

Newsletter (6) Friday 11th October 2024



We have been continuing with our new theme of "Mr Men" faith and linked this to our "Hello Yellow" focus. This week we looked at Mr Strong and whether we always have to be strong or is OK to sometimes lean on others or God for help during difficult times. From Bowie Class, Matilda shared "Lola makes me feel strong because she taught me how to do a handstand and now I can do one" and George said "I feel strong when I have my daddy on my side, because he's strong".



Nightingale

Jaxx for engaging so well with your 'rainbow challenges' over the last 2 weeks. You have been showing great perseverance and have been inspiring others to challenge themselves too! Well done!

Leo for trying very hard to engage in tasks this week during free flow. You have been challenging yourself and playing fantastic imaginary role play. Well done!

Bowie

Jack for showing great maturity with work and around the classroom in general. Even when you're feeling low, you try your hardest with all work. I am really proud of how well you communicate with those around you, be that with adults or with children. You constantly show all of our Christian Values in your work and friendships. Keep up the good work, Jack!

Amaya for showing great resilience and not being afraid to ask questions and keep trying with work when you're unsure. You correct your own marvellous mistakes with a smile on your face – and that hard work always pays off! You are a delight to have in class, Amaya.

Anning

Cory for explaining to the whole class how to create an algorithm when using forever loops on scratch - fantastic explanation Cory!

Khalisee for persevering in Maths this week when rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 - well done!

Zephaniah

Jacob D for his amazing attention to detail in Science this week. Jacob wowed us all with his electricity work. **Grace M** for her wonderful focus and dedication in Maths. Grace has worked hard to progress to multiplying decimals in multiplication lessons this week.

A big well done to all of you!

If your child achieves an award, medal or trophy through participating in an outside-of-school club or activity, we would love to hear about it and congratulate them at our weekly Wednesday worship. Please bring certificates etc to the school office.



Our Curriculum



Hello Yellow Day

Everyone looked lovely and bright in their shades of yellow for Hello Yellow Day yesterday. It was great to see everyone taking part so enthusiastically — especially when it came to the treat at morning break! Zephaniah Class focused on the NHS 5 steps to mental wellbeing: connecting with people, physical activity, learning new skills, giving to others and paying attention to the present moment. During our morning session, the children had the opportunity to learn new skills including origami cats and koalas, loom bands, learning a tune on the keyboards, following step by step drawing instructions. The class also learnt the British Sign Language alphabet. Thank you to everyone who donated 20p for the treat shop.























Uniform

A reminder to please clearly name cardigans and jumpers. We appreciate that new uniform is a cost to parents but it is very difficult to return items to their correct owners if there is no name on the garment. Please could parents also

check that their child hasn't taken someone else's jumper or cardigan home by mistake – this can also happen in a busy classroom!

Out on the playground it does get quite cold, so please do send your child in with a suitable coat to wear at breaktimes and lunchtimes. We do have some coats from our swap shop last year so if you are struggling in this area, please do let us know and we'll see what we can do to help.

Diary Dates

Please see the end of this newsletter for the diary dates for this academic year.

Family First Magazine

Please **CLICK HERE** for access to the Family First magazine.

September Starters 2025 Tours





Glo Disco - Tuesday 22nd October

Keep a look out on Monday for the booking form for our Glo Disco on the 22nd October. Please post completed forms in the PTA postbox outside the school office.

AGM - Thursday 24th October at 7pm

Our PTA does amazing work organising events and raising money to purchase equipment and resources for all pupils to benefit from, we simply wouldn't be able to provide these due to our funding levels. For these events to take place a very dedicated team of volunteers meet regularly to discuss ideas, plan and agree spending with school staff. As the PTA is a registered charity it must meet annually for an AGM to appoint key positions (Chair/Treasurer/Secretary), report on the past year and plan for the year ahead. This meeting is taking place on Thursday 24th October at 7pm in school.

The PTA need your help if they are to continue with their vital work. Please do come to this meeting, meet the team and consider how you might be able to support, in whatever way you can – without a growth in this leadership team, many events will simply not be able to take place this year.

And finally...Volunteer Helpers Needed!!!

Thank you to those of you who have offered to help already. If you are still considering it and could spare an afternoon to listen to children read or reading to a class or supporting with engaging lessons like Forest School, art, design technology, or music, your time can make a real difference. Please do contact the school office for an application form. I will be arranging to meet with up with you soon as a group so that we can decide on convenient days and times going forward and which activities you would like to be involved with. As ever, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday.

Mrs Brazier







DIARY DATES - 2024/25 Academic Year

If text is highlighted in green this is a change / addition to the diary dates

Tuesday 15th Thursday 17th Yr6 Maths Visit Tuesday 22nd No Yr6 swimming this week PTFA Glo-Disco – booking form to follow Wednesday 23rd 1.45pm School Tour for September 2025 intake

Thursday 24 th	PTFA AGM in school 7pm	
Friday 25 th		
	28th October to 1st November - HALF TERM	
NOVEMBER:		
Monday 4 th	School re-opens	
	9.45am School Tour for September 2025 intake	
Wednesday 6 th	Tempest Photography – individual photographs	
Sunday 10 th	Remembrance Sunday – Church Service	
Monday 11 th	Whole School Act of Remembrance, 11am at Templecombe War Memorial	
Thursday 14 th	Whole School Flu vaccinations – check email to confirm date 9.15am Pantomime at school	
Monday 25th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-5pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later	
Tuesday 26 th	Parents Evenings 3.40pm-6.30pm. KS2 times may differ slightly. More info later	
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Monday 9 th	Nativity – dress rehearsal	
Thursday 12 th	9.15am Nativity to parents	
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Friday 13 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre – details to follow (No After Fun provision)	
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day & Christmas Lunch (TBC)	
Thursday 19 th	9.05am End of Term Awards / 2pm Christmas Service in St Mary's Church	
	<u>3pm School Closes for Christmas</u> (No After Fun provision)	
Friday 20 th	INSET Day – school closed	
	23 rd DECEMBER to 3 rd JANUARY – CHRISTMAS BREAK	
JANUARY:		
Monday 6 th	INSET Day – school closed	
Tuesday 7 th	School re-opens	
Thursday 30 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please	
FEBRUARY:		
Monday 10 th	Bikeability Day 1 (Yr6 and 5 only)	
Tuesday 11 th	Bikeability Day 2 (Yr6 and 5 only)	
Wednesday 12 th	Bikeability Day 3 (Yr6 and 5 only)	
Friday 14 th	3.30pm School closes for half term	
	17 th FEBRUARY to 21 st FEBRUARY - HALF TERM	
Monday 24 th	School re-opens	
MARCH:		
Tuesday 4 th	Pancake Day activities	
Monday 24 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-5pm	
Tuesday 25 th	Parents evening 3.40pm-6.30pm	
APRIL:		
Thursday 3 rd	9.05am End of Term Awards	
Friday 4th	Easter Experience in Church	
	3pm School Closes for the Easter Break (No After Fun provision)	
	7 th APRIL to 21 st APRIL – EASTER BREAK	
Tuesday 22 nd	INSET Day – school closed	
Wednesday 23 rd	School re-opens	
Wed 23 rd - Fri 25 th	Yr5 Residential	

Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday – school closed		
Tues 6 th – Wed 7 th	Yr3/4 Residential		
Thursday 8 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please		
12 th to 15 th	SATS Week		
Friday 16 th	KS1 Multi-Skills Festival		
19 th to 22 nd	Year 6 Residential		
Friday 23 rd	3.30pm School closes for half term		
	26 th MAY to 30 th MAY -	HALF TERM	
JUNE:			
Monday 2 nd	School re-opens		
Tuesday 17 th	Class & Year 6 Leavers' Photographs		
Wednesday 18 th	INSET Day – school closed		
Tuesday 24 th	KS2 Top Link Festival		
Friday 27 th	Non-uniform day for sweets for Summer Fayre		
JULY:			
Wednesday 2 nd	Swap a class afternoon To Be Confirmed		
Friday 4 th	School Sports Event /	PTFA Summer Fayre	
Thursday 10 th	PTA Bags2School collection: donations at lower playground gate by 9am please		
	Yr6 Production – arrangemei	nts to follow	
Monday 21st	Yr6 Trip		
Tuesday 22 nd	Whole School Fun Day		
Wednesday 23 rd	9.05am End of Term Awards	2pm Leavers Service in school	
3pm	School Closes for the Summer	Break (No After Fun provision)	

<u>Please note</u>: all activities/events mentioned above are subject to postponement or cancellation at short notice in line with any change in Government guidelines/internal school staffing pressures.