

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7 12th December 2025

Dear Sandford families

What a wonderful week it has been at our school! The nativity plays have truly captured the spirit of the season—our pupils shone brightly on stage, and their hard work and enthusiasm were evident in every performance. A huge thank you to all the staff and families who supported these magical moments.

We are now looking forward to our Carol Service next week, which promises to be another highlight of our festive celebrations. It will be a lovely opportunity for us all to come together and share the joy of music and community.

Special praise goes to Redstreak Class, who represented our school beautifully with their singing at Sandford Station. Your voices brought festive cheer to everyone —well done!

We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Hannah Turner at the end of this term. She has been a dedicated and inspiring teacher in Dabinett Class. We thank her for all she has given to our school and wish her every success in the future. At the same time, we warmly welcome Mrs Diane Middleton to the team and look forward to her teaching Dabinett class from January.

As this term comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the many families who have shared such kind words with me. Although my time at Sandford has been brief, I have greatly appreciated the warmth and support of this community and will carry many fond memories with me.

Claire Pocock
Head Teacher



REMINDERS

Pantomime – Please ensure that any hot lunch ordered via Aspens on this day is cancelled, and a packed lunch from home is provided.



CALENDAR DATES

- 15.12.2025 – Mini Police presentation to parents
- 16.12.2025 – PTA Christmas Gift drop to students
- 16.12.2025 – Christmas Lunch – don't forget to order this!!!!
- 16.12.2025 – Future Stars Afterschool Christmas Party
- 17.12.2025 – Pantomime
- 18.12.2025 – Carol Service at St James'
- 19.12.2025 – LAST DAY OF TERM!



- 05.01.2026 – WELCOME BACK!!!
- 13.01.2026 – Sirona Nursing Programme for Reception and Year 6

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CREW POINTS FOR LAST WEEK

| | WORK | | CONDUCT | |
|------------------|------|------|---------|------|
| 03.12.2025 | WEEK | TERM | WEEK | TERM |
| MILLIGAN | 39 | 188 | 12 | 47 |
| CARROLL | 64 | 270 | 16 | 76 |
| WILSON | 48 | 203 | 10 | 58 |
| ZEPHANIAH | 56 | 243 | 15 | 58 |

CREW POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

| | WORK | | CONDUCT | |
|------------------|------|------|---------|------|
| 10.12.2025 | WEEK | TERM | WEEK | TERM |
| MILLIGAN | 49 | 237 | 28 | 75 |
| CARROLL | 59 | 329 | 20 | 96 |
| WILSON | 52 | 255 | 31 | 89 |
| ZEPHANIAH | 50 | 293 | 22 | 80 |

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RESILIENCE

TOLERANCE

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

Milligan:

Carroll:

Wilson: Harry N (Redstreak)

Zephaniah: Ezra (Redstreak), Toby (Hasting) William (Dabinett), Elsie P (Braeburn), Alice (Hasting), Oscar (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:



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The HAF team have asked us to get in touch to encourage you to book your child's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions as soon as possible.

Whether you're interested in family activities, arts and crafts, animal encounters, sports sessions, magical theatre trips, or games, there is something for everyone this season.

Bookings can be made here: <https://eequ.org/northsomersethaf>

Thank you.

The HAF Team



INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Instrumental and vocal lessons at school are provided by teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA)

LESSON OPTIONS:

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons
20 minutes individual x 10 lessons
30 minutes paired x 10 lessons
Group x 10 lessons



Inquire within school about possible remissions if your child is registered as receiving income-based Pupil Premium funding. Tick the box on the WEMA sign-up page if eligible. WEMA will then contact you to discuss final arrangements.



INSTRUMENT HIRE

Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there are a wide range of instruments that can be hired from WEMA music hub. These are free to hire for students receiving Pupil Premium. Contact WEMA directly by adding hire to your application or emailing: music@wema.org.uk

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/learn-to-play



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day

Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day



More Information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



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Wessex Learning Trust Podcast – Now Live

We're excited to announce the launch of the official Wessex Learning Trust podcast, *The Only Way is Wessex*. The first episode is now available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple Music](#). Please listen and discover how we support your child's learning journey and educational development. This is a great opportunity for families to find out more about the ways Wessex Learning Trust helps every learner thrive!



Thank you for your support

To SANDFORD PRIMARY

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total £177.61

District total £4,078.84



Well done Sandford!!

We raised a total of £177.61 for the Royal British Legion – how fantastic is that? A huge thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause!

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What's on in the community?



**Thank you from your
PTFA!!!**

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the Christmas Fayre such a success this year!

We raised just under £800 in total! A massive thank you to those who donated items towards the tombola and elf workshops. Both were very popular and it was lovely helping the kids pick out and wrap their presents! We hope you enjoy what they chose for you (or at least get a giggle out of it!) come Christmas morning. Also a big thank you to those that baked for the Elf Bakery! Archie Cox and Harry Nolan's were chosen as Star Christmas Bakers and all entries were devoured with much joy during the evening!

Another huge thank you to all the parents and children who volunteered at the various stands during the evening. The pizza bakers and order wranglers deserve a special mention for getting us all fed... the pizzas were delicious!!

Lastly a massive thank you to everyone who came and spent generously across all the stands. We hope you had a lovely time!

If anyone has any ideas for how next year's fayre could be even better feel free to get in touch via hellosandfordpta@gmail.com or on the what's app group (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BU748PjMzZu74KsjHqxbGH?mode=wwt>).

Our next PTA meeting will be in January and we have the rest of the year to fill with events so if you have any ideas or want to get involved then keep an eye out for the date to add to your diaries.

Profits from the fayre will be helping to fund the new sound system in the hall which was desperately needed... so as you listen to nativities in the next few weeks know your pizza eating helped make that possible.

Thank you again and the PTA wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

This is the Christmas Lunch menu on Aspens for 16th December. It is priced at the normal lunch price.

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
By Aspens

FESTIVE FUN

16th December

Roast Turkey & Stuffing

Or

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath

With

Roasties, Sticky Chipolata, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Rudolph's Nose Cookie

Or

**Cinnamon Popcorn
Chocolate Brownie**



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Free Christmas Party at Sandford After School Club



- ★ Tuesday 16th December 3:15pm - 5:30pm
- ★ Christmas party games, music and craft!

★ Book online www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk

★ FUTURE STARS COACHING

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Jesus is the gift
Feel the Love & Peace of Christmas

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER
CAROLS & NATIVITY FOR ALL AGES
Front Street, Churchill BS25 5NG

3.30pm Carols @Cottage Homes, Front Street
3.45pm Follow the Star on Front Street
4pm @Churchill Methodist Nativity & Candles
5pm Sausage rolls & mince pies

Churchill Methodist Church
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Saturday 13 December
4.30pm @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

A calm, reflective time offering comfort & hope for every person to feel whatever you're feeling. Please come. YOU will be welcome

HANDLE WITH CARE

Churchill Methodist Church
churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk
churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHURCHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Try us for FREE!

PLAY CHAT CRAFT SING

Mondays 09.00-11.30
1, 8 & 15 DECEMBER
@Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

- ♥ Friendly group, easy parking
- ♥ Bright hall, lots of toys
- ♥ Yummy snacks; cuppa & cake

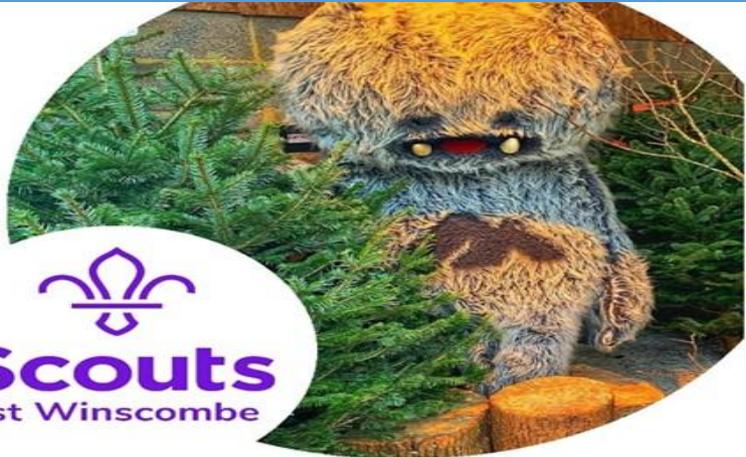
Churchill Methodist Church
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Hand pick your own Christmas Tree!



Opening Times:

From 29th November 2025
Every Sat & Sun
11:00 – 16:00
(until sold out)

MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE
Lyncombe Dr, Churchill BS25 5PQ

1st Winscombe Scouts will be selling Christmas Trees again this year with the help of [Mendip Activity Centre](#). Come along and see us, and pick your very own tree from our range of Premium, non-shedding Nordmann Fir Trees.

All proceeds go towards 1st Winscombe Scout Group to help provide wonderful opportunities and an exciting range of activities for our young people.

2025 PRICES

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| 1.50m – 1.75m | £45 |
| 1.75m – 2.00m | £55 |
| 2.00m – 2.40m | £65 |

* No price increases since 2023!

Check out also our fantastic handmade Swedish Candle Smore's on sale while stocks last!



Contactless payment preferred



SCAN ME

Support your local Scout Group!

<https://www.facebook.com/1stWinscombe/>

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What's on in the community?

SMC *Christmas* **CAMP**

WHERE? CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHEN? 22ND, 23RD, 29TH & 30TH DECEMBER

We are now taking HAF Bookings

HAF NORTH SOMERSET
Holiday Activities & Food

Icons: paint palette, target, and food items.

We have lots of fun HAF activities over the Christmas/Winter period and would really appreciate your support in promoting the activities and encouraging families to book. We have family activities and activities within local schools.

This is the link to the booking system: [Eegu · After school.](#)
[In place of school.](#) [Beyond school.](#)

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The poster features a green background with a white tennis court line and a yellow tennis ball. At the top, the 'TOPSPIN TENNIS' logo is displayed in red, with two crossed tennis rackets and the numbers '20' and '25' on either side. The word 'Free' is written in a large, dark green cursive font, followed by 'TASTER SESSION' in bold red capital letters. Below this, text describes the coaching services and provides a QR code. At the bottom, contact information is provided.

Free TASTER SESSION

Fun and high quality coaching for all ages and standards every day of the week from Monday to Saturday. No previous experience required.

The first session is free! So come along to Winscombe Tennis Club and give tennis a go.

see all of the fantastic services we offer.

Please contact Dominic and book your free session at winscombetennisclubcoaching@outlook.com

COURSES NOW BOOKABLE FOR JANUARY 2026 AT WINSCOMBE TENNIS CLUB, FIRST SESSION IS **FREE!** Would you like to get your child involved in a fun and social sport?! We are offering weekly group coaching for all ages and abilities from Monday to Saturday, no previous experience or equipment required. Visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/topspintenniscoaching> to book online or contact Head Coach Dominic Stones via winscombetennisclubcoaching@outlook.com or 07955 261372 to organise your first FREE session



Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements for North Somerset schools. The only proposed change is the addition of Kewstoke Primary School. The consultation information is published on both our Trust and school websites. To view the arrangements please click [here](#). Comments should be sent to the Wessex Learning Trust office by email consultation@wessexlearningtrust.co.uk The consultation will end on 19 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the school website by 28 February 2026.

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Christmas at Cheddar Woods

Saturday 20th

Santa's Grotto • 11am - 3pm

includes a small gift & cookie creation

£12.95 per child

lunch with Santa • 12.30pm - 1.30pm

kids price includes cold food box

adults get mulled wine or hot chocolate & mince pie

£15.95 per child & £5.95 per adult

Sunday 21st

Santa's Grotto • 11am - 3pm

includes a small gift & cookie creation

£12.95 per child

lunch with Santa • 12.30pm - 1.30pm

kids price includes cold food box

adults get mulled wine or hot chocolate & mince pie

£15.95 per child & £5.95 per adult

book your tickets at reception or call 01934 742610

tickets are non-refundable/non-transferable

christmas party

Family Christmas fun, magic show, disco & more! booking not required

Saturday 20th • 5.30pm - 9.00pm or Sunday 21st • 5.30pm - 8.00pm



All events subject to change at short notice. Please contact our team prior to your visit with any allergies/dietary requests.



Festive check in

22nd December • 3pm - 6pm

Wrap up warm & join us down by the big Christmas tree for some festive fun!

Mulled wine & hot chocolate, mince pies & festive bakes, Christmas market stalls, Christmas games & music from Scott McGowan.

see you there!



*charges apply