHAT IS SIAMS?
SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) evaluates how effectively a Church school's Christian vision shapes every aspect of school life.

HEADLINE STRENGTHS OF OUR INSPECTION

- 1. CHRISTIAN VISION**
 - Vision and values are at the **HEART OF SCHOOL LIFE**
 - Pupils and adults to **FLOURISH** and become the best versions of themselves.
- 2. INCLUSION & CARE**
 - Inclusion is a **PRIORITY**.
 - Leaders and staff **GO THE EXTRA MILE** to meet pupil needs so that every child **THRIVES**.
- 3. COMMUNITY CULTURE**
 - A culture of **RESPECT & PARTNERSHIP**.
 - Our vision inspires an equitable and **CARING COMMUNITY** where everyone lives well together.
- 4. FAIRNESS & JUSTICE**
 - A strong sense of **FAIRNESS & JUSTICE**.
 - Pupils are encouraged to be **PROACTIVE** and become **AGENTS OF CHANGE** across the school.

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Wreath

Thank you to Mrs Spencer for decorating our Christmas Wreath. The Advent wreath is a traditional Christian symbol that helps us mark the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The circular shape of the wreath represents God's eternal love and the hope of everlasting life, while the greenery reminds us of life and renewal. The candles on the wreath each have a special meaning:

- First candle (Hope): Reminds us of the hope brought by the prophets and the promise of the Messiah.
- Second candle (Peace): Symbolises the peace that Christ brings to the world.
- Third candle (Joy): Often pink, it represents joy as we draw closer to Christmas.
- Fourth candle (Love): Celebrates God's love shown through the gift of Jesus.
- Fifth candle (Christ candle): Placed in the centre and lit on Christmas Day, it represents Jesus as the light of the world.

These symbols help us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and encourage values of hope, peace, joy, and love in our school community.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month – Why It Matters for Families

November is a time to shine a light on diabetes- a condition that affects millions worldwide, including children and adults. Diabetes Awareness Month is not just about facts and figures; it's about education, prevention, and support. Last week, with the help of some of our wonderful pupils, we were able to talk about living with diabetes as part of an assembly.

Why is this important?

- **Diabetes is common and growing:** Millions of people live with diabetes or prediabetes, often without knowing it. Early awareness can prevent complications like heart disease, kidney failure, and vision loss.
- **Children and teens need reassurance:** A diagnosis can feel overwhelming, but with proper care, children can still enjoy sports, favourite foods, and a full life.

Interested in training to teach, primary or secondary, in the Somerset or South Gloucestershire area?

Graduating this summer?

Whatever your degree subject we'd love to hear from you!

Live **online** drop-in session for more info:

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at 10am

Priory Community School Academy

Email: teachertraining@theplt.org.uk or use the QR code below to book your place

<https://tinyurl.com/TPLTtraining>

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Message from the PTA

Elfridges – pop-up shop in school Friday 12th December.

Children will have the chance to browse a magical selection of gifts for family and friends, with prices starting from just £1. We believe the joy is in choosing something special, so we work hard to keep prices as low as possible. Our friendly PTA elves will be on hand to help children select the perfect presents for their loved ones. Cash or Bux will be accepted on the day, and Bux can be purchased in advance at crpta.co.uk. Please note: children who do not bring money or Bux will remain in the classroom. Don't miss this festive shopping fun!



Carols on the Green – Monday 8th December from 5pm. Choir from 5.30pm

Carols on the Green is back after last year's fantastic turnout! Join us on Curry Rivel Village Green for festive favourites and classic carols, led by the wonderful Mistletones led by Mr B and Miss Martin. Mark Mcknight will also be returning to support us with the music. The PTA Shepherd Hut will be serving hot food, drinks, and mulled wine to keep everyone warm. Song sheets will be available. If it rains or snows, we'll move into St. Andrew's Church. Bring family, friends, neighbours and plenty of festive cheer! ❄️



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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	2	3
Maigold	1	2
Discovery	5	4
Camelot	3	3
Blenheim	5	2
TOTAL	16	14

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%): 95.3%

Highest attendance: Maigold

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: Rohan
Maigold: Charlie
Discovery: Arthur
Camelot: Archie T
Blenheim: Evie

Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Christopher
Maigold: Amelia
Discovery: Theo
Camelot: Oliver
Blenheim: Darcey

50 Merit (Dojos) awards:

Maigold: Elsie, Max, Hazel, Jessica
Camelot: Jason, Finlo, Mason,
Blenheim: Ellie-Mai

10 Dojos

Camelot: Dot, Archie T

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Librarians

Blenheim: Megan, Lizzie, Lexi, Dracey S

Camelot: Azalea, Maisie, Oliver, Emily

Discovery: Noah MB, Phoebe



Have a wonderful weekend.

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