



MONDAY OCT 19th 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Would you believe that we are already at the end of Term 1! We have had a super start to the year, with school trips, sports events, WOW days and a variety of visitors. Importantly, there has been a huge amount of learning with a real sense of purpose and enjoyment throughout the school. A big thank you to Mrs Mistry, who led a special Diwali morning in Silver Birch Class on Friday. Through a range of hands-on activities, the children learned about the significance of Diwali and explored some of the traditions associated with the festival. It was wonderful to see the children's curiosity as they deepened their understanding of a celebration that is important to many people around the world.

For me, last week's highlight had to be Thursday's poetry performances. I was so proud to see every class learn a poem and perform it so confidently. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch. Having an audience makes such a difference and the children loved sharing their work with you.

We know that poetry has so much value. It makes us think, helps us understand the feelings and experiences of others, introduces us to rich new vocabulary and, sometimes, simply makes us laugh. We saw all of this last week, from Year 6's thoughtful performance of Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou to the joyful nonsense of Year 2's The Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan. Watching the children perform together was a lovely reminder of the power of words.

As we head towards half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish all our families a peaceful and restful break when it arrives.

Warm wishes

Mrs Baker



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

This week, we were delighted to present our Ambassador Cup. For those who may not know, this award recognises a pupil who consistently demonstrates our school CARE values in everything they do. Imogen from Year 5 was nominated for her positive attitude, her determination to always do her very best and the kindness and consideration she shows to those around her. Congratulations, Imogen.

We also awarded the Muxworthy Trophy, which is presented each term to a pupil who shows exceptional commitment and enthusiasm for sport. Phoebe from Year 4 was recognised not only for her achievements in cheerleading and swimming, but also for the positive attitude and determination she brings to PE lessons every week. Well done, Phoebe.

Finally, a huge well done to Ted from Year 4, who achieved his Silver Crew Points Certificate. Ted was recognised for being a thoughtful and respectful member of our school community. He approaches learning with enthusiasm, shows perseverance when faced with challenges and is always willing to support and encourage others. We are very proud of all he has achieved.

Congratulations to all three pupils. They are wonderful role models for our school community.

As if these achievements were not enough, we celebrated a huge number of pupils who brought trophies from home:

Roux and Iris for their singing at Wells Cathedral and Iris for distinction in dance; Freya, Isabelle, Daisy M and Bobbi for achievements in gymnastics; Ella, Hugo and Evan for being players of the week and match in rugby; Marley from year 3 for her swimming certificate and last but certainly not least, Phoebe and Emmy from year 5 for passing their grade 1 ballet award (with distinction no less!)

Design your own bookmark

To tie in with National Year of Reading and our Book Fair on the 19th November, we would like your children to design their own bookmark (this is voluntary).

Templates will be sent home later this week so they can have time over half term to create their design.

They can simply colour in the bookmark or draw a picture of their favourite book on the front. No fabric or other material as we will laminate the bookmarks for a display during the Fair and then they can be taken home to use.

There will be a prize for our favourite 2 designs in each Key Stage of a £5.00 gift voucher to spend at the Fair.

CREW POINTS

Matthew	90
Brunel	92
Cameron	73
Concorde	76

Diwali Workshop

A big thank you to Mrs Mistry, who led a wonderful Diwali workshop for Silver Birch Class on Friday morning. The children enjoyed learning about the Festival of Lights through a range of engaging, hands-on activities, helping to develop their understanding of different cultures and traditions. We are very grateful to Mrs Mistry for sharing her knowledge and helping to bring the celebration to life for our pupils



A Piano with a Story to Tell

We are grateful to have received a very special donation from one of our school families. The piano, believed to be more than 100 years old, has been kindly gifted to the school and will soon begin an exciting new chapter.

It's quite likely that the piano arrived in the village via the Strawberry Line before being delivered to its home by horse and cart - a lovely reminder of the rich history within our local community.

The piano has been well loved by Joseph as he developed his talent as a pianist. As he now moves on to an electric piano to further his musical journey, we are very pleased that this beautiful instrument will remain locally.

Members of Art Club are already planning how they might upcycle and decorate the piano before it takes pride of place in our reception area.

We can't wait to see their creativity bring this unique piece of history to life.

Watch this space!



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Sycamore Class pupils will be bringing round poppy items to sell as from tomorrow.

Children are invited to bring in change to purchase items to show their support.

Suggested prices

Slap bands £1.50

wrist Bands £2.00

Pencils £1.00

Clip on reflective poppies £1.00

Stickers and Paper poppies 50p



Linden Class: Stone Age to Iron Age Wow Day

On Friday, Linden Class enjoyed an engaging Stone Age to Iron Age Wow Day, bringing their history learning to life through a range of creative, hands-on activities.

In the morning, the children made pots inspired by the Beaker people, who arrived in Britain during the Bronze Age, and crafted Stone Age-inspired necklaces from clay. They also experimented with pastels and charcoal to produce striking images of the famous prehistoric monument, Stonehenge.

In the afternoon, the children took part in a Forest School session led by Mrs Clayton.

Using natural materials, sticks and feathers, they created their own cave paintings, taking inspiration from the artistic traditions of our prehistoric ancestors.

Harvest and Community

Our assembly focus this week is Harvest, a time to be thankful for what we have and to think about how we can support others in our community.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, Reception parents joining us for Harvest Lunch on Thursday are warmly invited to bring a donation for our local food bank. Donations of non-perishable food items can make a real difference to local families who may need extra support.

We are also excited to be working with local sixth form students this week on a project that combines sustainability and community action. Using surplus ingredients from the school's food technology department, children will be helping to bake biscuits that they hope to sell on Wednesday.

All money raised will be donated to the Trussell Trust, helping to support food banks and people experiencing hardship. Further details about the sale will follow tomorrow





Children in Need - Challenge Yourself!

This year, we're supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November, with the theme "Challenge Yourself." Children are invited to come to school in active wear (Pudsey merchandise welcome) and be ready to take on some fun challenges linked to the number 26.

Throughout the day, pupils will have the opportunity to complete Run Pudsey by tackling 26 laps of the playground and take part in a Danceathon, where they'll learn and perform 26 dance steps.

Thank you for your support. We're looking forward to a fun day of challenge, teamwork and fundraising!

Please use the link below if you would like to make a donation. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help Children in Need support young people across the UK.

JUST GIVING LINK



Smoothwall Online Safety Workshop for Parents Update

Parents, please feel welcome to attend an online safety workshop on November 12th via the following link

https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ArRd_MBRS9a5kli1pN9wtQ

This one-hour session will be led by Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at Smoothwall, and will cover:

The latest apps and games children may be using
Types of harmful content children may encounter online

Practical guidance for helping children navigate online risks safely

Access to a new, free Online Safety Hub with dedicated resources for parents

An introduction to a parental control app to help manage and monitor online activity

Understanding and Supporting Neurodivergent Children and Young People

Free videos and printable guides
for parents and carers

A free, evidence-informed parent support resource for families of neurodivergent children and young people in **North Somerset**.

Topics include:

- 1 What Do We Mean by Neurodiversity and Neurodivergence?
- 2 How Neurodivergence Can Affect Everyday Life
- 3 Masking: Why School and Home Can Feel So Different
- 4 Coming to Terms with the Idea of ADHD or Autism
- 5 Supporting Your Child Without Waiting for an Assessment
- 6 Supporting Big Emotions, Meltdowns, and Shutdowns
- 7 Everyday Challenges: Sleep, Eating, Transitions, and Independence
- 8 Looking After Yourself as a Parent



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If you have concerns about your child, please speak to your GP, school or local support services.



PARENT PLANNER

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
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 & Sycamore classes)
Tuesday 1st December	Individual Photos
Monday 7th December	EYFS (Silver Birch Nativity) 9.30am
Tuesday 8th December	Oak Class Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 10th December	Walnut Class Natiivity 9.30am PTFA Christmas Discos
Monday 14th December	Y5 & Y6 - Aladdin at the Playhouse Rest of school Panto Cinderella 2.30pm IRock Assembly
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day
Thursday 17th December	2.30pm Mince pies for helpers
Friday 18th December	KS2 Carol service at St James Church 10.00am