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## Newsletter 6

Dear Parents

Wow, we have got to the end of a very long and full term! Children been working so hard in classes and through our regular monitoring, we have seen some great learning going on...they are certainly ready for a break!

But not only that, to provide a balance, there have been some **magnificent** performances over the past couple of weeks with the many Nativities and church services along with a choir performance and a Rock Steady performance on Monday! It has been a joy to see the whole school community come together to celebrate a very special time of the year. **Thankyou** to all of our staff and volunteers who have helped these performances come to fruition.



I would also like to extend a thankyou to the PTA for organising the hamper raffle, secret santa shop, teas and coffees at the performances along with offering a festive party game in each class and also subsidising the Pantomime trip to make the joy of live theatre affordable. We had a brilliant time at the Pantomime and we hope to be able to repeat it again next year.

I would like to wish all families and extended families a well-earned break over Christmas and I hope you all have a great Christmas time with loved ones. Thankyou for all of your support with the school and with your children's learning this term.

Thankyou to everyone that responded to the governors recent very short survey. This is your last chance to fill it in, so please do follow the link [HERE](#) if you have not done so.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025! Early in term 3, you will receive your class termly newsletter which will outline the learning that will be undertaken

### Term-time holidays



I understand that at this time of the year, you may start to think about booking holidays in the summer sun. Please avoid term time holidays, as it is very important that children keep their attendance as high as possible to maximise learning opportunities. National expectation for attendance is over 95%, which equates means that 181 out of 190 days attendance are the minimum expected days spent in school over a whole year. All absences, whether illness, holidays or appointments will affect your attendance figure.

Most holidays will result in unauthorised absence and many will be issued with a local authority penalty fine.

If you would like to read the policy in full, please head to the policies section of our school website.

### SEND Children and Young People Newsletter

Please click on the following link to read the SEND children and young people's council June newsletter.

### [The Buzz SEND Children and Young Persons Newsletter](#)



### After school and breakfast club

As we are at the end of another term can we please ask that after school and breakfast club



accounts are brought up to date before the start of next term. The fees are not termly and should be cleared every two weeks. Please also be advised that school emails are not monitored after 3.30pm each day so requests for attendance at clubs should be made before the end of the school day to secure a place. Thank you.

### Family Holiday Activity at Wells Cathedral: Festive Foliage

Make a seasonal centrepiece to adorn your table this Christmas.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 11:15 am – 3:15 pm in the Cathedral Education Room

FREE with adult entry. No need to book, just drop in on the day!

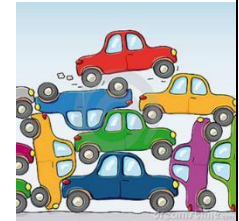
While you're there, take a closer look at Christmas in the Cathedral with our free Christmas Story Trail – available throughout Advent.

Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.

<https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/visit/families>

### Parking

We have had a couple of very near misses in the morning at drop off time, which is a great concern. **Can I urge parents not to drop off using any pavement, grassed or yellow**



**zig-zagged areas as parking spaces as**

**pedestrians use these areas.** Please remember that the Prince of Waterloo rear car park is available for parents to park whilst dropping off or collecting. Thankyou

### Open the Book

Open the Book presented, On to Bethlehem from Luke 2 verse 5-7 on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Roman



Emperor wanted to count every person in every land he ruled, so he ordered everyone to go back to the towns where they came from. Mary and Joseph travelled back to Bethlehem where Joseph's family lived. It was a long way and as Mary was heavily pregnant it took a long time to get there. When they arrived Bethlehem was crowded with people so Mary and Joseph ended up staying in a stable. That night Mary gave birth to her baby and she named him Jesus. She laid him in a manger, then she held him in her arms- God's precious Son and it was amazing, that first Christmas.

The Open the Book team pray all the children and their families have a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

### Chew Valley Cricket Team

Cricket is back and better than ever! Join Chew Valley Cricket Team on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at the Chew Valley School Sports Centre for an exciting new season of indoor training. Led by head coach Ross Kettle and his fantastic team of volunteers, they're offering a high-quality softball coaching sessions for children aged 7 to 15.

Years 3-6 Wednesdays 6-7pm

Years 7 – 10 Wednesdays 7-8pm

To give flexibility and help manage demand the 2025 programme will run in half-term blocks.

Block 1 £30 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

Block 2 £30 26<sup>th</sup> Feb-2<sup>nd</sup> April

[www.chewvalleycricket.co.uk/winter-inform-cricket](http://www.chewvalleycricket.co.uk/winter-inform-cricket)

## Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><u><a href="#">Lion Reception</a></u></p>	<p>To the whole of Lion Class for an excellent week at school! The whole class did an amazing job at performing their nativity to the rest of the school and their parents, they all sang beautifully and said their lines clearly. This was a real achievement after only being in school for two terms! They were also a real credit to the school by behaving so wonderfully. Well done Lion Class!</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Leopard Year 1</a></u></p>	<p>Ralph has been going above and beyond to practise his handwriting at home and he has made such a big improvement! His hard work and effort are really showing in all areas of his learning, he should be super proud of himself!</p> <p>Lollie has been coming into school with a smile on her face every day and tries her best in all aspects of her learning. She has been doing some amazing maths work this week and I can tell she is always proud of her work. Well done Lollie!</p> <p>Ollie has been working so hard in all areas of his learning. He has been trying so hard to have a go on his own before asking for help. I can see that he has realised just how amazing he is at Maths and Writing.</p> <p>Arthur has participated thoroughly in all of our lessons over the past couple of weeks. He asks lots of questions and shows curiosity and interest in all of our learning. Keep up the good work!</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Panther Year 2</a></u></p>	<p>Phoebie and Ada, you have worked really hard with your maths this week. We have been adding 2 digit numbers and after great perseverance you have been adding numbers which cross the 10. I am really proud of your determination. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>Layla thank you for being a good friend this week. You have responded well to the notes the kindness elves have left us and I have seen you smiling at others, holding the door and saying please and thank you. What a wonderful example to others.</p> <p>Moss and Layla, you are both wonderful members of Panther class, always enthusiastic about learning and keen to share your ideas with the class. This week I have been really impressed with how you showed great perseverance with our wool Christmas decorations which you focused on for almost an hour. Keep up the great work.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Tiger Year 3</a></u></p>	<p>A huge well done to all of Tiger class for a sensational nativity performance of lights, camel, action 2 - the sequin. You all put in so much effort to learn any lines and to learn the lyrics to the songs. I know that your parents were thoroughly entertained and also super proud - I know I was! Well done!</p> <p>To the whole of Tiger class for another fantastic term. This has been a super busy term of learning new units but also of the build up to Christmas. I have had such a great time watching you put together the amazing nativity this year - always one of my favourite things - however, I have most enjoyed watching each and every one of you progress so beautifully in your reading. Your guided reading lessons are my favourite sessions to teach as you are all so engaged and I can see what wonderful readers you are all becoming. Have the most fabulous Christmas and enjoy the well deserved rest. See you all in 2025!</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Jaguar Year 4</a></u></p>	<p>To all of Jaguar class, for an incredible performance of Lights, Camel Action 2. You performed with confidence, sang beautifully and put on a magnificent show which the audience loved.</p> <p>To all of Jaguar class: Well done for a brilliant second term, you've worked super hard, done some amazing learning and put together a wonderful nativity performance. Have a really good Christmas break and remember to keep up your times tables practice!</p>

<p><u>Lynx</u> <u>Year 5</u></p>	<p>To the whole of Year 5, well done on 2 fantastic performances this week. You blew us away with your beautiful singing voices, especially in the church. Well done, you did yourselves proud!</p> <p>To the whole of Lynx Class, well done for a fantastic second term in Year 5. I have been so impressed with your perseverance this term. We have done lots of challenging work (fractions!) and you have risen to the challenge fantastically! I was particularly proud of you this week as we undertook our sewing project. This was a new skill for many of you and you all worked incredible hard to produce a finished product which you should be proud of. Well done all of you!</p>
<p><u>Puma</u> <u>Year 6</u></p>	<p>George has seriously impressed me with his maths this week. George has really stepped up his independence and this has allowed him to complete much more work than he had done previously. He has proven to me what he is truly capable of and he is smashing those tricky fraction questions. Keep it up George!</p> <p>Lily has impressed me in a number of ways recently. Firstly, her engagement and positive attitude to History. During retrieval practice, she is able to share SO many facts that she remembers from previous lessons and she helps to get class discussions going in a really positive way. Lily has also shared her love of reading in class. She is always asking for new book recommendations and she loves to share these with the rest of the class. The speed that she gets through novels is inspiring!</p> <p>To all of Puma class, what a wonderful term we have had in Puma class! Every child has continued to work their hardest and give their best effort, right up to the very end of this busy term. Highlights have included the stunning singing in the Christmas carol concert, some outstanding writing and really passionate historians when learning about WW2. Next term is going to be very important for the Year sixes and I hope that they return refreshed and ready to show their full potential in the New Year. Merry Christmas Year 6 - you deserve a fun break!</p>