

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 4 23rd October 2025

Dear Sandford families

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire school community for the incredibly warm welcome I've received in my first term at Sandford. It's been a joy to get to know you all. Our fantastic children have worked hard to show the highest standards of behaviour and learning over the last couple of months and I know that this will continue to be a focus into the next term too.

It was lovely to see so many families at parents' evening this week; your support and engagement make a real difference to the children. I'd like to thank our wonderful PTA for organising such a successful bake sale this week too. The Hallowe'en themed cakes and decorated boxes were delightful - we can see a lot of effort went into making these so thank you all.

As we head into the holidays, please take care and look after yourselves—especially with the nights drawing in earlier. Let's all stay safe and enjoy a well-earned rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Have a lovely weekend,
Claire

Claire Pocock
Head Teacher

REMINDERS

Data Collection via My Child At School (MCAS)

As per our communication dated 16/10/2025, please ensure that you go online and review the information that we hold on your child and yourselves. We kindly ask that all updates be made by Mon 3rd Nov 2025, so that we can be sure we hold current and correct information for all our students. Thank you.

CALENDAR DATES

24.10.2025 – INSET DAY!!!
 27-31.10.2025 – HALF TERM
 03.11.2025 – WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!
 07.11.2025 – Nasal Flu immunisations – Yr R to Yr 6
 10.11.2025 – Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
 14.11.2025 – Children In Need – non-Uniform Day
 17.11.2025 – Dabinett Class Trip Police HQ
 18.11.2025 – Open Event for New Parents 27.11.2025 – Open Event for New Parents
 03.12.2025 – Yr 4 'Give it a Try' Sports Festival
 09.12.2025 – Braeburn Nativity
 10.12.2025 – PTA Xmas Fayre
 11.12.2025 – Ashton Nativity
 11.12.2025 – Redstreak performing at Sandford Station
 16.12.2025 – Christmas Lunch
 17.12.2025 – Pantomime
 18.12.2025 – Christmas Carols at St James Church
 19.12.2025 – LAST DAY OF TERM!!

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CREW POINTS FOR LAST WEEK

	WORK		CONDUCT	
15/10	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
MILLIGAN	37	221	20	115
CARROLL	39	272	24	149
WILSON	39	195	26	128
ZEPHANIAH	44	255	28	137

CREW POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

	WORK		CONDUCT	
22/10	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
MILLIGAN	56	277	22	137
CARROLL	71	343	26	175
WILSON	40	235	27	155
ZEPHANIAH	60	315	20	157

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RESILIENCE

TOLERANCE

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have achieved Bronze Awards:

Milligan: Esmee (Hasting)

Carroll: Alys and Tristan (Hasting) Scarlett (Dabinett)

Wilson: Phoebe (Redstreak), Eleanor (Hasting), Emilia (Hasting)

Zephaniah: Lottie (Dabinett)

And to the following pupils who have achieved Silver Awards:

Milligan:

Carroll:

Wilson:

Zephaniah:

Also, to the following pupils who have achieved Gold Awards:

Milligan

Carroll:

Wilson:

Zephaniah

And to the following pupils who have achieved Ruby Awards:

Final crew total for this term - Carroll had the most Work
Marks. Well done Carroll!!!



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SEND at SANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had an excellent term 1 and we are excited to be using the sensory tiles the crews made to create our own sensory wall. These will enhance the space we already have to help all children regulate their emotions.

I recently attended training with North Somerset and listened to a talk by Judah Racham who is part of the team at Place2be. Their mission is to support and improve the mental health of young children. Their website has a variety of resources, videos and research to support both children and parents. They also offer training courses. Please check out their website below.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Have a great break,

Mrs Momber-Blake

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

Research shows that bullying remains a significant issue for children and young people which impacts on their mental health, attendance, physical health and future development. The Anti-Bullying Alliance are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day. This year the theme is Power for Good and the ABA have a wide range of resources to support schools to take part. These include resources for primary and secondary schools, information for parent/carers, fund-raising activities and links to other resources such as a BBC Teach live lesson. The week begins with an Odd Socks Day on Monday November 10th although all of the resources are free if you just want to access these. All of the information you need can be found at the webpage below.

[Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good](#)

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Sandford
Primary School

Nurturing Respect, Creativity, and Aspiration

Midday Supervisor

Start: ASAP

Hours: 4 hrs per week (1 hr per day)

Contract: Fixed Term until 31st August 2026, term time only

Grade 16, £24,413 full time equivalent

We are looking for friendly and enthusiastic team player to join our school lunchtime team. This is an important role in our school. You will be required to assist the children during their lunch and playtime with both indoor and outdoor activities, supporting and joining in with play to encourage inclusive lunchtime breaks. The duties also include setting up of the dining hall for lunches and clearing away at the end of the lunch period. As you will be required to put out the tables, chairs and play equipment, the job will involve lifting.

The successful candidates will:

- Be enthusiastic, highly motivated and have a passion for this role.
- You will need to demonstrate that you are flexible, calm, patient and caring.
- Work confidently and effectively on their own and as part of a team.
- Establish positive, professional and supportive relationships with pupils, colleagues, parents and other agencies, where necessary.

We can offer you:

- The full support of a dedicated, forward-thinking and committed team of staff and partnership board.
- The benefit of working in an innovative and forward-thinking Trust.
- The opportunity to work with our wonderful, enthusiastic young learners and supportive parents.
- A commitment to offering excellent CPD opportunities.
- Staff benefits, including discounted gym membership and a cycle to work scheme.
- A staff assistance programme with specialist provider, CareFirst who provide a 24/7 free phone helpline, or face-to-face counselling for every employee in the Wessex family.

At the Wessex Learning Trust collaboration is key, we work together to share knowledge, grow and develop through professional learning communities.

To apply for this position, please complete a support staff application form, (available on The Wessex Learning Trust website - <https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/vacancies/>), together with a letter of application for the attention of the Headteacher, Mrs Claire Pocock. Your letter should be no more than two pages, detailing your experience to date and why you are the best candidate for the position. Completed applications should be returned by email to office@sandfordprimary.org

All appointments will be subject to a DBS check and satisfactory references.

Closing Date: Monday 3rd November 2025, 9.00am

Interview Date: TBC

Sandford Primary School, 49 Greenhill Road, North Somerset, BS25 5PA

The Wessex Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding young people and promoting the welfare of children, and all staff appointed will undergo online checks and will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check.



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Drawing Competition!!

At Meadow Gate in Sandford Stonewood Homes are running a
Design Your Own House Competition

We'd love the children to be super creative & design their dream home thinking about sustainable features & renewable energy.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes to be won in the age groups.

Reception
Key Stage 1
Key Stage 2

Winning house in each group will feature in the sales suite.

Please return all entries by 7th November.

If you would like to visit the show home please feel free to call
Stonewood Homes to arrange an appointment. 07547 661039 /
01249 782293

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Bookings are open!

Breakfast Club



2025/26 DETAILS

Monday - Friday

7.30am - 8.40am:

£6.60



After School Child Care



2025/26 DETAILS

Monday - Thursday

3.15pm - 6.00pm: £12.10

3.15pm - 4.30pm: £6.60



- ★ Pay with Childcare Vouchers
- ★ Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare
- ★ Book online www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk

★ FUTURE STARS
★ ★ COACHING

Ofsted
Registered

LYNCH CHAPEL WINSCOMBE

Are you a young musician? Do you enjoy performing but don't get the chance very often?

We would like to invite anyone who is 18 or under to perform at our Young People's Informal concert on Sunday 16th November at 3 pm at Lynch Chapel, Winscombe. It's a very informal event and every level of musician is welcome, from beginner to the more experienced. Everyone is very supportive and if anyone makes a mistake it doesn't matter, just start again or keep going, whichever you are happy with. To take part in the concert you need to book a place by contacting Alison Waite on alison.waite5@btinternet.com. There is a chance to come and have a run through beforehand so that you know what the chapel is like, if it is helpful, at 1pm on the same day, but please let me know beforehand. All entries must be received by Saturday 8th November. Thank you Alison Waite

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What's on in the community?

TUESDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 31ST

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

£20 PER DAY
EARLY DROP OFF £5



All abilities welcome!

Fun and professional sessions full of games, technical coaching and match play. 9am-12pm with early drop off option of 8am at Winscombe Tennis Club

Scan the QR code or contact Dominic at winscombetenniscubcoaching@outlook.com to book your slot



October Half Term Holiday Camps are back at Winscombe Tennis Club!! We are running camps from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st October from 9am-12pm each day with an early drop off option at 8am. The cost is £20 per day plus £5 for early drop off and we offer multi player discount if you have more than one child as well as a discount if you book for all 4 days! Book your children in today while there is still space available

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/topspintenniscoaching/Coaching/Camps>

Standard Prices

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£31.00	£139.50
Extended Club (15:00 - 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



UBLEY HOLIDAY CAMP



- Ubley Primary School, Ubley BS40 6PJ
- Monday 27th - Tuesday 28th October
- Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00
- Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00
- Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
- Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

Childcare vouchers & Tax-Free Childcare payments are accepted.



BOOKINGS FROM £31

WWW.PHCAMPS.CO.UK
01225 701830
BOOKINGS@PHCAMPS.CO.UK



BOOK NOW

www.phcamps.co.uk
01225 701830
bookings@phcamps.co.uk

Exciting news! PH Camps is hosting a brilliant multi-activity holiday camp near you this half-term!

Here's what you need to know:

Our camps are for kids aged 4-14.

We're fully Ofsted registered.

Operating hours are between 8:00 am and 5:30 pm.

We accept tax-free childcare and are childcare voucher registered.

For all the details about our camps, activities lined up, and how to secure your spot, head over to our [website](#). Check out our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages, and take a peek at the attached flyer as well!

We can't wait to see you there!

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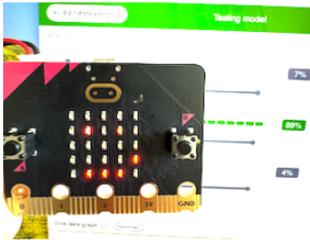
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AI Lab for children

Inspiring the next generation of AI innovators

October half term AI workshops



In this hands-on half term workshop series, your child will explore how machines learn and take their first steps into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Suitable for ages 8 - 13

<https://codingbug.co.uk/ai-lab/>

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

28th & 30th October 2025
From 10:00am - 12:30pm

codingbug.co.uk/ai-lab/

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



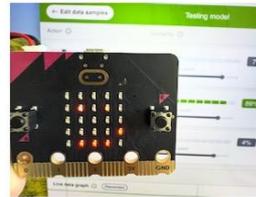
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we ♥ CREATE! Sunday Celebrating **PUMPKINS HARVEST & HEDGEHOGS**

Sunday 19 October
4-6pm @Churchill Methodist
BS25 5NG

THANKFUL.
GRATEFUL.
BLESSSED.

- ♥ Fun for families
- ♥ Nature Activities & Craft
- ♥ Story & Songs
- ♥ FREE buffet tea

Churchill Methodist Church
Contact us:
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

FREE ENTRY

SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Saturday 8 November
10.00-NOON @Churchill Methodist Hall

Help send Christmas joy to youngsters living in tricky situations!

Option to bring gifts from list below
FREE bacon butty, cuppa or squash!

GIFTS NEEDED FOR BOYS & GIRLS 2-4y, 5-9y or 10-14 y:

- NEW TOYS CE mark eg cars, dolls, balls, cuddly toys, skipping rope, yoyo
- NEW CLOTHES eg hat, gloves, pants, vest, sock
- HYGIENE soap bar, comb, flannel, toothbrush
- COLOURING, pens etc

Can you be a £5 Carriage sponsor?

SEE YOU...

Churchill Methodist Church
Contact us:
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

Churchill Methodist Church
CHRISTMAS GIFTS & DONATIONS NEEDED

by 10am Saturday 8 November
for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

GIFT IDEAS for Girls & Boys 2-4, 5-9 & 10-14 Yrs

- NEW toys with CE mark eg balls, doll, cars, playdoh, cuddly toys, skipping, yoyo, dominos, snap cards, party bag, crayons
- NEW clothing socks, pants, vest, gloves, hat, scarf, tee shirt
- Hygiene comb, brush, toothbrush, flannel, soap
- School stationery

NO THANKS TO : liquid, toothpaste, batteries, guns, sweets, books with words

DROP BOX by HALL DOOR
@Churchill Methodist
BS25 5NG

Could you be a £5 Carriage Sponsor?
Please Email for bank info

Churchill Methodist Church
Contact us:
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

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What's on in the community?



NEW PLAYERS WANTED

U6s

SCHOOL YEARS
RECEPTION & YEAR 1

FRIENDSHIP THROUGH RUGBY

TRAINING SUNDAY MORNINGS
10AM

**NEVER PLAYED, NEVER MIND!
COME ALONG, THROW A RUGBY BALL ABOUT
AND HAVE FUN!**

THE RECREATION GROUND, THE LYNCH,
WINSCOMBE, NORTH SOMERSET BS25 1AZ

[HTTPS://WINSCOMBERFC.RFU.CLUB](https://wincomberfc.rfu.club)



OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

27th -31st
October

8AM-5PM

Crafts
Sports
Games
Fancy dress

Childcare
Vouchers accepted

<https://bookwhen.com/smc-churchill-holiday-club>

FROM
£24
PER DAY



Churchill
Primary
School



CLIFTON COLLEGE

11+ Pre Scholarship Programme

Join us for a full day of fitness and sports activities and assessments.

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November
8.15am - 4.45pm

For ages 9-11

Run by Louise Catchpole, Preparatory School Director of Sport. Currently Head Coach of Avon County hockey and leads junior girls' hockey at Clifton Robinsons. Her role at the College spans all major sports offered at the school, including rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, sailing, tennis, rowing and football.

Contact: prepadmissions@cliftoncollege.com



cliftoncollege.com

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What's on in the community?

NEW COACH - JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP OFFER

WINSCOMBE TENNIS CLUB

SPECIAL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 4 FREE JUNIOR GROUP LESSONS
5 - 7 YEAR OLD £0 (NO FEE)
8-16 YEAR OLD ONLY £35
UNTIL MARCH 2027

NEW COACH APPOINTED
DOMINIC STONES
SEE OVERLEAF FOR MORE INFO!

RUSTY RACKETS ON WEDNESDAYS
7PM-8PM - £5 FOR NON MEMBERS
COME AND GET BACK INTO TENNIS!

SIX FULLY FLOOD LIT COURTS
PLAY ALL YEAR ROUND!

WE ARE LOCATED @ THE LYNCH,
WINSCOMBE, BS25 1AP

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE CLUB PLEASE VISIT
CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/WINSCOMBELTC

TO SIGN UP SCAN
QR CODE AND JOIN
BY 31ST DECEMBER



4 FREE JUNIOR GROUP LESSONS

- Junior coaching for ages 5-16 available Monday to Saturday
- School Holiday Camps run throughout the year, sign up for October Half Term Camps now!
- Equipment provided, all abilities welcome with no previous experience required



Please sign up as a member of Winscombe Tennis Club under the Special Offer seen overleaf then contact Dominic via 07955 261372 or winscombetenniscubcoaching@outlook.com to organise your first lesson

For more info about the coaching programme, please visit www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/topspintenniscoaching

ARTS CLUB

WHERE KIDS CREATE

FOR CHILDREN AGE 7-11
(YOUNGER AND SEN WELCOME WITH THEIR ADULT)

PUPPET MAKING

DRAWING

ILLUSTRATION

SCULPTURE

ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS

PAINTING

COSTUME MAKING

EVERY THURSDAY 3.30-5PM

**WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS FOR OUR ART CLUB FOR THE NEXT 7 WEEKS FROM:
THURSDAY NOVEMBER THE 6TH**

**TO BOOK EMAIL:
SOAPSOUPTHEATRECOMPANYGMAIL.COM**

Full Term Price £70. Drop in £12 per session

Low/No wage and Sibling discount available on request
Art Club takes place at The Scout Hut, The Lynch, Somerset, BS25



Parent Communications – A Friendly Reminder

We'd like to kindly remind parents and carers of the best ways to communicate with the school. If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk something through, the most effective way is to contact the school directly. Our number is 01934 852602 and our email is office@sandfordprimary.org. We're always happy to help and are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's wellbeing and learning.

Whilst platforms such as WhatsApp or social media can be helpful for general parent-to-parent chats, they are not appropriate for discussing sensitive or school-related issues. Messages shared in these forums may not remain private and can easily be circulated more widely.

We respectfully ask all parents to take care when posting or commenting online. Please consider whether the information is accurate, necessary, and in line with the respectful and inclusive values of our school community. In some cases, sharing false or harmful information online can have legal consequences. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment

Class DoJo

This is the communication method of our Class Teachers. They will use this to let you know about activities happening in the classroom, and you can use it to directly talk to your child's teacher. However, please be aware that a message sent during the working day may not be responded to until the next day if the teacher is in the classroom teaching.

My Child at School (MCAS)

My Child at School is a Desktop website or an app that can be downloaded for free to a tablet or mobile phone. Parents/Carers are requested to Sign up to the app to ensure you receive key information from school including messages about events, parents' evenings, school closures, regular weekly communications and termly newsletters.

If you access My Child at School via the app using the QR code or via the website MyChildAtSchool - Login and select Reset Password option: Enter the email address into the box and click 'send reset email'. A password email will be generated and sent to your email. Please follow the steps to create a new password

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Some requests please...

Parking

Please do not use the main car park – this is for staff and visitors only. This includes at Breakfast and Afterschool Club times as staff may be coming and going and need to use the car park. Please also ensure that your child keeps to the designated path when walking into school, and out of the way of cars in the car park – we don't want any accidents! Please also ensure you park considerately on Dabinett Drive. We shouldn't be blocking driveways and houses, or be parking near the entrance to the road, for safety reasons.

Absence

Please remember to call the school by 9:30am at the latest if your child is going to be absent (unplanned). It is extremely important that we are informed of the reason for any absence as early as possible. This is a safeguarding requirement to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Appointments

If your child needs to be absent from school due to an appointment, please provide evidence of the appointment in advance by sending it through to the office – office@sandfordprimary.org. This can be a letter, email or screenshot of the appointment which helps us maintain accurate records and supports our safeguarding procedures. We kindly ask that, where possible, appointments are scheduled outside of school hours to minimise disruption to learning. However, we do understand that this is not always feasible and appreciate your efforts to keep us informed. We thank you for your continued support.

Parents on premises

We kindly ask that parents and visitors **do not bring mobile phones, or any unsuitable items onto school premises during the school day**. This is to help us maintain a safe, focused, and respectful environment for all our pupils.

Your cooperation and support in setting a positive example for our students is greatly appreciated.

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