



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a soggy first Spring term we have had, rain seems to have fallen every day since our return in January. The bad weather has not put a dampener on school life and learning opportunities with many enrichment activities being enjoyed by all pupils. We've celebrated Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week and Chinese New Year with a host of sporting events as well this term. We've also had workshops for our all classes from the Police on Dog Safety, from SCARF on healthy living, relationships and mental health and in the last week, a visit from Bugfest.



### Attendance Matters



I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the continued importance of good attendance at school. So far this academic year, our attendance has been excellent, currently standing at 97.1%, which is significantly above the national average of 94.8%. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your children attend school regularly. Our target for this academic year is to finish with attendance of at least 97%.

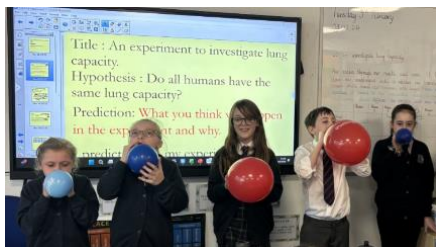
This term, we have been encouraging pupils to think carefully about **taking responsibility** and understanding **action and consequences**. These important messages help children to see how their choices affect themselves and others, both at school and in everyday life.

In school, this may be seen through pupils taking responsibility for their learning, behaviour and personal belongings, and understanding that positive choices are recognised while poor choices lead to consequences. At home, these messages can be reinforced by encouraging children to take responsibility for everyday tasks such as completing homework, keeping their room tidy or being honest when mistakes are made. Talking together about choices and their outcomes helps children to develop independence, resilience and a strong sense of responsibility.

Wishing you all a very restful and, hopefully, dry half term break.

With best wishes,

Mr Daniel Glentworth  
Head Teacher



### Safeguarding



Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody. In terms of keeping children safe, please "Don't think, 'What if I'm wrong?' Think... 'What if I am right'" If you have any concerns about a pupil, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse, you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Team immediately. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Glentworth and Deputy Designated Safeguard leads are Mr Green, Mrs Warren and Miss Jackson. The school Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor is Mr Jason Sims. If you are ever worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or via email on [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

## Bugfest

This week our pupils enjoyed an exciting visit from Bugfest, which gave them the chance to get up close to a fascinating range of insects and exotic minibeasts. The children were captivated throughout the session, asking thoughtful questions and showing real courage as they handled and observed different creatures. The workshop brought science to life in a memorable way and helped to deepen their understanding of habitats, adaptations and the importance of caring for living things. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explored the natural world in such an engaging and hands on experience.



## Safer Internet Day 2026

As always, we recognised Safer Internet Day, a global event that encourages children, families and schools to think about how we can all use technology in safer and more responsible ways. This year's theme, Smart tech, safe choices, exploring the safe and responsible use of AI, helped our pupils learn how to make thoughtful decisions when using online tools that can think and respond. The children approached the activities with real maturity, asking excellent questions and sharing their own experiences. Safer Internet Day is an important reminder that safe online habits grow from open conversations at home and in school, and we will continue to support our pupils to develop the awareness and digital skills they need.



## AI Workshops for Y5 and Y6

Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an exciting set of AI workshops this week, led by Beth from AI for Schools. The sessions introduced pupils to the ways artificial intelligence is already part of everyday life and helped them think about how to use new technologies safely and responsibly. Beth guided the children through practical activities that encouraged curiosity, problem solving and thoughtful questioning about the digital tools they use. The pupils were highly engaged throughout and came away with a stronger understanding of both the opportunities and the challenges that AI can bring.



## Relationship education and mental wellbeing

In the penultimate week of term, our pupils took part in Coram Life relationship workshops, which offered them a thoughtful and engaging space to explore how we build positive and healthy relationships. The sessions encouraged children to think about kindness, respect and the importance of understanding their own feelings as well as the feelings of others. The workshops were a valuable opportunity for pupils to develop confidence and empathy, and it was wonderful to see them reflect so openly and maturely on what helps relationships to thrive.



## Beekeeper visit

Last week, Year 3 enjoyed a visit from Marvin, a local beekeeper, who came to share his expertise about bees and the process of pollination. He explained how bees help plants grow and reproduce, and the children were fascinated to learn how bees create honey from the nectar they collect. Marvin also talked about how different flowers can influence the flavour of honey, which the pupils found especially interesting. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, and the children were completely absorbed in discovering more about these remarkable insects.



## Careers Education – Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 recently welcomed visitors from the DVSA who spoke to the children about the wide range of careers involved in keeping our roads safe and our transport systems running smoothly. Pupils explored different roles within the agency, from vehicle safety and inspection to the people who work behind the scenes to support drivers and ensure high standards across the transport network. The session helped the children understand how many varied and important jobs exist within the DVSA and encouraged them to think about the skills they might need for future careers. It was an inspiring visit that sparked thoughtful questions and lively discussion; especially being with the children being able to use their robot worth more than half a million pounds.



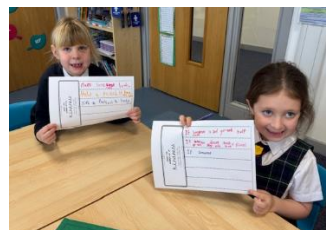
## Careers Conference Year 6

Year 6 pupils recently attended a Careers Conference at Huish Park, giving them an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of future pathways. Throughout the day, the children met professionals from different industries, asked thoughtful questions and discovered the many skills needed for various careers. The event helped them understand how their interests and strengths could shape their future choices, and it was inspiring to see their confidence grow as they learned more about the world of work. It was a motivating and memorable experience that encouraged pupils to think ambitiously about their next steps.



## Children's Mental Health Week

We marked Children's Mental Health Week with a thoughtful programme of activities across the school, giving pupils the chance to explore wellbeing in a supportive and engaging way. Our highly trained ELSA, Mrs Streetin, worked with every class to share important advice about managing feelings, building resilience and understanding how to care for their mental health. This year's national theme, This Is My Place, encouraged children to think about where they feel they truly belong and how positive relationships at school and at home can help them feel safe, valued and connected. Pupils enjoyed taking part in discussions and activities that helped them recognise the importance of talking, listening and looking after themselves and each other.



## Chinese New Year

The school came together to celebrate Chinese New Year with a vibrant and joyful day of activities. Pupils and staff were encouraged to wear red and yellow, colours that symbolise good fortune and happiness, and it was lovely to see the school filled with bright and cheerful outfits. Miss Jackson led a whole school assembly that introduced the traditions and meanings behind the festival, helping pupils understand why this celebration is so important to many communities.



The day ended with a wonderful Chinese New Year parade from our Nursery and Reception children, who proudly shared their decorations and danced their way through the corridors and hall. It was a fantastic celebration that brought the whole school together.



## Brilliant Club Graduation

This week a group of our pupils travelled to the University of Bath to celebrate their Brilliant Club graduation. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience a university setting and to reflect on the hard work they have put into their project over recent months. During the event, the children took part in activities that helped them understand more about university life and the many pathways open to them in the future. They were proud to receive their certificates, and it was inspiring to see their confidence grow as they recognised just how much they had achieved. It was a memorable occasion and a fantastic way to mark their commitment and enthusiasm for learning. We are incredibly proud of these student who are the first at Kingfisher to graduate from the Brilliant Club.



## Dog Safety workshops

All classes took part in dog safety workshops this term, led by visitors from Avon and Somerset Police. The sessions helped children understand how to behave safely and calmly around dogs in a variety of everyday situations. Pupils learned how to read basic dog body language, how to approach animals responsibly and what to do if a dog appears worried or excited. The workshops were engaging, practical and very child friendly, and it was wonderful to see pupils gaining confidence as they discussed how to make sensible choices when around animals. We are grateful to the team for providing such an important and informative experience for our school community.



## Y4/5/6 Hockey

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in hockey sessions at Yeovil Recreation Ground, where they have been developing their skills, teamwork and confidence on the field. The children have enjoyed learning new techniques, practising their control of the ball and working together in small matches. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm grow each week as they challenge themselves and support one another. These sessions have provided a great opportunity for pupils to stay active, build resilience and enjoy sport in a positive and encouraging environment.



## PTA

We are incredibly grateful to our PTA, which at the moment, is being run by just two wonderfully dedicated parents who are working tirelessly to keep this brilliant part of our school community going. Despite being such a small team, they have already organised a second-hand uniform sale and a World Book Day costume sale, and they are in school every week running the Fair Trade tuckshop, all to benefit our children. If anyone feels able to offer a little time to help, even without joining the committee formally, please do come and speak to me.



## Basketball

Our KS2 pupils took part in a basketball event this week and represented the school brilliantly. The team showed great skill, teamwork and determination throughout the competition, finishing the afternoon unbeaten across four matches. They did not concede a single point, winning two games and drawing one, a remarkable achievement that reflects their focus and commitment. We are incredibly proud of the way they supported one another and demonstrated such positive sporting attitudes. Well done to all involved for an excellent performance.



## PE – Gymnastics

In PE this term, pupils have been developing their gymnastics skills with great enthusiasm. They have worked hard on balance, control and movement, showing real determination as they practised different shapes, jumps and sequences. It has been wonderful to see such high levels of participation, with children supporting one another and celebrating each other's progress. Their confidence has grown each week, and the quality of their work has been fantastic to watch.



## Online Safety News



Lemon8 is a lifestyle focused social media app that has been growing in popularity among young people. The app is owned by ByteDance, the same company behind TikTok, and it blends features similar to Instagram, Pinterest and TikTok, with highly visual posts about fashion, beauty, travel and other interests.

Like many social media platforms, Lemon8 has an age rating of 13 and above according to its terms of service, and some features are only available from age 16. Reviews note that although the app offers creative and inspiring content, its parental controls are limited and there are concerns around privacy, public posts and direct messaging.

It is worth checking whether your child is using Lemon8, and if so, taking some time to explore the app together. A number of detailed parent reviews are available online, including guidance on potential risks, privacy settings and how to talk to children about staying safe on the platform.

You can find more information here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/lemon8-app-parents-guide/>

## Breakfast Club

A reminder that our Breakfast Club runs from 8am – 8.50am each morning. A member of staff will be on the hall door until 8.15am seeing children in. After this time, they will be busy preparing breakfast and supervising the children. If you are dropping your child after this time, please bring them to the school office entrance. Please remember your child must have arrived before 8.30am to be able to have breakfast.



## After School Club



The After School Club run 2 sessions. The first session runs from 3.20pm – 4.15pm and the second session runs from 4.15pm – 5.00pm. Please ensure you collect your child promptly at these end times so as not to affect staff / child ratios. Late collection will incur a fee of £5 for up to every 15-minute period after the scheduled pickup time. All sessions are to be booked and paid for on ParentPay one week in advance of the date required. If the sessions are not paid for in advance, they are automatically cancelled on the day and your child will no longer have a space reserved for them.

**Illness:** Please telephone the school office by 9.15am to let us know if your child is not going to be in school due to illness.

**Parking:** Please may I remind you that parking in the school car park is strictly for school staff only. Also, please remember to park safely and responsibly on the roads around the school.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn  
**FREE BOOKS**  
for our school!

**GO ALL IN.**

National Year of Reading 2026

## **Diary Dates**

***Please note*** – these dates are subject to change. We will notify you of any changes as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	- Last day of school
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	- Last day for booking lunches on ParentPay
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>- Half Term</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	- First day back to school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	- Girl Guide Thinking Day – see separate letter sent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	- Year 3 swimming commences
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 3 Play to Parents 2pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	- Scholastic Book Fair – see separate letter sent
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 4 trip to Tutankhamun Museum, Dorchester
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	- World Book Day – see separate letter sent
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 5 trip to We the Curious
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	- PTA Non uniform donation day – see separate letter sent
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	- YR trip to Carymoor
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	- Parents Evening – more details to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	- Red Nose Day – more details to follow
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	- Down Syndrome Day – see separate letter sent
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	- Pete the Poet visit
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 3 trip to Avalon Archaeology
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	- Year 5 Stanchester WOW Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	- PTA Easter Bingo
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	- Kingfisher Art Exhibition – more details to follow
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	- Primary Festival of Dance (Dance Club children only)
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>- Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	- First day back for pupils

**Please keep scrolling to see a variety of community events happening over the half-term break and information for parents which you may find useful...**

# YMCA BRUNEL GROUP

BATH | BRISTOL | WILTSHIRE  
EAST & SOUTH SOMERSET

# GOLDENSTONES YOUTH CLUB

**An exciting opportunity to  
meet new friends & join in  
fun activities.**

Wednesday Evenings  
6pm-8pm term-time only  
Entry £1 (first session free!)

Goldenstones Leisure Centre  
Yeovil, BA20 1QZ



select 'Goldstones  
Club' at registration

we  
welcome all  
young  
people  
aged 10-19



let's all  
catch up,  
have fun  
and support  
each other!

To sign up please access the consent form by scanning the QR code or via the link  
<https://forms.gle/AvNMEJ3MqWZv3rux5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

For more information contact: [RhiannonCross@ymca-bg.org](mailto:RhiannonCross@ymca-bg.org)  
[www.ymca-bg.org](http://www.ymca-bg.org)

# YMCA

Here for young people  
Here for communities  
Here for you



**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**10 am - 12 noon**



# Board Game Fun Day!

Don't be bored this half-term – come and have fun at our Board Game Day instead!

We'll have our usual goodies + activities for pre-schoolers but also all sorts of board games suitable for children and families all the way up to Year 6.

Everything is free! – donations welcomed

Join us and join in...Lufton Community Hall,  
Kingfisher Drive, Yeovil, BA22 8FJ



Motiv8 presents

£20

# MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

OAKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, YEOVIL.

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

9am - 3pm - Lunch provided  
Age 8 & over (Year 3 & above)

<https://www.seaty.co.uk/musicaltheatreday>

## FREE Parent and Carer Workshops: Talking to your children and teens about their bodies, feelings and relationships

An opportunity to attend a relaxed and informative session for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) of all ages with an additional focus on teenage years.

### What's This Session About?

Talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings, and relationships with your SEND child or teen can feel overwhelming—but you're not alone.

Each session will be a safe space for parents and carers to be seen, valued and heard. You only need to attend **ONE** workshop:

**In person:** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA, **1pm—2:45pm**

**Online (live only):** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026, **7pm-9pm** (please login by 6:55pm)

**Duration:** 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Led by **Alice Hoyle**, national Relationships and Sex Expert and SEND mum, this 1.5-hour interactive workshop will offer practical advice, tips, and signposting to help you feel more confident starting (or continuing) important conversations at home.

### Learning Outcomes:

- How Relationships and Sex education can look different for SEND children and teens —and why that's okay
- Tips for talking about bodies, friendships, puberty, and safety at home
- How to use everyday moments to build understanding and confidence
- Where to go for trusted resources, books, websites and next steps

**Click here to book your place:** [Talking to your children and Teens about their bodies, feelings and Relationships – Fill in form](#)

**For further enquiries please email:** [admin@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk](mailto:admin@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk)



# Could you tell if your child was being **exploited**?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

**18 March** 7:00 - 8:30pm

**30 March** 10:30am - 12:00pm

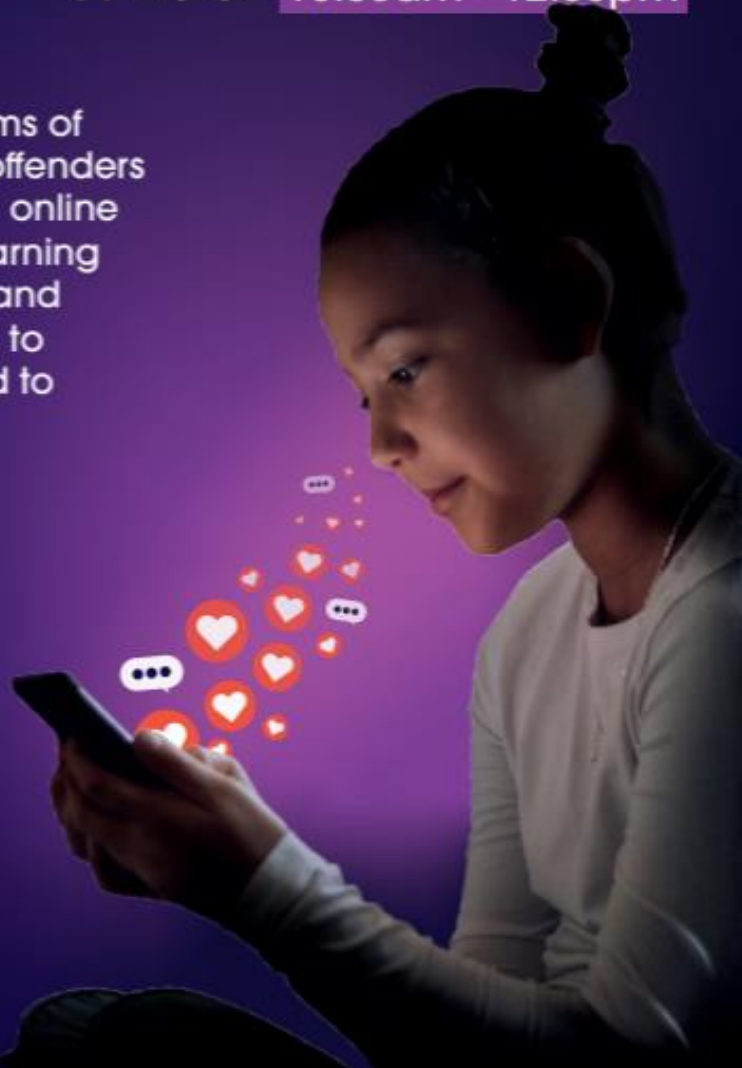
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

**18 March**



**30 March**



Wednesday 11th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully all the children are getting excited about February half term.

We are writing to you to tell you about our Easter bingo we are holding on Friday 27th March 2026.

We are inviting all the children to wear **non-uniform on Friday 13th March 2026** in exchange for a donation to our Easter bingo.

LKDN & REC - Sweets, Chocolates, Crisps or Cakes  
YR 1 & YR 2 - Easter eggs  
YR 3 & YR 4 - Easter eggs  
YEAR 5 - Arts & crafts or Spring toys  
YEAR 6 - Drinks

- \*Arts & crafts ideas - colouring books, crayons/felt tips, paints, craft kits etc
- \*Spring toys ideas - bat & ball, skipping rope, bubble wand, frisbee, chalk, football etc
- \*Drink ideas - Fizzy pop, squash, alcohol etc

Any donation made will be gratefully received. Any alcoholic drinks should be passed directly to a PTA committee member and not brought into school with your child or handed into the office.  
**Please make sure all food & drink items donated are in date and don't expire before June 2026.**

Please can all donations come to school on the morning of **Friday 13th March 2026**, boxes will be placed outside of all classrooms.

Your support, as always, helps to make our events bigger and better each year, which in turn, leads to better experiences for the children of Kingfisher. We look forward to sharing our fantastic prizes with you at our Easter bingo & on our Facebook group.

Yours sincerely,  
Kingfisher PTA  
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**KINGFISHER PTA**  
**EASTER**  
*Bingo*

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**  
in the school hall

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**Doors open 5:30pm - Eyes down 6pm**