



MONDAY OCT 5th 2026

Dear Families,

We are now past the halfway mark of term 1 and your lovely children have settled so well into the routines of a new school year. It has been super to see their confidence grow as they embrace new learning, responsibilities and opportunities across the school.

Our pupil voice groups have now all met and begun working with their lead teachers on aspects of school improvement. Whether they are Digital Leaders, School Councillors, Crew Captains or Eco-Warriors, it is fantastic to see the children taking such an active role in shaping our school community.

Last week in Celebration Assembly, our Crew Captains presented the first round of Crew Points. I was incredibly proud of the mature way they recognised and celebrated positive behaviour and the demonstration of our learning powers. They spoke with confidence and genuine enthusiasm for the achievements of their peers.

Around the school last week, I have also had the pleasure of watching children prepare for their poetry performances, which will take place on 15th October. I have been so impressed by the number of words they have learned and, even more importantly, by their excellent listening skills as they work together to recite their poems.

Their teamwork, concentration and growing confidence have been rewarding to see, and I am very much looking forward to joining you to watch the finished performances.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely week.

Kind regards,
Paula Baker
Headteacher

A Lovely Surprise!

It was wonderful to welcome some of our former Year 6 pupils back to school this week for an unexpected visit during their inset day. It was great to hear how they are settling into secondary school and to see the confidence with which they spoke about their new experiences.

Miss Dewey was particularly delighted to see former Sycamore class members popping in to say hello and share their news. Moments like these are a lovely reminder of the strong relationships built during their time with us and we always enjoy hearing how our children continue to grow and thrive after they leave us.



Bikeability Success



Our Bikeability programme is now complete, and we feel incredibly fortunate to work with Somerset Road Safety to provide our Year 4 and Year 5 children with the opportunity to develop these important life skills. Learning how to ride safely and confidently is not only valuable for now but is a skill that will benefit the children for years to come.

I was especially pleased to hear the feedback from the instructors this week, who described our children's conduct, attitude and engagement as "exemplary." This is wonderful praise and reflects the resilience and positive attitudes that our pupils demonstrate every day. We are very proud of them all.

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

This Friday 9th October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day by inviting children to wear yellow (or simply a splash of yellow) to school.

This is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing.

During the morning, all children will take part in a park yoga session, so please ensure they come to school in comfortable clothing and bring along a blanket or yoga mat if they have one.

We will also be holding a Family Fun Run after school. Families are invited to meet on the field at 3.30pm for an informal event with music, walking, jogging and the chance to enjoy being active together. Whether you choose to run, jog or simply take a gentle walk, we would love you to join us as we celebrate the positive impact that movement and time together can have on our wellbeing.



Celebration Assembly:

Celebrating Success Beyond School

In this week's Celebration Assembly, we were proud to recognise some fantastic achievements from our children outside of school. Congratulations to Maeve for her cheerleading award, Zara for her gymnastics award, Isla for her rugby award and Arnie for his football award. These achievements are great examples of the commitment and hard work that our children demonstrate in their hobbies and interests beyond the classroom!

CREW POINTS

Matthew	388
Brunel	408
Cameron	355
Concorde	371

PTFA Fireworks Night

A reminder that our ever-popular PTFA Fireworks Night will take place on Thursday 5th November. This is always a fantastic community event, bringing together families, friends and staff for an evening of fun and celebration.

We would love to see as many families as possible come along to support the event and our PTFA, whose hard work helps provide valuable opportunities and resources for the children throughout the year.

The link to tickets will be available shortly, so be sure to secure yours. We look forward to seeing you there!



CURIOSITY

One of our learning powers is curiosity – there have been some super examples of this in KS1 English, art and DT this week.



PARENT PLANNER

Thursday 8th October	Safeguarding, Prevent & FGM training for volunteer helpers in school
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow (wear yellow to support young people's mental health)
Monday 12th October	PTFA Meeting
Thursday 15th October	Poetry Recitals KS1 9.15am KS2 2.45pm
Thursday 22nd October	Silver Birch parents invited to Harvest Lunch (Book via MCAS) PTFA Halloween Disco
Thursday 5th November	PTFA Fireworks 7pm
Friday 13th November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Tuesday 17th November	Parents evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
Thursday 19th November	Parents evening 3.30.-6.30pm Book Fair
Tuesday 24th November	Nasal Flu immunisations
Thursday 26th November PTFA Cake Sale	Silver Birch and Sycamore Classes
Tuesday 1st December	Individual Photos
Thursday 10th December	PTFA Christmas Discos
Monday 14th December	Y5 & Y6 - Aladdin at the Playhouse Rest of school Panto Cinderella 2.30pm I Rock Assembly
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	KS2 Carol service at St James Church 10.00am