



St Nicholas Church School

School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

This week has seen the return of a fantastic range of sporting events that are offered to the children. On Tuesday, years 5 and 6 participated in cross country. Wednesday saw a boys football match against Westfield. Then on Thursday a group of children from years 4 and 5 went to an inclusive sports event at Odd Down. Well done to all of the children who took part and thank you to Miss Sampson and Mrs Smith for organising these fantastic events. Photos can be found on our Facebook page.

In other news this week, nine members of staff had two days of paediatric first aid training in school and received their certificates from Tallowood Training Solutions in Shepton Mallet. Well done team, you are all now qualified first aiders.

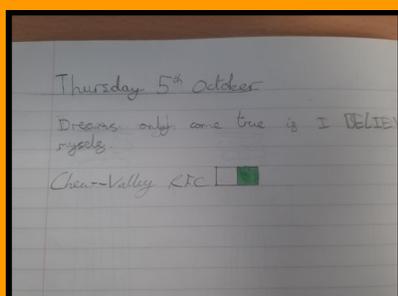
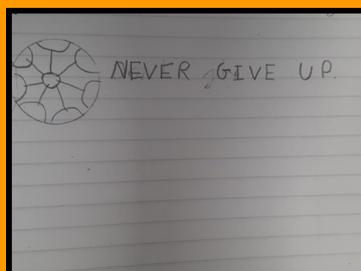
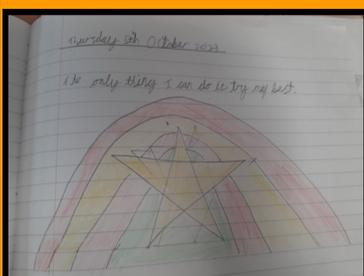
Year 3 have also been busy being musical this week as they have had the opportunity to experience their first ukulele lesson taken by Mr Saunders from West of England, Music and Arts. These lessons will happen weekly until Christmas. I think everyone had lots of fun and learnt to play their first chord! Well done year 3.

We hope you all have fun this weekend which is set to be a record-breaker for the unusually high temperatures for this time of year!

Take care
Mrs Biss and Mr Low

Our Values

Y6 had an amazing RE lesson this week. We have been looking at commitment to a religion and this week talked about our own commitments both in and out of school. The challenge was to write their own affirmation or mission statements to reinforce their commitment to their chosen focus. The value most used was endurance; this helps us to NEVER GIVE UP and actually this was written as a mission statement by one of the children. Well done Y6 super value work.



Attendance

Cam	93.1%
Somer	95.9%
Dart	96.7%
Avon	95.8%
Mells	95.6%
Yeo	97.6%
Hartlake	98.3%
Midford	90%
Wellow	93.3%

Overall attendance has improved and is now 96%.
Well Done!



Congratulations



Congratulations to Ms Ryan who got married in Bath this weekend. She will now be called Mrs Viranyi. We had a lovely assembly this week to celebrate her wedding and the children all made her beautiful cards. Mr and Mrs Viranyi are looking forward to a lovely honeymoon in Greece over the October half-term.

Peg Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded peg awards this week:

Red— Thea T, Wynter-Rose M

Outside Achievements



Well done to Ada H who has completed the Doodle Maths & Doodle English Summer Challenge 2023.

Radstock In Bloom Award

Congratulations to Darcie N who won the local Art Competition, and has come 3rd in the South West In Bloom Competition. She has been invited to attend a special event to collect her certificate. Fantastic work Darcie!



Impromptu conga line

Whilst on lunchtime duty yesterday, it was wonderful to see the children instigate and create an impromptu conga line which kept many of them entertained for at least 10 minutes! It's lovely to see these kind of activities happening and shows koinonia at its best.



Staffing Update

Safeguarding Coordinator



We would like to congratulate Mrs Sally Mason, who has started a new role as Safeguarding Coordinator in school. Mrs Mason has been busy completing lots of training and is really enjoying her new role as one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. You may have already spotted her on the updated posters around school. Family support is part of this role and Mrs Mason looks forward to working with some of our families next term. Mrs Mason will also continue to teach as a HLTA in school, which the children are very excited about as they love her RE lessons.

Kitchen Assistant

Next week we welcome Mrs Skorupa to the Kitchen Team. She will be working alongside Greg whilst Miss Shannon Symes is on maternity leave.

Ukulele Lessons in Year 3

We are delighted to announce that we have started ukulele lessons in year 3 this week. The children were taught by Mr Saunders from West of England Music and Arts and thoroughly enjoyed their first lesson. They will continue to learn the ukulele next term and we then have brass lessons for Year 4 and Year 5. Thank you to Mrs Kett for organising this.



KS1 Celebration Assembly

	Star	Maths Magician	Reading/Oracy	Wizard Writer
Cam	Miracle	Zak	Raith	
Somer	Joshua T	Willow H	Millie	Pixie-Rose H
Dart	Thea T	Wynter-Rose M	Reggie K	Ada H

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th September

Yr 6 Bikeability Starts

Thursday 12th October

9.15am KS1 Harvest Service

2.30pm KS2 Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th October

Parents' Evening

Thursday 19th October

Parents' Evening

Friday 20th October

Spirit Of St Nicholas

Time To Talk

Cam	What can you find out about Harvest festival?
Somer	Can you go through the alphabet and name as many animals as you can?
Dart	What living things look like their parents and what living things do not?
Avon	What do we know about the Amesbury Archer?
Mells	Give an example of a food chain for a vegetarian
Yeo	How many materials can you name that are good electrical and thermal insulators?
Hartlake	Can you give your family members clear instructions on how to shoot an arrow?



The following items are currently required for the Somerset Valley Food Bank. We will be taking donations as a school as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. Please bring any items to the main office for collection.

THANK YOU!

Food items

Milk Powder
Milk (UHT)
Instant Mash
Mac Cheese
Sponge & other puddings
Coffee
Custard
Tuna
Meat Pies (tinned)
Tinned Vegetables
Vegetable Soup
Jam

Non-food items

Toilet Rolls
Household cleaner
Washing up liquid
Toilet cleaner
Hair conditioner & shampoo
Razors & shaving foam
Deodorant

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2023-2024 SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

Including INSET DAYS

TERM 1	
Start:	Tuesday 5th September
Finish:	Friday 20th October
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 30th October
Finish:	Friday 15th December
TERM 3	
Start:	Wednesday 3rd January
Finish:	Friday 9th February
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 19th February
Finish:	Thursday 28th March
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 15th April
Finish:	Friday 24th May
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 3rd June
Finish:	Tuesday 23rd July
INSET DAYS	
Friday 1st September 2023	
Monday 4th September 2023	
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	
Monday 29th January 2024	
Friday 12th July 2024	