

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have reached October already...the term is well and truly flying by!

Around the school, I continue to be impressed with how well our older children are taking on their school responsibilities – it has been a pleasure to watch our Playground Leaders supporting our younger children at lunchtimes, our Hobby PE helpers tidying away play equipment, and our librarians, working together to look after the library and to host their lunchtime 'book clubs' for our younger pupils.

During assembly time on Wednesday we spent time thinking about one of our school values; choosing kindness. We talked about how simple, small acts of kindness can have a ripple effect and I set the children the challenge of trying to make a difference to someone else with an act of kindness or two of their own.

Merlin became experts at baking bread this week in response to reading *The Little Red Hen*. They were fascinated by how much the dough rose with the magic ingredient of yeast. The rolls were delicious! My thanks go to Miss Stockford and Miss Rolls for organising such a lovely activity.



This week, Hobby created individual pictures inspired by 'The Creation of Earth' by Diego Rivera before creating a collaborative class version on the playground...



Year 4 have been learning about the different types of teeth and their roles in eating. The children looked at teeth and then created their own models. They had some really engaging conversations along the way.



Outside of the classroom, some of our Year 5/6 girls were busy competing in a Futsal festival on Thursday, held at BCA. All of the girls competed really well and were a pleasure to coach. It was lovely to witness some of our more experienced players supporting and encouraging their team mates throughout the afternoon and we finished on a high with a well-deserved victory in our final match.



Safeguarding



I wanted to share my concerns about the safety of our pupils who cycle and scoot into school. Following a few recent incidents reported outside of the school gates, we have been talking to the children about road safety and its importance, as part of their Wider-World and PSHE lessons. To help support our message I would be very grateful if parents of children who cycle or scoot to school, to have these similar discussions at home, and to also pass on our rules about no cycling or scooting within the school gates. Thank you.

Attendance Matters



Well done to Osprey class who achieved the highest attendance score this week! Our whole school attendance so far this academic year stands at 96.7%, almost at 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 93.5%

Kestrel 96.2%

Osprey 99.6%

Buzzard 96.5%

Eagle 95.7%

Hobby 96.5%

PTFA

- I am delighted to say that due to the generous support of our PTFA, we have secured the booking for a whole-school trip to watch Dick Whittington at The McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater, on Wednesday 16th December. More details will follow closer to the time.
- 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

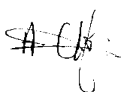
- Wednesday 30th September-Friday 2nd October – Scholastic Book Fair in the School Hall.
- Tuesday 6th Oct (pm) and Thursday 8th Oct (am) – Reception (Merlin Class) Open Events for September 2027. Please save the date and spread the word for prospective parents and families to visit. Thank you.
- Thursday 8th October – Y5/6 boys football tournament @ Bridgwater College, 1.15pm start. The children involved have been sent a letter.
- Parents evenings this term will be held on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October. Please contact Laura in the office if you did not receive an invite, or if you have any problems booking.

Notices

- Piano lessons – Miss Stringer will be in school for an additional afternoon after the half term break, creating more piano lesson availability. Please contact Laura in the office if you would like to put your child's name down.
- 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.
- We are always in need of adult helpers to listen to the children read during the school day. If you feel that this is something you'd like to help us with, please do contact Laura in the office for more information.

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

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Clark', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mr. Andy Clark

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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

★ 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.

FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Hosted by Somerset's
Mental Health
Support Team



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



WHEN?

18:00-19:30 8th October 2026

13:00-14:30 13th October 2026

REGISTER AT:

[canva.link/
mhstautumn
2026](https://canva.link/mhstautumn2026)

In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team, we will...

- ✓ Learn how positive mental health supports your child's happiness, confidence and success at school and beyond.
- ✓ Recognise the early signs that your child may be struggling and understand how to respond.
- ✓ Discover practical, everyday strategies to support your child's emotional wellbeing at home.
- ✓ Find out where to access help and support for your family when it is needed.



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