



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

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

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you very much for the Harvest donations this week. They have been greatly received and through the local foodbank charity I know will go to others in need. We will continue to put the red buckets out on both Monday and Tuesday morning so any further donations can be given.

Our KS2 Harvest service this morning was a joyful celebration and the children were again a credit to both themselves and the school in the way in which they performed and sung. They should be very proud of themselves.

Next Tuesday, 6th October, we have the Reception and KS1 Harvest Service in our school hall at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there.

National Poetry Day- Thursday 1st October 2026



What inspires your **awe & wonder**?

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Investigate
I often wonder about...
Something that I look at in awe is...
I am fascinated by...
A 'wow' moment for me was when...

Start to write
I think...
We haven't yet talked about...

Awe means a very strong feeling of amazement and respect, and wonder means feeling amazed or curious about something surprising or beautiful.

This Thursday Miss Whelan led a collective worship celebrating National Poetry Day. The theme for 2026 is 'Wonder' which links with our Christian distinctiveness, especially in relation to 'Spirituality'. We often explore how we can flourish and experience 'awe and wonder'. Classes will begin writing poetry from next week- we will share some successes on the display board, outside Kingfisher's classroom. Key question: What inspires your awe and wonder?

Miss Whelan

Punctuality

Thank you to all the parent/carers who have ensured that their child/ren are on time for school. If your child is arriving after the school bell at 8.45am please make a massive effort for them to be on time so they can have the best start to the school day. It really does make a massive difference to their learning and just 5 minutes a day means they miss 25 minutes of learning time a week.

E-Safety

This week's e-safety assembly was used to recap how to stay safe online using the acronym 'SMART'.

Safe - Keep your personal information safe.

Meet - Think carefully before meeting up with someone you only know online.

Accept - Think carefully before opening links or videos you've been sent.

Reliable - Don't trust everything you see and read online.

Tell - Always tell a trusted adult if something or someone makes you worried, upset or confused.

More information can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPFxhKkBf8U>

<https://www.childnet.com/young-people/4-11-year-olds/get-smart/>

We then took a closer look at what personal information is and explored how easy it is to find someone's personal information from photos shared online. I shared this AI photo where we discovered names, dates of birth and address just from a happy birthday image. As parents it is important we think about how much information we are giving out when we share photos of our children online.

The following website has some useful advice to follow in regards to 'sharenting'. <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/sharenting-tips-for-parents/>



Mrs Isherwood

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.

Dates for your Diary

	October 2026
Tuesday 6th	Reception and KS1 Harvest Service in the school hall at 9am
Thursday 8 th at 9am	Rockwell Green Open Morning for prospective parents for Reception September 2027
Monday 12 th at 1.45pm	Rockwell Green Open Afternoon for prospective parents for Reception September 2027
Wednesday 14th to Friday 16 th	Year 6 Residential to Kilve Court
Wednesday 21 st	Woodpeckers to visit the Wellington Cemetery with flowers with the Royal British Legion
Thursday 22 nd	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
	School Disco
Friday 23 rd	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day before half term
Monday 26th	Half term. School closed
Friday 30 th October	
Friday 30 th	Closing date for Secondary School applications
	November 2025
Monday 2 nd	School closed to pupils – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd	School re-opens
Sunday 8th	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th	Anti-Bullying and Tolerance Week
Wednesday 11th	Armistice Day
Wednesday 11 th	Tawny Owls to visit the Wellington Cemetery with flowers
Thursday 12 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 th & Friday 13 th	SCARF RSHE workshops for each class
Friday 13 th	Children in Need
Tuesday 17th	Parents' Evening
	December 2025
Tuesday 8 th	Squirrels to visit the Wellington Cemetery with flowers
Wednesday 9 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	School Christmas Lunch 12 noon
Thursday 10 th	House Treat – Christmas Party 2-3pm
Monday 14 th	Badger Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1.35pm
Monday 14 th	Head Boy and Girl Tea Party at 2.40pm
Tuesday 15 th	Christmas Arts & Craft with parents 2.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Rockets to Year 6 in own classes
Wednesday 16 th	KS1 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 9.15am
Wednesday 16 th	Badger Nativity 2.15pm
Thursday 17 th	Christmas Class Parties
Friday 18 th	KS2 Christmas Service at All Saints' Church 9.15am
	Final Celebration Assembly
	Last day of term
Monday 21 st to Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holiday. School Closed
	January 2027
Monday 4 th	School closed to pupils – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th	School re-opens to pupils
Tuesday 5 th – Friday 8th	Arts Week
Friday 15 th	Closing date for Primary School applications for September 2027

Hedgehogs:



Kingfishers:



Otters:



Squirrels



Tawny Owls



Woodpeckers



External Achievement



Star Learners:



House Points:
 Blackdown: 386
 Brendon: 394
 Mendip: 308
 Quantock: 350