

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is now in full swing and it has been lovely to walk around the classrooms this week and watch the children engaging so well in their learning. One of our school development priorities this year focuses on oracy, and how the children express their ideas effectively through speaking, listening and communicating with others. Some of the conversations I have with children on my walk- rounds this week have really impressed me – it is lovely to hear the children speak with such confidence as well as listen carefully to others. This was certainly evident during my Wednesday assembly when we looked at the recent arrival to the UK of the Bayeux Tapestry, and talked about The Battle Hastings, and how this significant moment in British history has helped to shape our country since the famous day in 1066. The children had an excellent knowledge of the battle and were very keen to share their understanding with me.

Yesterday, the whole-school congregated at St. Mary's Church for our Harvest Festival service. The service was led by Reverend Kirsty and the church volunteers. The congregation gave their blessings for the harvest and thanked the farmers for their role in providing food for us all. The children kindly donated a substantial amount of food for our local Food Bank, and were a credit to the school, singing with great gusto and confidence during the service. I'd like to thank the parents and carers who volunteered to walk with the children to and from the Harvest service yesterday. It has also been lovely to have some of our parents in school this week, kindly volunteering their time to listen to our children read.



I know that we are at the beginning of the academic year and that September 2027 seems a long way off. However, it is the time of year when we begin to think about our September 2027 intake. We are hosting open events for prospective Merlin Class parents on Tuesday 6th October (2pm – 3pm) and on Thursday 8th October (10am – 11.30am). For more information or to book in for one of the open events, please contact Laura in the office. Thank you.

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 Buzzard class who achieved the highest attendance score this week! Our whole school attendance so far this academic year stands at 97.4%, 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 97%	Kestrel 93.5%	Osprey 96.8%
Buzzard 99%	Eagle 95.7%	Hobby 97.7%

PTFA

- Following the AGM last week, we are pleased to confirm the following roles have been filled:
PTFA Chair – Deb Jull
Vice Chair – Debbie Bryant
Treasurer – Laura-Jayne Hooper
Secretary – Kirsty House
- We are running the lottery again this year, and numbers are now available to buy through the 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

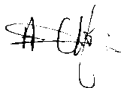
- Friday 18th September – Y5/6 House Football competition. This afternoon we are holding our very first House Football competition...more details of the event to follow in next week's newsletter!
- Wednesday 23rd September – Y6 Boys Futsal Festival @ Haygrove School. The children involved have been sent letters.
- Monday 28th September – Individual school photographs.
- Tuesday 29th September – Y5/6 Girls Futsal Festival @ BCA. The children involved have been sent letters.
- Wednesday 30th September-Friday 2nd October – Scholastic Book Fair in the School Hall.
- 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 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.

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

With very best wishes,



Mr. Andy Clark

Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** **online?**



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

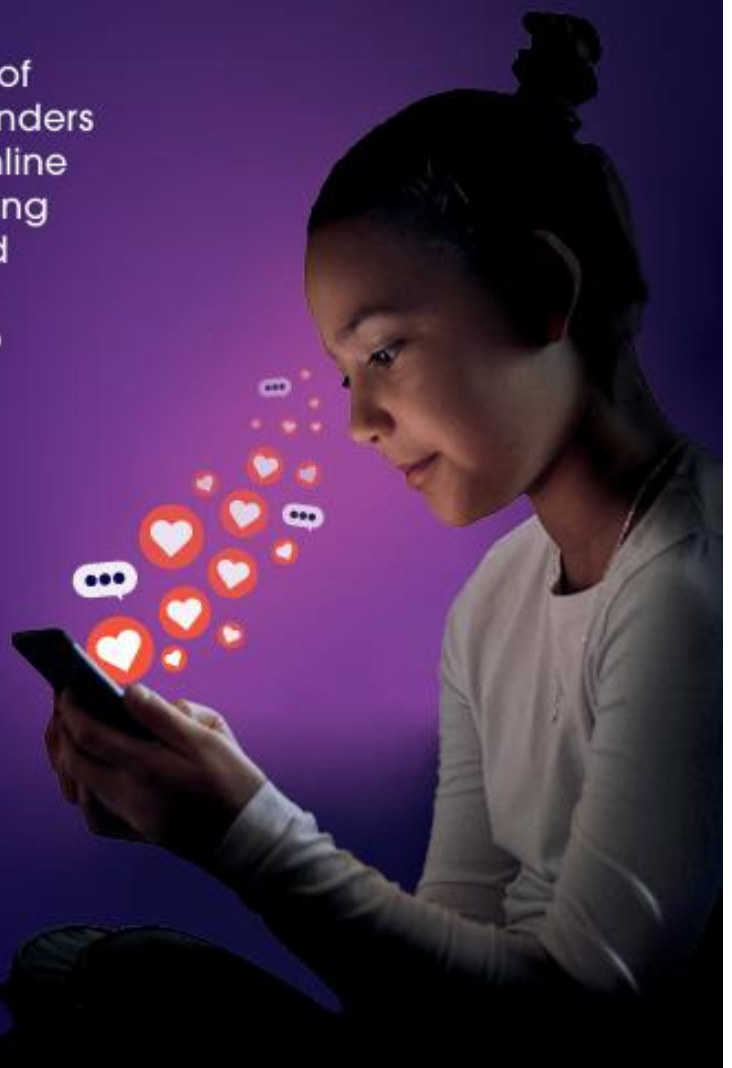
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page**
or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct



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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

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FIRST SERVE ★

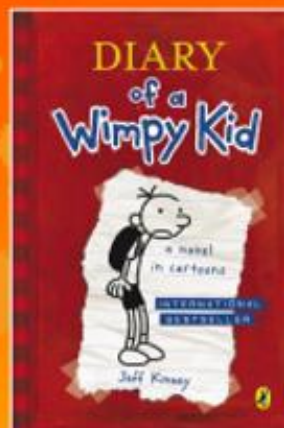
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IN.

National
Year of
Reading
2020

DATE:
30TH SEPT – 2ND OCT

TIME:
3:15 - 4:00PM

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

CATCOTT PRIMARY OCTOBER CAMPS

 October 26th to 30th

MONDAY

Racket Sports

TUESDAY

Tournament Tuesday

WEDNESDAY

Nerf Battles

THURSDAY

Batting Day

FRIDAY

Target Day



*Extra Time available -
7.30am to 8.30am and
3.30pm to 5.30pm.*





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