



St Anne's Church Primary School @Hewish & @West Wick



Newsletter
Term 1
Friday 11th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school. What a brilliant first few days of term we have had. All our teachers are smiling and are loving their new classes.

Children have settled into their new classes and have definitely hit the ground running with their learning. We have seen such wonderful learning behaviours on display in every class.

The beginning of the school year is such an important transition period for children and their families as they get used to a new faces and new routines. I am immensely proud at how well our children have all begun this academic year! Attendance during the first week is very important and we are delighted that attendance this week has been very strong.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and their families, who have joined us this week, and a very special welcome to our brand new Reception children who have had a brilliant start to their school journey.

Our year 6 children are very excited as they will be off on their residential next week – what a way to start their year 6. They will have an amazing time.

Have a lovely weekend, See you all on Monday.

Emma Hardy-Smith

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“
A new school
year means
new beginnings,
new adventures,
new friendships,
and
new challenges.
The slate is
clean and
anything can
happen.”

- DENISE WITMER

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PATHWAY TRUST WELCOME LETTER

We are delighted to say we are now part of the PATHWAY trust. It has taken a long time to get to this point and as of 1st September the merger of The Priory Learning Trust and CSET has finally been formalised. Please read the information on the attached letter regarding information about the new PATHWAY trust. You will see the green P logo on all correspondence.



As part of the new trust, we are changing the school name slightly. The school name is now **St Anne's Church Primary School**. The school logo has changed slightly to reflect this school name. Please do not worry, we will not be asking anyone to change uniform. Over time, we will change to the new logo but there is no need to change anything now.



SEND SUPPORT

Sadly, Mrs Martin, our wonderful SENDCO is still very poorly and undergoing treatment. The SENDCO is such an important strategic role in all schools and we are feeling her absence. We wish her a speedy recovery and are constantly sending her lots of love.

We are very lucky to be receiving some support this term from a very experienced SEND expert, Mrs Emma Bray. Mrs Bray has been a headteacher of two local primary schools and has amassed over 20 years' experience in SEND leadership both at school level and through whole trust leadership. She works closely with the local authority as part of the SEND improvement board.



Mrs Bray will be working across both sites and has already met all staff and many of the children. You may have already had contact with her.

Mrs Bray will be on site every Tuesday and Wednesdays but will also be available on other days and is contactable through her email.

Emma.Bray@saca.theplt.org.uk or through the school mailbox mailbox@saca.theplt.org.uk

If you have any concerns about your child's needs or wellbeing, please contact your child's teacher as a first point of contact and the learning mentors are also available every day.

Mrs Bray has some meeting slots available on the following dates;

Hewish – Afternoon slots - Tuesday 22nd September and Tuesday 6th October

WW - Afternoon slots Wednesday 30th September and Wednesday 14th October

Please contact the school office to book a meeting to discuss SEND needs.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Afterschool Clubs are now available to book for each campus – please see the PDF attached to with links for booking. Some clubs may be available to Busy Bees but as in previous years we don't recommend booking until after Christmas once the children are more settled in their school day routine and are less tired. Lunchtime clubs do not need to be booked – children can attend if they would like to. Clubs will run from Monday 14th September.

CONTACT DETAILS



Please ensure that all contact details we hold for you are up-to-date. This includes home addresses, emails and phone numbers. If you are unsure whether any changes have been updated on our records, please ask the office staff to check our system for you. To comply with safeguarding guidance, please ensure we have at least two contacts on our system for you in case we cannot reach you.

It is very important that we can contact you in case of emergencies.

UNIFORM

An urgent reminder to please label **all** uniform and equipment including coats. We already have a growing collection of unnamed lost property especially jumpers and lunchboxes and bottles across the sites. We do our best to return clothing and equipment to children but we can only do this if it is named. Please check regularly as written name labels fade and wash off.

We aim to keep unnamed lost property items for a short while but if uncollected, they will be added to our preloved collection or given to charity as we are at capacity for storage.

CARPARKS @WW and HEWISH

As we return to school and for those parents and carers that are new, here are a few polite reminders about the use of the carparks.

At West Wick, the carpark is for staff use only Nursery parents are also able to use the carpark to drop off young children. All other parents and carers are asked to park on the road and use the pedestrian entrances to access the school. Some parents and carers are able to use the carpark in some exceptional circumstances.

At Hewish, we are very blessed to have a carpark (Imagine if we were like most schools and we didn't have one!) however it is very small and congested. We ask that everyone is patient and kind. Please use all the spaces. Do not arrive too early. Mrs Sims manages the carpark and will ask you to move if you have parked in an inconvenient or unsafe way. Please be respectful to school staff if you are asked to move. At Hewish, we operate a system where parents and carers arriving later may double park up the middle of the carpark. The carpark is busy and can seem a little overwhelming at first but if everyone is kind and patient, it only take about 10- 15 minutes and it is completely clear.

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE - 25th SEPTEMBER

As a school, we would like to show our support for this amazing charity again this year. I am sure that many of you have either been affected by cancer or have a loved one or friends who are. We all know the important work that the team at MacMillan do to support people living with cancer and their families. The MacMillan coffee mornings are the biggest fund raisers for the charity and we would like to show our support.

The logo for Macmillan Cancer Support, featuring the word "MACMILLAN" in a bold, white, sans-serif font above the words "CANCER SUPPORT" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, all set against a solid green rectangular background.

On Friday 25th September, we will be selling cakes after school on both sites to raise money.

We will be asking all staff, our wonderful children and their families to provide cake donations. This is an opportunity for us to support this amazing charity to raise money and support a cause close to all our hearts



Please add this date to your diary and come along to join us.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Please make sure you book your child's school dinner in advance or at least before 9.00am each day. If you need a reminder of your activation codes or how to use the booking system, please ask in the office and we will be happy to help.

Use this link to login: <https://select.aspens-services.com>

Meal prices are £2.85 per meal but free of charge to all Busy Bees and Key Stage 1 (This is called Universal Free School Meals)

Children eligible for Free School Meals (This is called Free School Meals) . You can check to see if you are eligible for free school meals via this link <https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

Please do check your eligibility as you and your child may be entitled to other support including additional funding in school.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application process to apply for reception places for September 2026 opens on 12th September 2026 and closes at 11.59pm on 15th January 2027.

The application process to apply for secondary school places for September 2026 opens on 12th September 2026 and closes at 11.59pm on 31st October 2026.

Follow this link for more information: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/applying-school-place>

In the coming weeks, there will be open evenings and days at all the local secondary schools. We highly recommend you visit these open days. Please see information below. Parents and carers of year 5 children will be sent further information shortly.

NUT-FREE & HEALTHY EATING SCHOOL



Please can we remind everyone that we are a completely **nut-free school** and that snacks and lunch boxes must **not** contain anything nutty, including chocolate hazelnut spreads like Nutella and peanut butter. This is to ensure the safety of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to **all nuts and peanuts**.

Snacks and lunch boxes should be nutritionally as well-balanced as possible, according to your child's preferences, but we ask that they don't include sweets or chocolate bars. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated. Breaktime snacks should be fruit or cereal based if possible.



Please only send water in water bottles rather than squash. Not only is water healthy, squash spillages damage books and equipment in classrooms and attract ants in the summer.

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Safeguarding lead at our school is our principal, **Emma Hardy Smith**. Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Rachel Few (Learning mentor @ Hewish) and Rachel Atkinson (Learning mentors @ WW). Our Nursery Deputy Safeguarding leads are Natalie Blower and Charlotte Bowden.

If you have any concerns, please share them with any of the safeguarding team.

Our school website has lots of safeguarding information and many links to other helpful sites.

The North Somerset safeguarding partnership has lots of useful information for parents and carers available. Please click on the link below for additional support.

<https://www.nsscp.co.uk/resources-parents-carers>

FOODBANK VOUCHERS



If you are experiencing any hardship, Weston-super-Mare Foodbank are able to offer support. In order to access this help you need to be given vouchers. As a school, we are able to issue these vouchers so please speak to us or follow this link for more information:
<https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/>

If you would like to make a donation to Foodbank we have collection points in both of our foyers. This link will have a list of current most wanted items: <https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

DIARY DATES

We are just collating our school diary including Christmas dates and we will get them out to you very shortly.

Monday 14th – Friday 18th September – Year 6 Camp

Friday 25th September – Cake Sale for MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd October – End of Term 1

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

Term 1	Start Monday 7 th September 2026 (Thurs 3 rd & Fri 4 th September 2026 INSET DAYS) End Friday 23 rd October 2026
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Term 2	Start Monday 2nd November 2026 (INSET DAY) End Friday 18 th December 2026
Term 3	Start Monday 4th January 2027 (INSET DAY) End Friday 12 th February 2027
Term 4	Start Monday 22 nd February 2027 End Thursday 25 th March 2027
Term 5	Start Monday 12th April 2027 (INSET DAY) End Friday 28 th May 2027
Term 6	Start Monday 7th June 2027 (INSET DAY) End Friday 23 rd July 2027

Please be aware that holidays in term time cannot be authorised and will incur a penalty fine , which is issued by North Somerset Council, if absence exceeds 10 sessions in a ten-week rolling period (10 sessions is a total of 5 days .The 5 days do not need to be consecutive). The penalty fine is now £80 per parent per child, which is payable within 21 days, this rises to £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. Failure to pay will result in prosecution.

If you do need to take your child out of school, please ensure you complete an absence request form which is available from the office.

Please be mindful that a second term time holiday automatically incurs a penalty notice of £160 per child, per parent. We do not want anyone to be caught out by this large sum of money.

Please be mindful that if a school believes a child has been on holiday even after receiving sickness messages, schools are still obliged to recommend a penalty notice.

PARENT AND CARER INFORMATION



Come and see what our amazing school can offer your child!

No need to book.

WCSA OPEN EVENING

Thursday 10th September 2026
4:30pm - 7:00pm

Talks from the Headteacher at 5:00pm & 6:00pm
In the Auditorium






Mental Health Support Team

Online Parent/Carer Workshop

What is it?
It is an hour long workshop aimed at parents & carers to understand your child, and gain some tips and tricks to use at home.

There are 2 topics this month:

INTRODUCTION TO ANXIETY

Monday
12pm-1pm

Gain an understanding of anxiety, how it may impact your child and learn some strategies to use at home

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS: TOOLS TO THRIVE

Wednesday
12pm-1pm

To learn about the function of emotions, what can impact children's ability to manage emotions and gain some tools to support your child at home.

What happens next? You will receive an email with options and instructions.

Topics of workshops change termly

To sign up, please complete a registration form here: [MHST Online Session](#)



The Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) is a partnership between Off the Record (OTR) and CAMHS. MHSTs were established to support schools, helping them develop ways to look after the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people (CYP) as well as the wider school community including school staff and parents/carers. To find out where we work, check out our webpage:
<https://www.avep.nhs.uk/camhs/camhs-services/mh-schools/mental-health-support-team-mhst-2>

This leaflet is also available in other languages. Please contact us for more information.




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Then we need you

It doesn't matter what your age or abilities
If you would like to join us please come along or email :
caz.carter@newcreationchurches.org.uk

Rehearsals Sunday evening
5.30-7pm starting 20th September

Performance March 2027

We meet @ The Refectory
St Andrews Church Congresbury

