



Newsletter 12 22nd May 2026

Dear all,

What a lovely way to finish the half term! The sun was shining, the scones were exceptional and the maypole dancing was fabulous. Yes, we were blessed with some lovely weather but even more so by some wonderful performances, cheering support and a true sense of community and belonging. The annual maypole event, which many of our parents remember doing when they were children, is a true example of 'Stokeness' at its best.

Thank you so much to Friends of School and our volunteers for dishing out the refreshments, to everybody who came along to support the event and of course to the children and staff for the hard work they put into ensuring the dancing was carried off with enthusiasm and enjoyment. Even the web!

As we move into next term the events come thick and fast and we have an exciting number of opportunities coming up for all students. Please check the calendar dates at the bottom of the newsletter as new things are being added all the time.

Break The Rules Day

Break the rules day in support of Friends of School was a fun day, especially at the end of SATs week. Lots of crazy hair, whacky outfits and (*shock*) pudding eaten first! The day raised £112 for our Friends of School. Thank you to our school council for helping to organise and promote the day and to everyone for the great spirit it was enjoyed in.



Year 6 SATs

Well done to our Year 6s who have worked extremely hard in the run up to their SATs papers. The privilege of sitting in the staff room for breakfast each morning took some of the pressure off the build-up (Mr Flint only burnt a couple of waffles this year) and there was a good sense of camaraderie around the week. Friday saw them presented with their leavers hoodies – looking fab, Year 6.



Combined Choirs Concert

On Monday, our choir were on top form representing the school alongside children from West Monkton, Ruishton and Blackbrook at the annual combined choirs concert. It was a wonderful event and the children did themselves and the school proud. Well done to everybody involved and thank you to Mrs Webber for all the work she has done with the children this year.

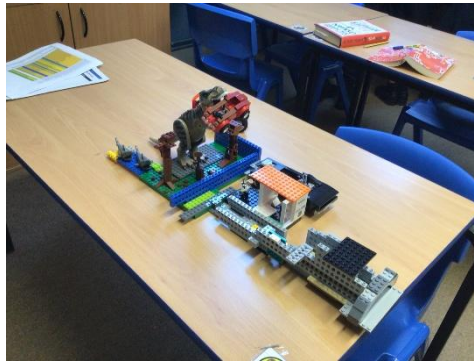


Shine Time this term

It's hard to sum up everything that has been achieved and experienced in Shine Time this term let alone this year. I will try, but not today!

I am once again hugely thankful to Mel and Julie for the experiences they have been able to bring to the children this term. To see animation happening in one classroom, Lego engineering happening in another, confidence being built through board games in a third and a stand-up comedy gig to round off the day is just a wonderful way to round off the week. And that's just key stage 2. Some quick highlights for you...

Lego Engineering: This week's task was to collaborate and make a "park". One group did a water park, another a nature park, a third created their perfect play park and we even had a Jurassic park.



Animation: Stop motion animation with Julie took things to another level, with ipads, models and green screens leading to children making their own short films. A great opportunity for those with creative and techy skills who worked in teams to produce their creations together.

Stand up comedy: Some of the best jokes from the final performance...

- I walked downstairs in the middle of the night and it looked like my fridge had exploded... I think something had gone off in there.
- Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a bridge...
What's come over you?
Two cars, a lorry and a bicycle
- Why do ants never get sick? They have little anty-bodies.
- How many teenagers does it take to change a lightbulb? ...One, the world revolves around them.
- Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains
Pull yourself together



Class and Leavers photos

Class and leavers photos are booked in for the first day back after half term – Tuesday 2nd June. Everyone looking smart, please!

Pentecost worship for the whole village in the square

On Wednesday 3rd June, Reverend Simon will be leading a Pentecost Worship for the whole village at 11am in the square. The whole school will be in attendance – come and join us!

Pyjamarama

On Friday 12 June, children all over the UK – in schools, nurseries, community groups, and at home – will dedicate the day to the magic of

reading in the comfort of their pyjamas, raising vital funds to help every child get a bedtime story. After they so successfully helped to plan Break The Rules day, we have once again given the job to the School Council to arrange the day. They will be in touch with more information!



David Rowland
Headteacher

Key dates:

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	Half term
Monday 1st June	INSET day
Tuesday 2 nd June	Class and leavers photos
Wednesday 3 rd June 11am	Pentecost worship for the whole village in the square
Wednesday 10 th June	Whole school trip to Coates English Willow
Friday 12 th June	Pyjamarama Day
Friday 19 th June	FOS Father's Day stall
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th June	Ravens Activity Week
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition/Moving up Day
Friday 3 rd July	Sports Day (times tbc - afternoon)
Tuesday 14 th July	Summer Show in The Williams Hall (afternoon and 6pm)
Tuesday 21 st July	Whole school trip to Magdalen Farm
Wednesday 22 nd July	Leavers Service (9.15am) and last day of the year

Safeguarding Information:

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please direct to one of our safeguarding team members: Mr Rowland or Mrs Anderson.

If you are worried a child is at risk of harm or in danger, please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or by email at: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

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There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

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