

Rockwell Green Primary School

Newsletter Friday 25th September 2026



"Sharing life in all its fullness." John 10:10

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

Dear Parent/Carers,

On Wednesday we had a wonderful day in school promoting maths and the connections maths has across the curriculum. This included a maths trail around the school site, a maths lesson linked to Exploring and Noticing and Being Curious and a whole school assembly. The most pleasing aspect of the day was observing the enjoyment of the children and the 'I can do' attitude that they had. The children have also been sent home with either a KS1 or KS2 competition. The deadline for these being returned is Friday 2nd October.

As adults, we play a really important part in our children's maths development not only in the support we give them but how we speak positively about maths. There is some educational research that clearly shows that if we, as adults, talk negatively about maths and share that we cannot do maths our children's attainment and progress is automatically impacted in a negative way. So please speak positively about maths with your child/ren as this alone will have a positive impact. Finally, thank you to Mrs Williams who organised the day and all the parent/carers who joined us after school in the Year 5 Classroom.

School Vision and Values

This half-term in Collective Worship we have been reminding ourselves about what our vision 'Sharing life in all its fullness' means. In school we share that this means living a varied life full of: learning, growing, helping, joy, excitement and caring for each other. Through examples we have then discussed how this means that we can flourish.

In addition to this, we have been focusing on the ethos value of respect and have been discussing how showing respect is about valuing everything within our world. This could include: valuing others, valuing animals, valuing nature (plants and trees), valuing items and equipment, etc.

Harvest Services

KS2 Harvest Service: Friday 2nd October at All Saints' Church at 9.15am

Reception & KS1 Harvest Service: Tuesday 6th October in the school hall at 9am

As in previous years, we would like to continue to donate to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Therefore, next week, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning we will have our red containers by the front entrance of the school and anybody who would like to donate either tinned or packet food can place it in one of these. These will then be delivered to a local foodbank charity. Thank you

Start of the School Day and Punctuality

Following some questions from parents I just wanted to remind everybody about our system for the start of the school day.

8.35am: School gates open

8.40am: The school bell goes and children are allowed to enter their classrooms

8.45am: **The start of the school day.** A second school bell is rung to signal this.

I have noticed that there are a few children coming into school after 8.45am. I understand, as a father, mornings can be very busy but it is hugely important that your child/ren are on time for school. Even by being just a few minutes late this can then impact on your child/ren's day as they miss key messages about the day ahead. They can also miss learning points that then hinders them from making as much progress as possible. For example, in KS2 all the classes start with some maths fluency learning (this is on the board as the children enter the class) and therefore if a child is 5 minutes late each day this then means they are missing 25 minutes of maths learning a week.

If your child arrives to school after 9am (15 minutes after the start of the school day) this is then regarded after the registers have closed and gets recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session. This can then have a significant impact on your child/ren's attendance.

Thank you for your continued support so we are able to work in partnership to enable your child/ren to progress as much as possible.

Open morning/afternoon for Prospective Parents

To give prospective parents an opportunity to look around the school before completing their Primary School Application we are going to have an open morning on Thursday 8th October at 9am and an open afternoon on Monday 12th October at 1.45pm. If you are going to attend one of these dates, please contact the school office so we have an understanding of how many families will be attending. Thank you

Secondary School Applications

The secondary school application deadline is Friday 31st October. A guide of how to apply is below.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/#:~:text=You%20can%20apply%20on%20our,sent%20by%20second%20class%20post.>

The local authority admissions team have asked us to share the following information:

*If your child is due to transfer to secondary school next September please be aware that places in Taunton and Wellington are limited due to a high birth rate. It is really important that you apply on time (deadline 31st October 2026) and choose 3 preferences of school. We also **strongly recommend** you include your catchment school as one of your preferences.*

If you do not include your catchment school among your preferences and are refused your preferred schools, we cannot guarantee your child a place in the local area. Your child may then be offered a place at a school further away with no entitlement to travel assistance.

Hedgehogs:



Kingfishers:



Otters:



Squirrels



Tawny Owls



Woodpeckers



External Achievement



Star Learners:



House Points:

Blackdown: 274

Brendon: 299

Mendip: 270

Quantock: 244