



12th September 2025

Note from the Head...

As we settle in to the new term it has been wonderful to see the children engrossed in their learning. Enjoying their hook days, becoming Amazonian tribe people, walks in the park, time in the forest school, exploring art and imitating an artist, as others look forward to visiting a farm and learning all about the milking process in readiness for ice-cream making! Who cannot love learning when it is presented in this form?



As we get back into the school routines, it is important for parents at home to establish a good homework routine of daily reading, times-tables rehearsal, spelling and key word learning as well as the weekly maths activity. If a routine is established quickly then the battle to complete is greatly reduced. We talk all the time about the impact on your child's learning if these vital skills and pieces of knowledge are rehearsed at home – up to a year's progress against those who do not engage. This huge impact can really affect a child's confidence and knowledge building as the year progresses. Thank you to you for all your support on this matter. If you are struggling to establish a routine, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff for guidance.



We have set out all the majority of events for the year and these can be found attached to this letter, on our website and school calendar. Please pop these dates in to your calendars so you have lots of prior notice.

Should an event change for any reason you will be informed. (There are some PTA events, such as the Christmas Fayre yet to be confirmed. These will be added once confirmed.)

Thank you for the positive start to the year and we look forward to another amazing year ahead.

Best wishes
Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Meet the Teacher sessions

Week commencing 15th September we will be holding our **Meet the Teacher Sessions**, for parents to hear about the new routines, expectations for their year group and put a name to a face! So please come along to the **school hall** and meet your child's new teacher.

Mon 15 th Sept – 8:50am : Year 5
Tues 16 th Sept – 8:50am : Year 6
Tues 16 th Sept – 2:55pm : Year 2
Wed 17 th Sept – 2:55pm : Year 3
Thurs 18 th Sept – 8:50am : Year 4
Thurs 18 th Sept – 2:55pm : Year 1

If you are unable to attend copies of the presentation will be on the class pages.



Attendance

Attendance this week is an amazing **96.4%**. Thank you for all your help with this. Polite reminder that school gates close and lessons begin at

8.45am, morning lateness even by a few minutes can have a huge impact on your child's day, already this academic year 123 minutes of learning has been lost across the school due to lateness. We understand the mornings can be rushed and hectic so please reach out if we can help in any way.

Contact forms

Next week children will be bringing home a contact sheet, please check, amend if necessary and return to the school office. Thank you for your help with this,



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being able to contact you quickly is very important to the school running.

Clubs

After school clubs will begin on Mon 15th Sept, all the information of what's on, when and how to book has been set out via ParentMail.



Sibling Gate

Due to staff reductions, there is now no capacity at the end of the day to escort children to the Reception sibling gate outside Year 1. Children will remain with their class teacher until parents collect their child.

Medal Assemblies



Parents are invited in to see their child receive their medal on Friday. Notification will be sent via text on Thursdays to allow arrangements to be made. We ask that Parents keep this knowledge secret from their child to ensure the element of surprise and joy when their name is called in the assembly.

Whilst parents are not permitted to film or take photos during the assembly, time will be given to parents to take a quick photo at the end of the assembly once children have left the hall.

PTA AGM – Monday 15th Sept 7pm

Our annual AGM and first meeting of the year will take place on **Monday evening in the school hall at 7pm**. We look forward to meeting anyone interested in supporting the fund raising for the school and working with this amazing team for the benefit of all our children. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wincanton Community Hospital fete.

This popular event is happening tomorrow at Wincanton Sports Ground, please see flyer sent last week for more

info. We hope Glee have an excellent time representing school and hope to see many of you there.

Wincanton Carnival

Wincanton Carnival will be happening on **Fri 10th Oct**, bringing fun, music, dancing and costumes to streets once more. After our success last year, we will be entering again and have started carnival club on a Fri for those children in years 3 -6 who wish to part take, it's a brilliant evening. Please contact the school office to join.

To help support the carnival and raise funds, Mrs Bird will be selling 'Lights up' Mon 6th Oct – Thurs 9th on the school playground.



ChatHealth

"Welcome to the Somerset School Nurse Service!"

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and the School Nursing Service to all families—whether your child is starting school for the first time or returning after the summer break. As part of Somerset's commitment to supporting children's health and wellbeing, our School Nurse Service is here to help your child thrive—both in and out of the classroom. School Nurses are qualified nurses and public health professionals who work with families of children aged 5 to 19, offering confidential advice, care, and support on a wide range of health topics. Whether it's guidance on sleep, healthy lifestyles, emotional wellbeing or continence, our team is here to support you and your child. We work closely with schools, families, and other professionals to ensure every child gets the help they need to stay healthy, happy, and safe

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Well Done Medals

- **Scarlett** in Earth Class for showing resilience and confidence in coming into school in the mornings.
- **Harry** in Venus Class for a fantastic attitude and effort in all out learning.
- **Delilah** in Mars Class for being an excellent role model and starting Year 2 with great enthusiasm!
- **Bentley** in Neptune Class for showing excellent effort and a positive attitude towards learning.
- **Huxley** in Saturn Class for demonstrating increasing confidence throughout our first week.
- **Scarlett** in Jupiter Class for showing respect by listening carefully to others and looking after school property.
- **Lily-Rose** in Sun Class for settling in beautifully and showing fantastic learning behaviour all of the time.
- **Joni** in Moon Class for excellent listening and participation no matter the lesson!
- **Molly** in Apollo Class for demonstrating kindness and a spirit of generosity toward her classmates.
- **Liv** in Asteroid Class for her outstanding work ethic and contribution in each lesson.
- **Elouise** in Galaxy Class for the excellent level of engagement with, and interest in your learning that you show in all areas of the

curriculum, for your fabulous contributions to class discussions and the high standard of all your work! Thank you!

- **Leonardo** in Milky Way Class for trying hard in all lessons – great start to Year 6.



PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

This is a great chance to:

- ★ Hear about what the PTA has been up to
- ★ Share your ideas for the year ahead
- ★ Get involved and support our school community

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

– parents, carers, and friends!

We look forward to seeing you there. 

Respect – Success – Resilience – Team Work – Independence – Creativity – Challenge

Headteacher : Mr G Wilson

