

10th May 2024



May

Wed 15 th	Year 2 Folly Farm badger watch – email sent
Thurs 16 th	Year 2 Striking and Fielding event – email sent
Frid 17 th	Year 1 Folly Farm – email sent
Mon 20 th	Year 3 – Caving - Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – letter sent
Tues 21 st	Year 3 Cooking lesson
Thurs 23 rd	Year 1 – Bushcraft - Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – letter sent
Frid 24 th	End of Term 5

June

Mon 3 rd	Inset day – school closed to children
Tues 4 th	Start of Term 6
Tues 4 th	Year 4 Cooking lesson
Wed 5 th	Reception Folly Farm – email to follow
Wed 5 th	Year 5 – Team building - Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – letter sent
Sun 9 th	Chew Valley 10K – see below
Mon 10 th	Year 6 – Crate stack - Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – letter sent
Tues 11 th	Year 6 Cooking lesson
Wed 12 th	Year 5 – Radstock Museum – email to follow
Wed 12 th	Year 2 – Frisbee golf - Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – letter sent
Thurs 13 th	Year 1 Tag tails – letter to follow
Mon 17 th	Open schools – see below
Tues 18 th	Year 4 – Archery - Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – letter sent
Thurs 20 th	Sports day – see below
Frid 21 st	Class photos
Tues 25 th	Year 6 – Bikeability – group 1 – email to follow
Wed 26 th	Year 6 – Bikeability – group 1 – email to follow
Thurs 27 th	Provisional sports day
Frid 28 th	Year 6 – Lifeskills – email to follow

All the dates are also published on the Federation website. Additions or changes will be in bold

School News

Census day

On Thursday 16th May Aspens will be serving a special summer menu to promote census day.

On that date, all children are encouraged to order a school meal, numbers are then recorded which goes towards the schools final funding figures.

To order, please select on Aspens as usual – previous orders have been cleared. Thank you.



Update from Mr Cook

Well at last we have some really great weather – although I'm not sure it will help the Y6 children next week when they have their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)! If the sunny weather continues, please make sure that your child has a hat in school to protect them – and apply sun cream before school.

In staffing news, we have two more changes on the horizon to share with you. Mrs Sally Phillips has been appointed as a Finance Business Partner in the LSP Central Team – starting in September. She will be part of a new LSP team that will be delivering a new service level agreement for 13 LSP Primary Schools. Mrs Phillips has worked in the federation for some 15 years and although she will no longer be directly employed by the school, as part of her new role, she will be providing financial support and advice to Mr Eustace and the Office team. Mrs Jodie Whitcher will also be leaving at the end of T6 to support her husband's business; Mrs Whitcher has worked at BSPS for some 18+ years and has provided support to hundreds of children (and quite a few teachers!) over the years. Both members of staff will undoubtedly be a big loss to the Federation, but of course we wish them well on their new adventures!

If you haven't seen or replied to the consultation on lengthening the school day – [please give your feedback using this form.](#)

Enjoy the weekend!

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Open School

Our next Open School day session is Monday 17th June at 2.45pm. Similar to the last time, please do come in and chat to the children about their work/progress in their classrooms; gates will open at 2.40pm. (Children will be in their classes until the usual finish time of 3.10pm and will be dismissed as usual).

Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce that we have two new parent governors, Phil Cocks and Rebecca Wootton. They were both previously co-opted governors and will now serve another 4 years in their new roles.

Reception - Tobogganing

Children in Reception travelled to Mendip Activity Centre on Tuesday to take part in dry slope tobogganing. They all had a lovely time and instructors commented on their good manners and behaviour!



Charterhouse

Year 5 had a brilliant residential at Charterhouse last week. They enjoyed caving, climbing, gorge walking, archery and team challenges. The children all challenged themselves, and showed great bravery, determination, independence and team work. Well done Year 5!



Online Safety for Parents & Carers – Thursday 6th June, 6pm to 7:30pm – virtual session.

This online training session provided by [SWGfl](#) provides parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the interactive presentation provides parents with advice, strategies and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive, and productive way. In a world where we are surrounded by online technology, this is a must session for all parents!

[SWGfl](#) are a charitable trust dedicated to empowering the safe and secure use of technology through innovative services, tools, content and policy, nationally and globally. We are proud to be a world leader in online child safety, a founding member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety as well as an advisor to Governments and a partner in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

Please use this link to join on Teams....

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGZmNDVhNGUtNGU1NS00ODQ4LWJlNzgtMWUyYzU0ZDaxN2I2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%224b1317bc-b58b-4f82-ae18-388ab4fb11b9%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ccb05f21-4147-433b-98a6-08e5ab419ff5%22%7d

Cooking

Children in Reception and Year 1 took part in a cooking session last Tuesday with Live, Learn, Cook. They made a pasta dish with focaccia bread and learnt about nutrition.



Chew Valley 10K run

Our school is one of the beneficiaries of the Chew Valley 10K race and we gratefully received a fantastic £2,000 last year.

In return, CV10K ask for marshals at the event on Sunday 9th June. If you can spare a couple of hours on the day, marshalling is a fun and rewarding experience that makes the CV10K a wonderful success for runners and spectators alike. Plus, you can get complimentary tea and cake!

We are also looking for children to come along and play the djembe drums on the day for an hour or so. We usually depart from Woodcroft at 8.30am and drive by minibus to Widcombe Common and return to Woodcroft around 10.15am. **Children from Y2 to Y6 are welcome to join Mr Cook** on this drumming adventure, please text/email the school office, if your child would like to be involved. Ideally, we would be able to have a couple of practice sessions during a lunchtime ahead of the 9th June.

To sign up to support as a marshal, please contact Kirsten Batho on kelarkin@btinternet.com There is still time to sign up to the race too. **SIGN UP NOW**

Sports Day – Thurs 20th (or 27th June)

Our Sports Day this year will be held on Thursday 20th June at Bishop Sutton FC (with 27th June set as a reserve date). The morning races will start at 10am and will only involve KS2 children (parents welcome to attend). We will then have a lunch time (12pm to 12.50pm) where all children will be at the football ground with parents invited to join them for a picnic lunch. The PTA are kindly arranging for an ice cream van to be available for you to treat your children over the lunchtime break. The afternoon will be EYFS and KS1 races (parents welcome to attend). Our Y6 children will be supporting during the whole day as play leaders. Let's hope for good weather! Please cancel lunches on Aspens. If your child is free school meals and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch, please let the school office know before Friday 14th June.

Certificates

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude or great behaviour or good manners etc) in the last two celebration assemblies:



Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens
Jacob	Sophie	Harry	Alex
Matty	Arthur	Connor	Maisie H
Ned	Archie	Harvey	Raffy
Josh	Diego	Magnus	Millie
	Lola	RJ	Lyla
	Albie		Isaac
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Pippa	Elliot H	Oscar	Bea P
Santi	Florence	Matilda	Ruby J-B
Albie	The whole class!	Tilly	
Charlotte	Ava	Holly	
William	Eira	Sid	
Felix		Chloe	
		Aoife	
		Ellis	
		Malina	

Note: the records are made by Y6 children so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

Term Dates 2023-24

Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

INSET days 2023-24

- Monday 3 June 2024

Term Dates 2024-25

Term 1	Wednesday 4 September 2024 to Thursday 24 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 7 January 2025 to Thursday 13 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Tuesday 3 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

INSET days 2024-25

- Monday 2 September 2024
- Tuesday 3 September 2024
- Friday 25 October 2024
- Monday 6 January 2025
- Friday 14 February 2025
- Monday 2 June 2025

PTA Newsletter

FEEDBACK ON PTA

We would love some feedback on the PTA events that we run in this short survey. It only takes 3 minutes to complete, so please do take part!

[COMPLETE SURVEY](#)

WIN A SUMMER GETAWAY

It's not too late to get away from it all this summer! Play the lottery this May and win a £1,000 holiday - or take the cash! A cabin in the Highlands, a Mediterranean beach resort, a London theatre weekend or a European city break; where will your summer take you!? Already have a summer getaway planned? Take the £1,000 cash, and treat yourselves to a little luxury!

[BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1](#)

EASYFUNDRAISING

Booking a short getaway or holiday? All of the major travel brands are on easyfundraising; TUI, Booking.com, Expedia, First Choice, Hotels.com, Cottages.com, James Villas, easyJet holidays, Eurocamp, Opodo, P&O, PurpleParking, plus 250+ others! The average family holiday could raise over £110 for our school – and it's all completely FREE! So please remember to use easyfundraising when you book so we don't miss out!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

CAKE SALE

Cygnets & Duckling class (Year 1 & Year R) will be hosting the cake sale on **Friday 24th May** – last day of term!

UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop on Grown Out Of It is finally live! It's a FREE online platform, where you can sell or buy second-hand uniform. You can donate part or all of the profit to the PTA and support the school. It is really easy to register, upload your photos to sell an item of uniform, as well as browse what others people are selling

[SELL OR BUY UNIFORM](#)

Teddy Bear Hospital

Saturday 15th June at our Children's Outpatient Department B11 RUH
Morning session: 10:00 - 12:00 | Afternoon session: 13:30 - 15:30

Bring your child and their teddy to join us for a series of fun workshops to show them what we do at hospital! The workshops are suitable for all primary school aged children.

- Dental check ups
- Handwashing
- Plastering sessions
- Preparing teddy for 'surgery'
- Meeting the ambulance team
- Arts and crafts

Snacks and refreshments will be available!



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ALL WELCOME - SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024, 11AM - 2PM



A Writing Competition for the Chew Valley!

Valley Arts are launching a unique writing competition running in tandem with their brand-new community play, 'Rising Waters'. We welcome submissions from people of all ages and experience levels!

How can I get involved?

Submit your writing by choosing a category (no longer than 2 sides of A4):

- Poems and Poetic writing inspired by the theme of water.
- Fictional pieces about a village drowned under a lake.
- Imagined folks tales composed for the Chew Valley.
- Dramatic monologues spoken by a character who remembers something about the Valley.

Can I submit more than once?

You can write for 1 or more categories and submit as many times as you wish. Inspirational materials for writing can be found on our website: www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/risingwaters

There are 3 age groups, 1 winner will be selected from each:

0-11 years; 12-18 years; 18+ years

What will happen next?

All writing submissions will be incorporated into the final performance on 13th and 14th July at Yeo Valley Organic Gardens. Winning submissions will also be published on our website and in the show programme.

What do I get if I win?

Winners will receive a 'Rising Waters' certificate and a Valley Arts Theatre Pass 2024, which includes 4 free tickets to Valley Arts shows of your choice. Your work is also be published on the Valley Arts website.

How long do I have to apply?

The last day for submissions is Friday 24th May 2024.

Entries should be emailed to: rising.waters@valleyartscentre.co.uk

Or by post to:

Chew Valley Performing Arts, Rockwell House, Regil, BS40 8BD