Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the second-half of the Autumn Term. The children have started back in fine form and it has been lovely to catch up with them this week, and to see them so absorbed in their learning.

You may well have noticed that some significant changes are happening with our playground areas. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst the work continues – I know that drop off and pick up times, especially by the Key Stage 1 playground, can be particularly tricky to negogiate at the moment. We are hoping that the KS1 playground will be completed by the end of next week…the remainder of the project, located in the outdoor classroom and garden area, should have far less of an impact on busy times at the beginning and the end of the school day.

On Monday we welcomed Martin and Geraldine from St. Mary's church to lead an assembly that looked at the story of the Gunpowder Plot and the events that led up to why we celebrate Bonfire Night on 5th November each year. The children were absorbed in the story and very sensibly answered questions about the importance of using fireworks safely. We did also discuss the upcoming Carnival Season and I know that many of our pupils and families are very much looking forward to it!

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of popping into our lunchtime drawing club, to see some of the lovely work that our younger children were doing. On this occasion, our Year 6 pupils, Cora and Daisy were leading the club, supporting and encouraging the children incredibly well.





Our Student Council have already been very busy this term, and at our most recent meeting, came up with some fabulous ideas and suggestions to help support our playground project. I would like to extend a warm welcome to this year's Student Council team pictured below.



Miss Stockford and I have had a very tricky task this week, having to judge and decide on the winning entries for the PTFA half-term Art and Craft competition. We had so many fabulous entries – all very creative, unique and skilfully completed. The competition winners were:

Overall winner – Toby
Key Stage 1 winner – Hallie
Key Stage 2 winner – Aria
Highly Commended – Rowan, Jude, Isabel H, Harper B

My thanks go to the PTFA, and to everyone who supported this event, especially our wonderful young artists!







Beech Catering put on a special Bonfire Night themed menu on Thursday to celebrate 5th November. Georgia made some wonderful “sparkler” cookies and “campfire” chocolate cake which were a real treat for the children.





Before I sign off for the week I wanted to provide you with the following dates for our Reception and KS1 Christmas Nativity performances. We will be in touch shortly with more information about acquiring tickets. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 8th December – 2pm performance
Wednesday 9th December – 2pm performance

In addition, I can confirm that our Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight event will be held after-school on Thursday 17th December (timings still be to be confirmed).

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

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.



Well done Osprey Class who achieved 100% attendance this week! Our whole school attendance so far this academic year stands at 96.9%, nearly 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 99.2%	Kestrel 98.9%	Osprey 100%
Buzzard 98.7%	Eagle 97.5%	Hobby 98.2%

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.

Upcoming key dates

- Friday 6th November – Year 5 & 6 Girl's Indoor Football Festival @ Wellington Prep School.
- Wednesday 11th November – We will be observing a 2-minute silence at 11am as part of Remembrance Day. If your child is part of the Brownies, Cubs, Beavers or Cadets, and would like to wear their uniforms into school on the day, they will be most welcome to do so. We are hoping to receive a delivery of poppies from the Royal British Legion at some point to enable us to support the appeal as we have done so in previous years.
- Friday 13th November – Children In Need! We will be having a Mufti-Day (non-uniform) and encourage pupils to bring in a donation on the day. Thank you.
- Tuesday 17th November – Y4-6 Dance Festival (children involved have been sent letters).
- Thursday 19th November – Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics (children involved have been sent letters).
- Friday 20th November – Y5/6 choir taking part in 'Sing Out' @ Taunton Prep School (children involved have been sent letters).

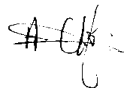
- Monday 23rd & Tues 24th – Y5/6 Bikeability. There are a few places left so speak to Laura in the office if you would like your child to take part in this valuable course.
- Tuesday 24th November – additional open afternoon. Due to popular demand, we have added in another afternoon for Reception 2027 tours. Please get in touch with Laura to book a place.
- Wednesday 16th December – Whole School Pantomime trip. Please log on to ParentPay to consent to your child attending and pay a contribution, if you have not already done so.

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.
- 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 do hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

With very best wishes,



Mr. Andy Clark

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PARENT

12:30-14:30

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

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

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12:30-14:30

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

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WHEN?

18:00-19:30 8th October 2026

13:00-14:30 13th October 2026

REGISTER AT:

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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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