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

Newsletter 3
Term 1
Friday 23rd October 2026



Dear parents and carers,

The end of term is here. It has certainly been a very long and busy term. Your children have been fantastic and have worked incredibly hard. We loved welcoming our new Busy Bees (Reception children) and their families.

Thank you for your support and engagement throughout this term and thank you to our whole staff team for their hard work and dedication.

Have a lovely half term everyone

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WHOLE SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE WEEK



This year, our whole school Remembrance Week begins on **Monday 9th November** with each class spending the week focusing on an aspect of local WW1/WW2 history and its impact on our community.
To enrich this learning, we invite families to share stories, information or memorabilia of relatives who served in the military or lived through World War II. Please send these items in with your child at any point during the week for them to share with their classes.

We will also be holding an art competition for all children – please see the details on the flyer below.

LEARNING REVIEWS

Thank you for attending our Learning reviews this week. We hope you and your child found it a useful and enjoyable experience. If you missed your appointment, please do contact your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time to discuss your child.

Learning plan review meetings for parents and carers with children with SEND will be held on 11th November. You should have already received an invite to one of these meetings.

Today, you will have received a term 1 objective review for your child. These are new for this year and should help parents and carers understand how children are achieving against the objectives they have been taught.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

As in previous years, we will be sending out the termly attendance letters, based on DfE attendance codes, at the end of each term.

The DfE states that good attendance is at least 94%. Any attendance that falls below this is classed in the following ways:

- **Very Low Attendance (80% or lower)**
- **Persistent Absence (80% – 90%)**

- **Attendance Needs Improving (91% - 94%)**
- **Good Attendance (94.1% - 97%)**
- **Excellent Attendance (97.1% - 100%)**

Schools have to monitor the attendance of all pupils regularly and must send out attendance reminders and letters on a regular basis. We appreciate the letters are very formal and can be frustrating when absence has been due to illness.

The letters are Trust wide letters and we appreciate will not be applicable to all absences or family circumstances, however, schools are expected to follow the Trust attendance policy and send out these letters regularly. We try our best to be very understanding of any children with complex SEND, medical conditions and other exceptional circumstances and we do not send letters to these children's parents and carers, although occasionally the odd one slips through by accident. Apologies for this.

Attendance percentages can look a little lower at the end of term 1 simply because the children have only been in school for 7 weeks. E.g. A two day absence in term 1 will trigger an attendance letter in the lower attendance band –' Needs improving' but it would not would not later in the year.

We have very strong attendance at St Anne's with 221 children receiving an excellent attendance letter already this year.

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.8% - Thank you to you all for your support.

ENRICHMENT PROVISION



Information regarding Enrichment Activities for Term 2 has been sent today via Weduc. Links for booking are included on the pdf.

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 canot 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.

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



Details of Christmas productions, nativities and carol services are on the flyer below – please check dates applicable to you and add to your diaries



Friday 23rd October – End of Term 1
Monday 2nd November – INSET day for children
Thursday 5th November – Y3 swimming commences
Friday 4th December – PTFA Christmas Fayre @ WW
Friday 18th December – End of Term 2
Monday 4th January 2027 – Start of Term 3

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

Term 1	Start Monday 7th September 2026 (**Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th September 2026 INSET DAYS)** End Friday 23rd October 2026
Term 2	Start **Monday 2nd November 2026 (INSET DAY)** End Friday 18th December 2026
Term 3	Start Monday **4th January 2027 (INSET DAY)** End Friday 12th February 2027
Term 4	Start Monday 22nd February 2027 End Thursday 25th March 2027
Term 5	Start **Monday 12th April 2027 (INSET DAY)** End Friday 28th May 2027
Term 6	Start **Monday 7th June 2027 (INSET DAY)** End Friday 23rd 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 no 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 you 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas dates for your diary

Hewish

- Wednesday 9th December @ 2pm - Year 1 and 2 Christmas production @ St Andrews church in Congresbury 2pm
- Monday 14th December @ 5pm - Christingle carol service @ St Andrews church (All welcome)
- Tuesday 15th December @ 2pm - Reception (Busy Bees) Nativity - @ Hewish school hall.

West Wick

- Tuesday 8th December - @ 9:30am - Little Learners Pre school Nativity @ WW school hall
- Wednesday 9th December @ 1:45pm - Reception (Busy Bees) nativity @ WW school hall.
- Thursday 10Th December - Year 1 and 2 Christmas production @ Locking castle church by Morrisons 2pm
- Monday 14th December @ 2pm - Year 3 and 4 christmas carols @ Locking Castle church by Morrisons 2pm
- Tuesday 15th December @ 5pm - Year 5 and 6 Christmas carols in WW school hall.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 4 December
5pm – 7pm
West Wick

Festive food & drink
Christmas market
Santas grotto
raffle
games and much more!

stall holders wanted
get in touch for more info
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Mastering Number at KS2

Secure firm foundations in multiplicative relationships



Would you like to find out more about maths fluency teaching in your child's class?

At St Anne's we use NCETM's Mastering Number at KS2, a daily fluency project aimed at developing multiplicative understanding for pupils in years four and five. This builds upon the Mastering Number KS1 program we have used for the past few years.

We are inviting parents to come and watch any session during the **week beginning Monday 9th November**. The sessions will last no longer than 20 minutes. No need to book or sign up – just drop in!

@West Wick – Monday-Thursday 8:50am with Mrs Fowler
@Hewish – Monday & Tuesday 9am with Mrs Coulton,
Wednesday & Thursday 9am with Mrs Webb

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NATIONAL CENTRE for EXCELLENCE in the TEACHING of MATHEMATICS

Scan to find out more.

ST ANNE'S CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

REMEMBRANCE ART COMPETITION

CHILDREN CAN CREATE A PIECE OF ARTWORK TO REFLECT AND CELEBRATE REMEMBRANCE.

Painting Collage Drawing Sculpture

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS!
USE ANY MEDIUM
(Paints, Crayons, Collage, Digital Art, Pencil, etc.)
BE CREATIVE!

COMPETITION DETAILS

DEADLINE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY 12.11.2026
Submissions must include name, year group, and entry on the back.
Return your work to your class teacher.

Learn to love, love to learn