

Rockwell Green Primary School

Newsletter Friday 16th October 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 Tuesday this week we had the Cornerstone English Hub visit the school to undertake a reading audit. This is something that I volunteered for because while I believe the provision for reading in our school is strong, we are highly reflective as a school, and are always passionate to learn more and develop further. The reading audit involved observing the teaching of reading across the school both in classes but also through the intervention that some children benefit from and children reading 1:1 to an adult. The professional from the English Hub was very complimentary about the provision we provide and has supported us in planning next steps to enhance our provision further.

One aspect that came out from the audit was that those children who read regularly at home (at least 3-4 times a week) where the children who were making the greatest progress. As a father, I know how tricky this can be to fit into a busy day, but I cannot stress enough the positive difference this will make to your child/children's learning and progress. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Residential

This week our Year 6 children have enjoyed their three day residential to Kilve Court. This opportunity for the children is always wonderful as it enables them to experience certain outdoor education challenges they may not have come across before and through these develop both resilience and collaborative skills. Despite some adversity with illness, the children were amazing and a real credit to school and parents alike.

I would like to thank Miss Jenkin and Mrs Keet for joining the children on the residential and the encouragement and support that they gave throughout.

Coats

With the colder and wetter weather can I please ask that children have a coat in school each day. Thank you.

School Tours

If any prospective parent/carers of children starting school in September 2027 missed our two school open days this week, then a school tour is still available by contacting the school office to make an appointment.

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.

Archie Project Assembly

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Archie the Scarecrow to our school for a special assembly introducing the children to The Archie Project. The assembly helped pupils develop their understanding of dementia, exploring what it is and how it can affect people and their families. It was a thoughtful and age-appropriate introduction that encouraged our children to think about the importance of kindness, understanding and supporting others within our community.



Parking

Can I please remind everybody to park safely around the school. This is likely to mean parking further away and walking. With Brooklands Road 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. It becomes very congested within the cul-de sac which puts both our children and parent/carers at greater risk.

Problems also occurs on Oaken Ground where people are parking across dropped curbs and peoples driveways. Some residents require medical assistance and careless parking could prevent emergency medical support.

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.



Spaces available

Rockets Pre-School is part of Rockwell Green Church of England Primary School.

Our fully qualified and experienced staff provide high quality care for children aged 2-4 years. Rockets provides children with a safe, fun and stimulating environment in a purpose-built setting. We are open from 8.45am-3.15pm during school term times - full and part day sessions available.

To arrange a visit, book sessions or for more information, please contact us on

01823 662317 or 01823 661964 Or email: office@rockwellgreenprimary.co.uk



Dates for your Diary

	October 2026
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 26 th	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 8 th	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 9 th to Friday 13 th	Anti-Bullying and Tolerance Week
Wednesday 11 th	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 17 th	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 5 th	School re-opens to pupils
Tuesday 5 th – Friday 8 th	Arts Week
Friday 15 th	Closing date for Primary School applications for September 2027

PTFA AGM

COME ALONG AND GET INVOLVED! ♥

Our AGM is open to all parents and carers.

Find out what the PTFA has been doing, what we're planning for the year ahead, and how you can help us raise funds for enrichment, experiences and opportunities for all our children.

New faces very welcome!

Share ideas

Help at events

Make a difference



Tuesday 20th October



6.00pm



School Hall

You don't have to join the committee to get involved.

We'd particularly love to hear from anyone who could volunteer occasionally, help at events or bring new ideas.

SCHOOL DISCO!

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

ROCKETS + KS1
5.15 - 6.15pm
Rockets children must attend with a parent/carer

KS2
6.30 - 7.30pm

£3 PER CHILD

Sweets Crisps Fruit Drinks
ALL INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE

Come along for music, dancing and disco fun!

Organised by the PTFA
Raising funds for enrichment, experiences and opportunities for our children.

ROCKWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN READATHON

Friday 23rd October - Tuesday 3rd November

Grab a book, get cosy and read as much as you can over half term!

AT HOME, ON HOLIDAY OR OUT AND ABOUT!

CAN YOU RAISE £20.27?

PRIZES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS - EXTRA PLAYTIME!

ALL MONEY RAISED HELPS FUND ENRICHMENT, EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL.

READ ANYTHING YOU ENJOY!

Record your reading, share with family & friends - collect sponsorship via cash, online or through the QR code.

Scan the QR code to donate online
<https://pay.sumup.com/92c/Q0458XVW>

Let's make half term full of stories!

PTFA DATES FOR THE DIARY

Our events help fund enrichment, experiences and opportunities for the children

Support our school community

Save the dates! More details to follow.

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024	PTFA AGM School Hall 6pm	THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024	PTFA DISCO
FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER - TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2024	HALLOWEEN READATHON	FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2024	SECOND-HAND UNIFORM
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024	MUSIC BINGO	SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER - MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024	CHRISTMAS COMPETITION
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024	NON-UNIFORM DAY Donations for Christmas Bings	THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2024	CHRISTMAS BINGO
THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2024	CHRISTINGLES		

Hedgehogs:



Kingfishers:



Otters:



Squirrels



Rock Hero



Tawny Owls



External Achievement



Star Learners:

