



Newsletter
Term 3
Friday 23rd January 2026

Life isn't about
waiting for the
storm to pass...
Dance it's learning to
in the Rain

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been another very wet and windy week and it looks like we may have more wet and windy weather to come. The children are not phased by the weather and have been impressing all the staff with their enthusiasm and learning attitudes. We are very impressed with the effort our children are showing this term. In particular, the writing on display across the school is fabulous. The buzz words around the school are Presentation and Consistency. Ask your children what we mean by this - I am sure they will be able to explain.

We are already half way through this term now – January is the longest and darkest month of the year but it does seem to be whizzing by. Three weeks until the next half term and we have lots to fit in.

Just a reminder that we do try to get the children outside every day so please ensure that they have warm coats in school. Please remember to name all of your child's clothing.

Have a cozy weekend.
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CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES SURVEY

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board are working closely with the local authorities, NHS providers and voluntary organisations to review existing health services for CYP (Children and Young People) and to identify strengths and areas for further improvement. Two surveys have been developed (one for professionals and one for parents/carers). It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the survey for parents/carers. This survey explores views on a wide range of services including health visiting, school nursing, speech and language therapy, mental health services and ADHD and Autism assessment services. Follow this link to complete the survey: [Children's Community Health Services - Parent/Carer Survey](#)

SEND PARENTS/CARERS EVENING

On **Tuesday 3rd March @WW** and **Wednesday 4th March @H** parents and carers (with children on the SEND register) have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to review their previous targets and share the next step in their learning journey. It is also an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and your child's thoughts on their education and the support they receive in school. The SENDCo will also be available if you need to discuss further support. You will have been sent an email this week with an appointment slot. **Please respond** to that email to confirm if you are able to attend or not. Thank you to everyone who has confirmed so far.

CAR SAFETY

We have been asked by our local PCSO 7948 Kate Turner to share her concerns over safety around cars. When entering the school grounds please use pedestrian access gates only and follow the pavement to the crossings. We need to model safe behaviour in car parks for our children to learn from. Please don't walk in the road. She would also like to draw your attention to the information below regarding the use of car seats for babies and children:

Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall [must wear a seat belt](#).

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

Height-based seats

Height-based seats must be rear facing until your child is over 15 months old. Your child can use a forward-facing child car seat when they're over 15 months old.

You must check the seat to make sure it's suitable for the height of your child.

Only approved height-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'R129'.

Weight-based seats

The seat your child can use (and the way they must be restrained in it) depends on their weight.

Only approved weight-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'ECE R44'.

You may be able to choose from more than one type of seat in the group for your child's weight.

Group	Seats
0kg to 10kg	0 Lie-flat or 'lateral' baby carrier, rear-facing baby carrier, or rear-facing baby seat using a harness
0kg to 13kg	0+ Rear-facing baby carrier or rear-facing baby seat using a harness
9kg to 18kg	1 Rear- or forward-facing baby seat using a harness or safety shield
15kg to 25kg	2 Rear- or forward-facing child car seat (high-backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield
22kg to 36kg	3 Rear- or forward-facing child car seat (high-backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield

Manufacturers can now only make booster cushions approved as group 3. This will not affect any existing booster cushions in group 2 and you'll still be able to use them.

Fitting a child car seat

You must only use a child car seat if your car's seat belt has a diagonal strap, unless the seat is either:

- specifically designed for use with a lap seat belt
- fitted using ISOFIX anchor points

You must also:

- deactivate any front airbags before fitting a rear-facing baby seat in a front seat
- not fit a child car seat in side-facing seats

The [Child Car Seats website](#) has information on how to choose a seat and travel safely with children in cars.

SCHOOL DINNERS



Please make sure you book your child's school dinner in advance or at least before **9.00am** each day. It is parent/ carers' responsibility to order children's meals. The school office will order in exceptional circumstances but please do try your best to order them in advance. We do not want any children to miss having a lunch ordered. If you need a reminder of your activation codes or how to use the booking system, please ask in the office and we will be happy to help.

Use this link to login: <https://select.aspens-services.com>

Meal prices are **£2.75** per meal but free to all Busy Bees and Key Stage 1 (This is called Universal Free School Meals).

You can check to see if you are eligible for free school meals via this link: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals> . Please do check your eligibility as you and your child may be entitled to other support including additional funding in school.

SNACKS AND LUNCHBOXES - NO SUGARY SNACKS

Teachers have reported that some children appear to be very distractable and 'bouncy' after lunch. Whilst exploring what children are eating for their snacks and lunches , we have discovered that some children have very sugar heavy lunchboxes. We appreciate that children can be very selective in the food they will eat, however, a lunchbox that is full of chocolate and chocolate products and ultra processed food is not conducive to concentration or learning and in some cases is contributing to disruptive behaviour. Please minimise the amount of chocolate and sugary snacks in lunchboxes. **No more than one small chocolate snack please. Fruit and cereal products for snacks only please.**



Please can we remind everyone that we are a completely **nut-free school** and that snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty, including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella and peanut butter. This is to ensure the safety of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to **all nuts and peanuts**



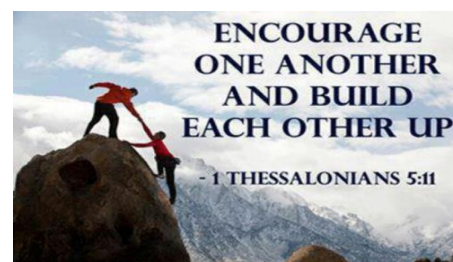
TERM 3 VALUE

This term's value is Friendship which is one of our favourite values.

The children will be learning how to be a good friend, someone who can be trusted and is loyal.

At home, you could talk together about how friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally. Can you think about what makes a good friend and how can we be a good friend to others?

We look forward to seeing year 4 leading our family worship on the value of Friendship on Monday 9th February.



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES / YEARLY PLANNER

Monday 9th - 13th February – Children's mental health

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet day

Thursday 12th February – Y6@H & Y6@WW Ancient Greek Experience Day at West Wick

Friday 13th February – End of term 3

Monday 22nd February – INSET day

Tuesday 24th February – Start of term 4

Tuesday 24th February – Y3 Trip to Cheddar Caves

Monday 2nd - 6th March — Reading week

Tuesday 3rd March - SEND Parents Evening @WW

Wednesday 4th March - SEND Parents Evening @H

Thursday 5th March – World Book day

Friday 20th March – Comic relief

Thursday 2nd April – End of term 4

Family worship dates

Family worships are held on Monday afternoons and will be held on the following dates in the new year. They usually start at 2:15pm but you will be contacted nearer the time with confirmed timings – some classes like to start earlier to allow time for a look at learning in class afterwards.

Year 4 - Monday 9th February 2026
 Year 3 - Monday 23rd March 2026
 Year 1 - Monday 11th May 2026
 Year 2 - Monday 6th July 2026



Celebration Worship

We love inviting parents and carers to our celebration worships on Fridays, but please can we ask that you don't film during the worship. You will have the opportunity to take photos afterwards.

TERM DATES 2025 - 2026 / 2026 - 2027

Term 1	Start Monday 1 st September 2025 (INSET DAY) End Friday 24 th October 2025
Term 2	Start Monday 3 rd November 2025 (INSET DAY) End Friday 19 th December 2025
Term 3	Start Monday 5 th January 2026 (INSET DAY) End Friday 13 th February 2026
Term 4	Start Monday 23 rd February 2026 (INSET DAY) End Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	Start Monday 20 th April 2026 End Friday 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	Start Monday 1 st June 2026 (INSET DAY) End Tuesday 21 st July 2026
Term 1	Start Monday 7 th September 2026 (Thurs 3 rd & Friday 4 th September 2026 INSET DAYS) End Friday 23 rd October 2026
Term 2	Start Monday 2 nd November 2026 End Friday 18 th December 2026
Term 3	Start Monday 4 th January 2027 End Friday 12 th February 2027
Term 4	Start Monday 22 nd February 2027 End Thursday 25 th March 2027
Term 5	Start Monday 12 th April 2027 End Friday 28 th May 2027
Term 6	Start Monday 7 th June 2027 End Friday 23 rd July 2027
More information on INSET DAYS will follow	

Please be aware that holidays in term time cannot be authorised and will incur a penalty fine, which is issued by North Somerset Council, if the absence exceeds 10 sessions in a ten-week rolling period (10 sessions is a total of 5 days. The 5 days do not need to be consecutive). The penalty fine is now £80 per parent per child, which is payable within 21 days, this rises to £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. Failure to pay will result in prosecution.

If you do need to take you child out of school, please ensure you complete an absence request form which is available from the office. Please be mindful that a second term time holiday automatically incurs a penalty notice of £160 per child, per parent. We do not want anyone to be caught out by this large sum of money.

Please also be aware that if a school believes a child has been on holiday even after receiving sickness messages, schools are still obliged to recommend a penalty notice.

PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION



ST ANNE'S SEND PARENTS SUPPORT



Does your child have a special educational need- diagnosed or suspected?

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Hosted by Fern Davies, Mum of two children on the SEN register at St Annes
- Build a community amongst SEN parents
- Connect & Share Experiences
- Celebrate our Children
- Understand the Support & Information we may need in 2026 to make this a positive year for SEN families

Please contact Di Martin - SENCO - for further information

COFFEE & CHAT

- WHEN: FRIDAY 30th JANUARY
- WHERE: WEST WICK SITE, COMMUNITY ROOM
- TIME: 2PM-3PM
- HOSTED BY A PARENT FOR THE PARENTS



Mental Health Support Team

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) were established to support schools, helping them develop ways to look after the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people (CYP) as well as the wider school system including school staff and parents/carers.

The MHST are now delivering online sessions which are free to sign up to. Please scan the QR code below to register for our next webinar.

NEW

Online Parent/Carer Sessions

An Introduction to Anxiety

NEW

To sign up, please complete a registration form here:



[MHST Online Session](#)



What is it? This session covers:

- What anxiety is, when it is useful, when it becomes unhelpful, and what keeps anxiety going.
- Our body's response to anxiety focusing on our thoughts, feelings, physical sensations and behaviours.
- Providing strategies for managing and overcoming anxiety

Who is it for? Helpful for parents and carers whose children may be struggling with mild anxiety.

When are they? 22nd & 26th January. Sessions will be run at 12pm-1pm and 4pm- 5pm on both dates.

New topics and dates will be released regularly.

The MHST is a partnership between Off the Record (OTR) and CAMHS. We are working with selected education settings across Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos. To find out where we work, check out our webpage:

www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mhst/



KENYA HOPE CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Kenya Hope Charity are once again collecting items (as detailed below) to raise money to help fund projects, buy equipment and feed the children in and around Malanga Primary School in Kenya. We will be a drop-off point for any donations from now until the end of term – Friday 13th February. Please hand any donations in at either of our school offices.



Recycling FOR GOOD CAUSES

Find us: Recycling for Good Causes
14 Amber Business Village
Amington
Tarnworth
B77 4SP

call: 0800 633 5323
email: info@recyclingforgoodcauses.org
visit: www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org

Items we recycle

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">Jewellery</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Unwanted gold & silver including damaged items Costume jewellery Watches</p> 	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">Coins & Currency</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Banknotes & Coins Any currency UK or foreign of any age/unchangeable currency</p> 
<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">Mobile Phones, Cameras & Gadgets</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Mobile Phones . Video Cameras Old Film Cameras . Digital Cameras . Sat Navs Game Consoles . Games & Accessories . iPods MP3 Players . Tablet Computers</p> 	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">Stamps</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Loose / Single Stamps First Day Covers Presentation Packs</p> 

Donors: Please place your items into the sack provided at your designated drop off point.
Drop off point representative: Call Recycling For Good Causes on 0800 633 5323 (freephone) when your sack is full or weighs over 10kg for your free collection.

Recycle and raise funds for...

Wanted! Your old Cameras



• Digital • Film • Video • Cinecameras • Hi-8 • Super 8, etc.

Any age. Any condition

Just hand them to a member of staff and we'll do the rest.
We are working with our partners Recycling For Good Causes to put them to good use and raise much needed funds.
Your donations help us to continue our vital work.