



“Sharing life in all its fullness.” John 10:10

Values : The value we are focussing on this half term is Compassion

Dear Parent/Carers,

Our school value this half-term is compassion. In Collective Worship we have been learning that the word compassion is a combination of two words. 'Com' which means 'with' and 'passion' which can mean suffering. Compassion therefore means being with someone who is suffering or sad, trying to understand how they might be feeling and showing that you care about them.

In addition to this, we have been discussing what characteristics a person who is compassionate would have:

- They notice a need
- They listen
- They offer care and help
- They are forgiving
- They want to make a difference

We have then been considering who we can show compassion. The answer from the children was everyone. To support this learning and growing of the children, the children have listened to the parable of the Good Shepherd and Bob has shared the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand.

Attendance

Our school attendance for this week is 95.49 (above 96% is considered good attendance). As you will be aware from my letter on Monday we are focused on raising our school attendance through 2026 due to the positive impact it has on children both academically and socially.

Parking

Can I please remind everybody to park safely around the school. This is likely to mean parking further away and walking. With Brookland Roads being a cul-de-sac it is not an ideal place to be driving and parking either at the beginning or the end of the school day. The car movement also puts both our children and parent/carers at greater risk too. This also occurs due to parking across curbs and making crossing safely more challenging. Please can I ask everybody to show respect and thought to everyone within our school community as well as the residents who live around the school. Thank you.

Story Seeds Somerset- Competition & Donation

As part of the 'National Year of Reading', we have been gifted a box of new books and a Yoto player to enjoy in school. We would like to extend our gracious thanks to Ella at Story Seeds Somerset for these gifts. Please see our new books being presented by our Reading Ambassadors- they have now been allocated and sent to the different classes. Happy reading.



There is a 'Story Seeds' Young Storyteller competition open to all students at Rockwell Green- from Reception to Year 6.

Deadline for entries is: Friday 6th February 2026

Please note: Initials and year group only on the entries- Miss Whelan will affix an entry slip before sending off via the post on Saturday 7th February 2026.

Details for the competition are as below:

**Story Seeds Somerset
Young Storytellers Prize**

THEME: The Magic on My Doorstep

WHO CAN ENTER?	WHAT TO CREATE?
 Reception to Year 6 (Everyone!)	 REC & Y1: A Drawing + 1 Caption Sentence Y2-Y6: A Creative Story! (Handwritten or Typed) Y2: Max 200 words Y3: Max 350 Y4-Y5: Max 500 Y6: Max 750

WIN A £20 NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN!
One winner in EVERY year group, in EVERY school!

If you have any questions, please come and find me in Year 2!

Miss Whelan

Family@4

I'm delighted to share that Reverend Andy is going to be leading a new service later in the month. This follows on from some of the new things that are happening in the community that he shared at the Christmas services. The Family@4 service is an informal service geared towards the youngest minds with plenty of fun crafts, children's songs and warm hospitality. Join us at 4.00pm in All Saints, Rockwell Green, on Sunday 25th January.

BURSTS Launch

On Tuesday 13th January we launched our home learning app- BURSTS. This is a home learning tool designed to support the Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) of our youngest learners in school. Badgers, Hedgehogs and Kingfishers engaged in a 30-minute session with Miss Whelan, learning about the importance of physical activity- both at home and in school.

Last year, we had a total of over 1,000 active minutes. Can we beat this total in 2026? Miss Whelan looks forward to rewarding those using the platform with certificates and badges across the year. These will be handed out every Friday and an announcement of the leading class(es) will be communicated in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please pop by and see me in Year 2.

Miss Whelan



Diary Dates 2026

Diary Dates	Event
	February 2026
Tuesday 10th	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Friday 13th	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day before half term
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 st	Half Term - School Closed
Monday 23 rd	School re-opens
	March 2026
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
Tuesday 17 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
Monday 30th	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Monday 30 th & Tuesday 31 st	Year 5 Bikeability (12 children)
	April 2026
Wednesday 1 st April	Reception & KS1 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 9.15am The school choir performing at the Come and Sing event at Wellington School
Thursday 2 nd April	KS2 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 9.15am
	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day of term
Friday 3 rd to Friday 17 th	Easter Holiday - School Closed
Monday 20th	School re-opens to pupils

Hedgehogs: Jasper & Eliza



Kingfishers: Ruben, & Vaiya



Otters: Harvey, Molly, Hardy



Squirrels: Phoebe, Stevie, Izzy



Tawny Owls: Miah, Max, Poppy U



Woodpeckers: Emilee, Neve & Parker



External Achievements: A very well done to both Daisy & Dalton for their achievements this week.

Star Learner: 12/01 & 19/01 Isabella & Mason

House Points:

Blackdown: 471

Brendon: 420

Mendip: 449

Quantock: 389

