
Newsletter 6

Dear Parents

A welcome back to Term 3 and what wonderful wintery weather we have had!

I hope you all had a positive Christmas break and are ready for the forthcoming term.

There are some important messages below, including one about the national deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2025. If you have any friends who have children who will be eligible to start school, please make them aware that the cut-off date is fast approaching!



Have a great weekend.

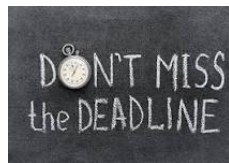
Primary School

Application Deadline

The deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2025 is

11.59pm on Wednesday 15 January 2025.

Applications are made through North Somerset Council <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/submit-your-application-school-place>



Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line

A reminder about the Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line that is now available. Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities? Such as finding it difficult to use cutlery, struggling with zips and buttons, finding handwriting difficult and tripping over easily. There is an occupational therapy advice line which is open to parents, carers, schools, nurseries and healthcare professionals on the first and second Tuesday of each month from 2pm-4pm. 01225 826659. If your child is already on the Waiting List or is known to BANES OT service and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 824220.



Diner Day-16th January 2025

On National Census Day which is 16th January 2025 we are offering a special themed menu to encourage as many pupils as possible to order a school meal. The meals are **free to all year groups** on this day. Please order in the usual way through the Select website. The theme is American Diner Day so meal options will be Beef burger, cheeseburger or vegetarian hotdogs, served with fries and corn on the cob or veggie sticks.



Governor Parent Election

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body at Winford Primary School. If you would like to apply for this role, please contact the school office for a form to complete. We would need a short paragraph about yourself of no more than 100 words and the application needs to be submitted by Wednesday 22nd January. You would also need to get 2 other parent/carers to nominate you. If you would like more information about what being a Parent Governor involves please feel free to ask.



NHS Pharmacy First Service



Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Valley Arts Youth Theatre Holiday Clubs



February Half Term Holiday Drama Clubs

Chew Magna Baptist Church, Bristol, BS40 8SP

Monday 17th February 2024, 10am-4pm
Cost £25* (*plus booking fee)

"A Play In a Day" - Suitable for ages 6-10

Calling all young thespians! Join our Youth Theatre "Play in a Day" holiday club this February Half Term and discover what it's like to create, rehearse, and perform your very own play, all in one day! Perfect for budding actors ready to shine! [BOOK PLAY IN A DAY HERE](#)

"Paper Puppet Theatre Workshop" - Suitable for ages 9-13

Unleash your creativity in our Paper Puppets Workshop! Led by experienced theatre maker Tomasin Cuthbert-Menes, Artistic Director of Soap Soup Theatre, come and learn all about puppet making and puppetry techniques and discover some of the ways in which you can bring puppets to life in performance. [BOOK PUPPET DAY HERE](https://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/Events/holiday-youth-drama/)
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Value of the term

Our value of the term this time is:



The theme will be explored through assemblies and collective worship

Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><u>Lion Reception</u></p>	<p>Delilah- for really impressing us this week with both her reading and her writing! Delilah has become so much more confident in phonics and is now confidently blending words to read and can write her name independently now! Keep up this great work!</p> <p>Emmie- for a great first week back to school! Emmie has been making a really big effort to play with lots of different children this week, try new things and her reading and writing have been super! She is much more confident with blending words for reading and she has</p>
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	completed some lovely independent writing by carefully sounding out all the words she needed. Well done Emmie!
<u>Leopard Year 1</u>	<p>Alex is an absolute pleasure to teach, he always shows me that he is ready to learn by sitting sensibly on the carpet and engaging in our lessons. He always tries his best with his work and is a kind and caring friend to the whole of Leopard Class. Well done Alex, keep it up!</p> <p>Elsie has started term 3 with an amazing 'can do' attitude. She is putting so much effort into every lesson, particularly her maths and writing. Elsie never gives up, even if the work is challenging. She is a brilliant role model to the rest of Leopard Class and shows us the meaning of the word resilient.</p>
<u>Panther Year 2</u>	<p>Rory you have been a superstar this week. I am so impressed with your attitude to learning and how you have really pushed yourself to do your best. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>Jett I am so thrilled to have you in Panther class. You always work hard, try your best and are a great friend to others. This week you have been particularly helpful and I have really appreciated it. Thank you.</p>
<u>Tiger Year 3</u>	Effie, you have returned to school, from the Christmas holidays, with a wonderful learning attitude. You have shown fantastic listening skills, have been participating frequently during our sessions and giving your independent work your best effort. What a wonderful role model you are. Well done, Effie!
<u>Jaguar Year 4</u>	Danny showed some brilliant team work and communication as he worked with his partner on different gymnastics tasks during PE this week. He was able to explain what they should do and then put together different skills to show the rest of the class. Well done, Danny!
<u>Lynx Year 5</u>	<p>Sophia, you have returned to school this term with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I have noticed a real increase your participation in class and I know you have worked hard to do your best, especially in Maths which has been particularly challenging this week.</p> <p>Kai, I loved your enthusiasm for our English lesson yesterday. You clearly enjoyed writing sentences containing prepositional phrases and produced some of your best work to date! I look forward to this positivity continuing to grow.</p>
<u>Puma Year 6</u>	<p>Alexis, Miles and Rex.</p> <p>These children have been a real 'stand out' table group this first week back. We have had our termly move around in the classroom and after an exciting Christmas period, it can sometimes be tricky to settle back into our learning behaviours straight away. However, these three have been role models for our 'ready to learn' behaviours, showing positivity, concentration, and engagement in every lesson so far. Keep it up dream team!</p>