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Dear Families,

Wow, end of term 1 already - how did that happen so quickly? Over the past seven weeks, our children have been immersed in their learning from the moment they walk in the door to the moment they leave. We have had trips and visitors in all of our schools - all of which combine together to create rich and impactful experiences for us all. Children are learning all the time - they mimic us adults (I'm talking families and staff) all the time and what an honour and privilege it is to be able to help shape young minds and hearts in this way.

I do hope you have a restful break - all this learning is super of course, but boy it is tiring!

A reminder that our first day back in term 2 is **TUESDAY** 3rd November (we have a staff INSET day on Monday).

Thank you for your continued support.
 Emma Barker
 Headteacher



Ms Elsworth

I am excited to step into the role of Learning Mentor. Having worked within the school for the past few years, I'm looking forward to continuing to support our students and team in this new capacity. Outside of school, life keeps me busy with my two boys and our dog. We love spending time outdoors, whether that's heading out on long family walks, exploring new places, or just making the most of a day out together.

October

23rd - End of Term 1

31st - Closing date for Secondary School Applications

November

2nd - Inset Day

3rd - Term 2 starts

3rd - Nativity Tickets Available in the Office – LL/R/1/2/3

3rd - 6th – Layer Up, Power Down Week

3rd - Reception 2027 Tour

6th - Samba Tickets available in the Office - WILLOW

6th - Year 6 Kilve Deposit deadline

9th / 16th / 23rd / 30th – Year 6 Catch Up Swimming

12th - Willow Class Trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge

16th – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying

December

2nd - Willow Class Samba Performance & Celebration of Learning

3rd - Ash Class Tip to We are Curious?

5th - PTFA School Disco

7th - Whole School Winter crafts

8th - Ash Celebration of Learning

9th - Rowan – Celebration Of Learning

10th - Hazel Celebration of Learning

14th/15th - The Twinkly Nativity Little Learners/YR/1/2/3

16th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

18th - Christmas Carols @ Church Y 4/5/6 – Details to follow

18th - End of Term 2

January

4th - Inset Day

5th - Term 3 starts

15th - Closing date for Reception 2027 School Applications

Battery Recycling

A little project for over half term for everyone

Collect as many batteries as you can and bring them into school in a clear plastic bag to the office on your return after the holidays!



RECEPTION 

Late Pupils

If your child is late, please ensure that they are sent to the office to register then we will direct them to class.

Please do not go around to the back of the classrooms as this means that the Office are unaware they have arrived and is also disruptive to the class.

Thank you for your continued support!

Catch Up Swimming

Don't forget your child's swimming kit!

For pupils who have received an invite ONLY for catch up swimming

Kind regards



We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that no nut products are to be brought into the school in your child's lunch box etc in any derivative

PE Days 2026 2027

Ash - Tuesday & Thursday

Willow - Thursday & Friday

Hazel - Monday & Wednesday

Rowan - Monday & Wednesday

Safeguarding

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or just need to speak to a member of Staff confidentially you can book an appointment with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Laura Collins, or our Deputy Safeguarding Lead Emma Barker.

For Little Learners Samara Johnson is our Designated Safeguarding Lead with Louise Jones as Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224
Email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk
Police: 101 or in an 999



Year 6 Residential 14th-16th July 2027

If you would like to register your child's interest, and reserve a space on the camp, please complete the consent form on Reach More Parents App (Weduc) for your child to attend the camp and pay the **non-returnable £25 deposit** by **Friday 6th November** through the payments section.

<https://sseoutdoors.co.uk/centres/kilve-court/>

Going to Kilve Court is your chance to step away from the regular classroom and dive into an amazing outdoor adventure! Staying here means you get to try incredible activities you might not have the opportunity to at home. You will share a room and eat meals with your closest friends, work together to smash fun challenges, and make unforgettable memories that you will talk about for years. It is all about having fun, discovering what you are truly capable of, and experiencing the ultimate school sleepover.



WILLOW CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning and Samba performance!

Where every achievement shines bright

 Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2026

 Time: 8.50am
 Location: Hall



ASH CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning afternoon!

To give our children roots to grow and wings to fly

 Date: Tuesday 8th December 2026

 Time: 2.45pm
 Location: Ash Class



HAZEL CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning afternoon!
Proud of our work, proud of ourselves

 Date: Thursday 10th December
 Time: 2.45pm
 Location: Hazel Class

ROWAN CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning afternoon!
Looking back with pride, looking forward with hope

 Date: Wednesday 9th December 2026
 Time: 2.45pm
 Location: Rowan Class



Rowan Class

This term, Rowan Class have been diving into the world of materials and their properties in science! Here are a few photos of our young scientists investigating solubility by testing which substances dissolve to form a solution and which remain insoluble.

Working collaboratively, the children demonstrated our core school value of respect by listening to each other's ideas and sharing equipment fairly while conducting their fair tests.

We've also been applying our understanding to separate mixtures using filtering and sieving.



Little Learners

What a wonderful last week of term it's been, full of learning and exploration. We have been exploring the story 'Room on the Broom' in our curiosity chest and re-enacting the story with our story spoons, explored pumpkins and used our hands and spoons to see what's inside and made our own monsters and creatures with various media.

Don't forget, you can share any news, photos or updates on your child's account on the EYParent app. They love to show us what they do at home whilst they are not at preschool!



RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 ARE
GOING ON A TRIP!

WE ARE THE CURIOUS
3RD DECEMBER

NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK
THROUGH THE REACH MORE
PARENTS APP : PAYMENTS



Term 2 - Breakfast Club

Bookings are open for Breakfast Club!

Numbers are high so this may result in your child being turned away at the gate if not booked in

Weduc - Payments - Parent Pay - Clubs



Aspens



Please book your child's lunch for Term 2

Parents will be asked to drop off a packed lunch if they are not booked in by 9am on the day



Winter Uniform Checklist

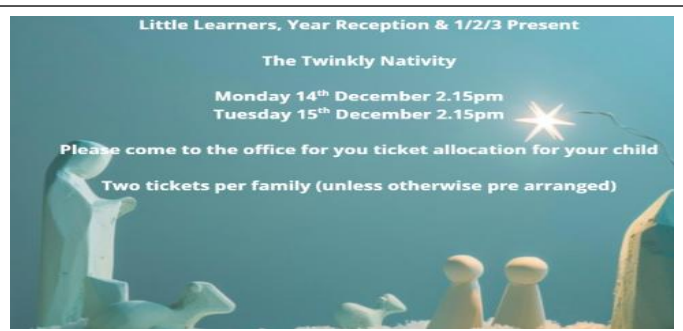
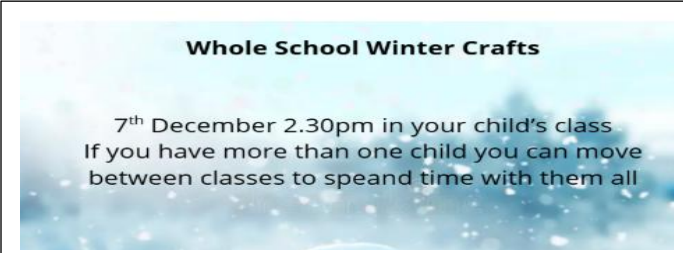
Please ensure you send in your child dressed appropriately for the coming winter months.

Hats, Scarves, Gloves & Coat

Parent Check

Is everything clearly labeled with your child's name?





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Year 6 Pupils

If you have a child transferring to secondary and upper school in September 2027, the online portal will be open until midnight on 31st October 2026 to submit an on-time application.

We recommend you always include your catchment school as one of your preferences. If you don't and it becomes oversubscribed, we can't guarantee your child a place there and if you don't get offered one of the schools you have chosen, your child might be offered a school further away with no travel assistance.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/>

Reception Pupils 2027

When applying for a starting or transferring school place for September 2027, rest assured that applications are NOT dealt with on a first come first served basis!

If a school is full all applications are considered against the over-subscription criteria.

The deadline is 15 January 2027 for primary, junior and middle applications so there is plenty of time to look at schools before.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>

Polite Reminder: School Gates at home time ●

Please help us keep our school secure by leaving the playground promptly after drop-off and collection. We love our community atmosphere, but we must ensure the gates are locked and the site is secure for after-school clubs.

Could we add to this that the space between the gates and the ASH Class entrance be kept as clear as possible for parents collecting and dropping off other pupils in the main school.

If your child is late arriving at school please direct them to the office so we can register them to avoid calls home if we haven't seen them enter the building, and to not go round the back of the school to the classrooms where learning has begun.

Thank you for your support!

On Monday 19th October West Huntspill Primary School had the great pleasure of a visit from Diocesan Bishop Michael accompanied by Reverend Chris.

After a tour around the school, where he saw the children engaged with different activities including P.E. and R.E. He took questions from some of the pupils. The pupils were very curious, asking questions such as 'What does a Bishop do?' and 'What is difficult about being a Bishop?' Bishop Michael liked the questions as they 'made me think'

This was then followed by a whole school assembly where Rev. Chris talked about asking big questions and why they are important.



A huge thank you to Rachel and Joe for their usual warm welcome. We kicked off our afternoon in the barn with a wonderful Harvest assembly led by Rev. Chris. After a spirited singing of "Autumn Days," the children got hands-on with a variety of farm activities—from becoming soil detectives to discovering local plants, wildlife, and learning all about cows!

Our pupils truly showed off our school value of Curiosity with their incredible questions throughout the day



October Half Term Events at Burnham Library

Pokemon Treasure Hunt

Sat 24th Oct -
Sat 31st Oct

RSPCA Workshop & Craft

Thurs 29th Oct
2:30pm - 4pm

Spooky Rhyme Time

Fri 30th Oct
10:15 - 11:15



COFFEE MORNING
Hosted by PFSA at
West Huntspill Primary Academy
FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER
8.45am - 10.15am
FAMILY FRIENDLY! ALL WELCOME!

COFFEE AND CHAT

SECOND HAND UNIFORM AVAILABLE

SAMPLE OF CHILDRENS WORKS TO EXPLORE
COME JOIN THE FUN!

see school reception for any questions

We would love to invite you to

SCARY TOURS

This Halloween, history comes back to haunt you..

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th October 2026

Join Somerset Youth Theatre at Bridgwater Arts Centre for a darkly comic, site-specific immersive theatre experience like no other.

Journey through the Arts Centre as a professional and community cast bring to life strange & sinister stories inspired by real and imagined tales from Bridgwater's past.

Expect tales of old, dark comedy, jump scares, unexpected encounters and stuff-of-nightmares as the building - and its history - comes alive around you. What could possibly go wrong?

www.bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk

Co-created by SYT Young People and Artists

BOOK NOW

Bridgwater ARTS CENTRE

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SUPPORT FOR RECEPTION 2027

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

GET HELP WITH:

- Navigating the application process
- Online Form Submission (via Somerset Council website)
- Understanding Deadlines
- Finding Local Primary Schools
- Preferences & Catchment Areas
- Friendly Q&A
- Support with arranging school tours

WHEN & WHERE:

BURNHAM LIBRARY, Princess Street, Burnham-on-Sea

UPCOMING SESSIONS:

- ★ Wednesday, 18th November, 10am - 12pm
- ★ Thursday, 19th November, 1pm - 3pm
- ★ Tuesday, 10th December, 1pm - 3pm

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED - JUST TURN UP!

Somerset Council Official Guidance for Somerset Council Admissions | **Burnham Library** Supporting Families with Somerset Council Applications