

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to this week's newsletter. As I type, many of the children are excitedly looking forward to tomorrow's sold out PTFA Halloween Party/Disco Event in the vilage hall – this new event promises to be a lot of fun!

The week began with our monthly Monday whole-school assembly, led by Reverend Kirsty from St. Mary's Church. The focus was on being grateful and showing gratitude for what we have. I also followed this theme in my Wednesday assembly, in which we reflected on World Teacher Day (Monday 5th October), celebrating the fabulous teachers that we have at Westonzoyland Primary School, and how they make such a hugely positive impact on our lives.

Our Merlin children enjoyed toast over the fire in forest school this week. Inspired by the book 'The Leaf Man', they created their own leaf characters using natural materials they gathered in the outdoor environment. They spoke very clearly about their observations and experiences. Well done Merlin Class!



Outside of the classroom, yesterday, some of our Year 5/6 boys competed in the EFSA Small Schools Football Qualifier tournament, held at Bridgwater College. The team were on fine form and we had some very close matches! We played some great football throughout the afternoon, narrowly missing out on qualifying from our group into the semi-finals. Well played to all involved!



Safeguarding



Following on from my message last week about cycling and scooting to and from school, I wanted to reflect on the tragic event in Taunton last week, whereby a teenager, who had been involved in an E-Scooter incident, lost his life. I wanted to share [this link](#) with our community, it is a letter from the Avon & Somerset Constabulary.

Attendance Matters



Well done to Merlin and Osprey classes who both achieved the highest attendance score this week! Our whole school attendance so far this academic year stands at 96.8%, 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 99.6%

Kestrel 96.5%

Osprey 99.6%

Buzzard 92.6%

Eagle 96.4%

Hobby 96.8%

PTFA

- 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.

Upcoming key dates

- Parents evenings will be held next week 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.
- There is a cross-country opportunity in the Half-Term holiday at Brymore School. For any children interested in competing in a Bridgwater school's cross-country race, please arrive at Brymore for a 3.45pm start on the following dates:
Wednesday 21st October (Years 3&5)
Thursday 22nd October (Years 4&6)

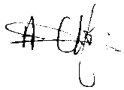
Notices

- Following issues with the menu on ParentPay, please place school meals orders by the usual method via [this link](#). Orders must be placed by 9am on Tuesday.
- Have your say on childcare for primary-aged children in Somerset: Somerset Council would like to hear from parents and carers about their use of before school, after school and holiday childcare. Whether you currently use childcare or not, we would like to hear your views. Your feedback will help Somerset Council understand what is working well, what challenges families face and where childcare may be needed in future. Complete the survey [here](#), it takes just a few minutes. Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

- 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,



Mr. Andy Clark



The poster is for 'OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS' at Northgate, running from the 26th to the 30th of October. It features a colorful design with a large orange maple leaf on the left, a yellow sun with a smiley face on the right, and a small pumpkin next to the word 'OCTOBER'. The Inspired Schools logo is at the top center. Below the title, there are five circular icons representing different activities: a soccer ball for 'SPORTS', a paint palette for 'CREATIVE ACTIVITIES', a lightbulb for 'FUN CHALLENGES', three people for 'MAKE NEW FRIENDS', and a star for 'AND MORE!'. At the bottom, a red banner says 'BOOKING NOW AVAILABLE' with a cursor icon. Below this, the website URL 'https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com/app' and email 'hello@inspiredschools.co.uk' are provided. A green speech bubble on the bottom left says 'PLAY LEARN EXPLORE BE INSPIRED'.

INSPIRED SCHOOLS

FUN FRIENDS ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE!

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26th to 30th October

Northgate

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Tuning in to Kids



LED BY SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Would you like to feel more confident at:

- ✓ Helping your child cope with big feelings?
- ✓ Staying calm and confident during challenging moments?
- ✓ Understanding what your child is telling you through their behaviour?
- ✓ Building a stronger, more positive relationship with your child?

" I HAVE LEARNT A LOT THAT
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I FOUND IT VERY HELPFUL"

PARENT



12:30-14:30



Mondays: 2nd November, 9th November, 16th November,
23rd November, 30th November, 7th December 2026

(you need to be able to attend
all 6 dates)



Virtually via MS Teams



[Click here to Register](#)

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online free sessions
for parents

Tuning in to Teens



LED BY SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Would you like to feel more confident at:

- ✓ Helping your teen cope with big feelings?
- ✓ Staying calm and confident during challenging moments?
- ✓ Helping your teen deal with conflict?
- ✓ Building a stronger, more positive relationship with your teen?

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12:30-14:30



Mondays: 11th January, 18th January, 25th January,
1st February, 8th February 2027

(you need to be able to
attend all 5 dates)



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Suitable for parents & carers
of children aged 10-16



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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