



NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 30th November 2021



As we celebrated the first Sunday of advent may we begin to prepare ourselves for the joyful celebration of Christmas. We look forward with hope, as represented by the first candle on the advent wreath.



Diary Dates November

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH NOW!

Deadline 26th November



Friday 26th Deadline for booking Christmas lunch—Did you miss it?
Phone the office as soon as possible!
Tuesday 30th Parents evening appointments from 3.30-6.00pm St Scholastica ONLY

December

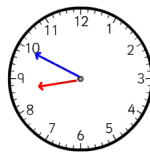
CHANGE OF DATE Sorry! WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Nativity performance EYFS & KS1 2.00-2.30pm
LIVE STREAM FROM THE CHURCH

Wednesday 8th PFA Bring your unwanted Christmas Jumpers to school for resale
Thursday 9th Theatre production. Travelling theatre. A Snow Queen
Thursday 9th Last football club
Friday 10th Christmas Jumper Day—Save the children £1 via Parentpay
Wednesday 15th Whole School Christmas Lunch—pre ordering essential
Friday 17th Whole School Mass 10am(St Aldhelm's Church live stream)
Friday 17th Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17th End of term 2. Children leave at 1pm

January

Tuesday 4th Children return to school Term 3
Tuesday 11th St Francis Class commence 11 weeks swimming



Children late arrivals—If your child arrives in school after 8.50am, Parents are asked to walk them down to reception and sign them in as a late arrival. Many thanks

Afterschool Sporting Clubs

We are pleased to be working alongside Grassroots Sports to offer the following additional clubs from Term 3.

Tuesday 3.10—4.10pm KS1 & EYFS multi sports.

Friday 3.10—4.10pm Gym Club for Year 1&2

Friday 3.20—4.20pm Tag Rugby for Year 5&6

We will continue to run a football club on Thursday and next term this will be for children in year 3&4.

Places for these clubs will be limited, so please look out for the booking link that will be emailed in early December to secure places for January 2022

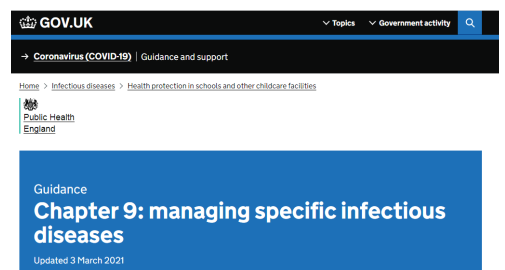
PFA—WE NEED YOU!

We are looking for an organised and energetic individual to take the Chair role of our PFA. The PFA offers an abundance of support and the school community is forever grateful. The successful candidate will work closely with the school to lead fund raising and social events. A full hand over will be given.

This is a fantastic opportunity, so please come and talk to us if you would like to take on this important role for our school. We are looking forward to working with you!

How long should my child stay off school...

In March the Government updated their Infectious Diseases website. It is a useful resource with helpful information and confirms the length of time children should remain off school for specific infectious diseases and illnesses. You may wish to save the link below for future use.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-9-managing-specific-infectious-diseases>

Protocol for schools when a child has not been collected as expected by parents* at the end of the school day.

In the unlikely event that a child is not collected from school at the end of the day, the school procedure has been posted on our website.

If a child is not collected by a parent or carer, this will be brought to the attention of the Headteacher or Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who will follow the procedure safeguarding the child.



K&S (tyKeS) Breakfast and Afterschool Club Launch the HOMEWORK CLUB!

tyKeS are launching a Homework Club from Monday next week (29th November). This will be run by Louisa - a new member of staff - from a quiet space away from the 'hub-bub' of After School Club.

No pressure, but, we have noticed that many of the children are keen to utilise their time with us to crack on with their homework. As children who visit the Homework Club area will be focussed on their work, we will make expectations clear to them and ask that you do so too. Equally, if you would prefer that your child doesn't do homework while with us - please let us know.

If you face any questions or would like to discuss further, please call Karen on 07733068519

**Holiday Club dates
Mon, Tues & Weds, 20th, 21st & 22nd December**

**TT Rock Stars
Purple Mash
Mathletics**

We are currently subscribing to the 3 maths learning tools mentioned above. Children have individual logins and are able to use these learning platforms from home.

We wanted to give you advance notice that we will not be renewing the Mathletics subscription when it ends in March next year. If your child is an avid user of Mathletics you will want to encourage them to switch to **Times Table Rock Stars or Purple Mash, both of which are used during the school day and your child will be familiar with their use.**

DBS Checked Volunteers helping us in school.

Would you like to help us on a regular basis in school?

Helping with walking to and from sporting tournaments, school trips, swimming, reading etc? We are looking to expand our DBS volunteer list and hope that this may be something that would interest you.

The process is quite simple to apply for a DBS check, we will need to see sight of an original passport, driving licence, utility bill and birth certificate. If you have lived abroad, we would need to apply for a certificate of good conduct from the countries you have lived in. We will also request a short character reference.

Please talk to Mrs Druce in the office who will assist with the process.

Thank you for being a School Volunteer!



During this uncertain time prayer is more important than ever. All of the schools of the Diocese need our prayers and so each week we shall pray for different, specific schools and all that work and learn in them. Please try to spend some time, each week, thinking and praying for the schools

St Paul's Primary School, Yate
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Kingswood
St Mary's Primary School, Chippenham
St Joseph's primary School, Burnham-on-Sea

Holy Spirit, be with the children of these schools we pray for this week.

Bless them, their teachers and all who work at the school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge and strength to continue to learn despite the difficulties.

Thank you, Lord for the gifts that they all bring to their community.

May everyone connected with the school remain safe and well. Amen

**Weekly Attendance
Monday 15th—19th
November**

St Anthony 97.60%

St Aldhelm 94.7%

St Lawrence 95.20%

St Francis 96.1%

St Scholastica 100%

Message from Pope Francis



“Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours.” Pope Francis

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=45.9>