

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children's first full week of term is now complete and it continues to be a really positive start to the new academic year. I do hope that you found the Meet The Teacher sessions useful, and a good opportunity to get to know your child's new teacher, and to have any questions or queries answered.

On Monday we welcomed Martin and Geraldine from St. Mary's Church to deliver their first monthly assembly of the new academic year. They spoke to the children about new beginnings and taking on any new challenges that come their way. The children enthusiastically talked about their holiday experiences and travels, and shared some of their worries about beginning a new school year, as well as sharing the many opportunities and experiences that they were looking forward to this year.

Many of our children have also been very busy applying for various roles and responsibilities within the school. I have been totally blown away with all of the brilliant Student Council and Eco Warrior applications that have been received so far. I know that many children will be completing their applications over the weekend, ready for the Monday deadline to hand them in to their teachers.

Mrs Bell also has a similar task of deciding the allocation of roles and responsibilities for our Year 6 pupils for the academic year. Whilst these choices have been very difficult to make, I was delighted to be able to announce the allocation of the children to these new roles in our assembly this afternoon...I have every confidence that Hobby Class will do a fabulous job in leading the school this year!



Around the school this week, Merlin Class have thoroughly enjoyed their first outdoor learning session in the forest area! They were very proud to show off their new wellies! Lots of fun climbing trees, searching for bugs and creating obstacles for our bear hunt.



Year 1 and Year 2 were very lucky to join an online event with the British Library today! They watched author Julia Donaldson and others perform *The Gruffalo* on stage. They were then treated to a live reading of her brand-new book "*Gruffalo's Granny*". Afterwards, illustrator Axel Sheffler drew a picture of the Gruffalo Granny and they all had a go themselves...



Osprey Class began their drawing unit in Art, focusing on using tone to create light and shade, as well as developing their understanding of basic shapes. They did a fantastic job starting with light sketches before carefully refining their work and adding detail, showing great concentration and artistic skill throughout.



Children have been enjoying getting back into their P.E. lessons with Mr Hudson this week...



Safeguarding



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please “Don’t think, ‘What if I’m wrong?’ Think... ‘What if I am right’”. If you have any concerns about a pupil, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse, you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Clark and Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads are Mrs Bell, Mrs Bridgeman and Miss Hellyer. If you are ever worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact Children’s Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or via email on childrens@somerset.gov.uk.

Attendance Matters



Well done to Merlin, Buzzard and Osprey classes who all achieved 100% attendance this week! Our whole school attendance so far this academic year stands at 97.9%, exceeding our target of 97%.

It is incredibly important that our children attend school as much as they possibly can to make the most of their learning opportunities. Our teachers work hard to provide an engaging, purposeful and inspiring curriculum and we don’t want our children to miss out on it. Thank you, as ever, for your support in maintaining regular school attendance for your child/children.

Merlin 100%

Kestrel 98.1%

Osprey 100%

Buzzard 100%

Eagle 98.9%

Hobby 94.1%

PTFA

- Our PTFA are looking for parent helpers for their fundraising events. Whether you can help in part or for a whole event, any help would be gratefully received. Please email wz-p-t-f-a@hotmail.com. Thank you.
- Saturday 10th October – Family Halloween Party. Please see poster below for details, and follow the link to purchase tickets - <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/annual-gala-7373>

Upcoming key dates

- After-school activity clubs begin next week.
- Monday 28th September – Individual school photographs.

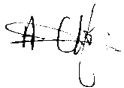
- Tuesday 6th Oct (pm) and Thursday 8th Oct (am) – Reception (Merlin Class) Open Events for September 2027. Please save the date and spread the word for prospective parents and families to visit. Thank you.
- Parents evenings this term will be held on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

Notices

- School website – Any visitors to our website from Monday will notice it has a new look! Please bear with us whilst we ensure all content is up to date following the launch of the new site.
- Harvest Festival Thursday 17th September – Thank you to the adult helpers who have volunteered to help walk the children to and from the church. We will be leaving the school at approximately 1.30pm and returning in time for the end of school at 3.15pm.
- Reminder: please complete school meals orders for w/c 21st September onwards by 9am on Tuesday - <https://forms.gle/GYgwQc1wd5u32hnp6>

I hope that you all have a relaxing, restful and enjoyable weekend.

With very best wishes,



Mr. Andy Clark

Westonzoyland

PTFA

FAMILY

HALLOWEEN
PARTY

All welcome!

Tickets £2 per child
to include a raffle ticket
on arrival for the children's
Halloween raffle
(drawn on the night).

Under 1s FREE

£1 per
adult

10th October
6 - 8.30 in

Westonzoyland Village Hall

Bar will be open.
Tuck shop will be open.

Come along for
spooktastic games
and disco!

THERE ARE A
LIMITED NUMBER
OF TICKETS FOR SALE

★ FIRST COME
FIRST SERVE ★

NO BUYING
TICKETS ON THE DOOR

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT
FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISCO.



Starting Monday 14th September

Meet 7pm at

Langport Library, TA10 9RA

Please bring a torch

Non-reactive dogs welcome.