

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 8 January 2026

Dear Sandford,

Thank you for making me feel so welcome during my first couple of weeks here. It has been a real delight to get to know so many of the children through teaching them or catching up at lunchtime. This is a lovely community and I am really lucky to get to work with you.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at increasing our provision for Year 6 in terms of free SATs boosters before and after school, as well as an information evening. Dates will follow with plenty of notice. I am more than happy to meet with those that cannot make this session.

We are also looking at increasing our offer at break and lunch to make these times more exciting for the children, a wish list will follow soon. We are after large loose parts like tyres, crash barriers, old foam surf boards and the like, as well as any tuff trays you might be keen to get rid of so we can offer water play/lego/sand etc. Look out for details in the next newsletter. Thank you for your support in advance.

I am keen to meet as many of you as possible so will be running two 'Meet the Leaders' sessions when you can drop in for a hot drink and air any ideas/suggestions/queries with myself. I always try to run two sessions to accommodate different working patterns. The first is 530pm - 630pm Tues 20th Jan. The second is 9am-10am on Weds 21st Jan. I look forward to seeing you there.

We thank you for your continued support and my door is always open for constructive feedback and how we can make the school better for this community.

Many thanks,

Oliver Laken

REMINDERS

Please ensure that your child has been booked into FutureStars Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs if you need them – there were a lot of children last week who had not been booked in before they attended.
Many thanks!

CALENDAR DATES

05.01.2026 – WELCOME BACK!!!
 13.01.2026 – Sirona Nursing Programme for Reception and Year 6
 20.01.2026 – Meet the Leaders – 5.30-6.30pm
 21.01.2026 – Meet the Leaders – 9.00-10.00am
 09.02.2026 – Mental Health Week
 13.02.2026 – INSET DAY!!!
 16.02.2026 – 20.02.2026 – HALF TERM!!
 23.02.2026 – BACK TO SCHOOL - WE MISSED YOU!
 03.03.2026 – Extra Transition Day for specific Year 6 students
 04.03.2026 – Y5/6 at Gemini Gymnastics – details to follow
 05.03.2026 – World Book Day
 09 + 10.03.2026 – Bikeability begins. Details to follow
 11.03.2026 – Y3-4 at Gemini Gymnastics – details to follow

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CREW POINTS FOR LAST WEEK

	WORK		CONDUCT	
07.01.2026	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
MILLIGAN	32	32	16	16
CARROLL	35	35	28	28
WILSON	33	33	18	18
ZEPHANIAH	31	31	25	25

CREW POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

	WORK		CONDUCT	
	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
MILLIGAN	26	58	10	26
CARROLL	31	66	13	41
WILSON	21	54	5	23
ZEPHANIAH	34	65	17	42

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RESILIENCE

TOLERANCE

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

Milligan: Leonard (Ashton) Jacob (Hasting)

Carroll: Alby (Ashton), Octavia (Ashton), Harry B (Redstreak), Anaya (Redstreak), Roux (Hasting) Jenara (Hasting) Harriet (Hasting)

Wilson: Rupert (Braeburn) Amaia (Braeburn) Elsie B (Braeburn)

Zephaniah: Elsa (Braeburn) Wilf (Braeburn) Nova (Redstreak) Oscar (Hasting)

And to the following pupils who have achieved Silver Awards:

Milligan: Matilda (Redstreak)

Carroll: Scarlett (Dabinett)

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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SEN AT SANDFORD

I would like to welcome all families back and look forward to working with you throughout term 3.

Staff have started the term by attending training on supporting children during transitions. This included transitions throughout the school day as well as bigger transitions such as moving class or starting a new school. The training was through our PINs project that is being funded by North Somerset and the NSPCWT forum.

Children's Mental Health Week, run by Place2Be is running from Monday 9th February to Sunday 15th February. More information will come out over the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, please check out Place2Be at <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

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Well done Freddie!



Freddie Leahy (Hasting Class) has been invited to try out for Bristol City FC Academy . This is a great achievement and such a fantastic opportunity for him as a player, and we are extremely proud of him.



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Tell Us What You Think?

Your input is crucial! We're running four important surveys across our Trust schools to help us understand what matters most and enhance the overall experience for students, parents, and staff. We'd greatly appreciate your time.

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Parent Survey

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out what matters to you most about food at your Child's school and how satisfied you are with the service.



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LOST PROPERTY

This is our new Lost Property cupboard!! It is located just inside the school by the office, so if your child has lost anything, please pop by and take a look – we're sure that there will be all manner of treasures in there!



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What's on in the community?

FOR CHILDREN AGE 6-11
(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 6 WEEKS FROM: THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY

TO BOOK EMAIL: SOAPSOUPTHEATRECOMPANY@GMAIL.COM

Full Term Price £60. Drop in £12 per session
Low/No wage and Sibling discount available on request
Arts Club takes place at The Scout Hut, The Lynch, Somerset, BS25

Holiday Clubs bring run by Kings Fitness:

Kings Holiday Club dates:

- Monday 16th February
- Tuesday 17th February
- Wednesday 18th February
- Thursday 19th February
- Friday 20th February

Wedmore Holiday Club dates:

- Monday 16th February
- Tuesday 17th February
- Wednesday 18th February

HOLIDAY CLUB
At Kings Fitness & Leisure

- ✓ For ages 5-13 years from £23* per day 9.00am-4.00pm.
- ✓ Extend the day with early drop-off and late pick-up from £4.50 per session
- ✓ Have Fun playing games, sports, going swimming, and doing arts and crafts!
- ✓ Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, swimming kit, weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).

Visit our Junior Activities Page here:

Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at 01934 744939 to sign up NOW!

*£23 if booked 3 weeks in advance, alternatively, £28 per day, if booked after this time frame

WEDMORE HOLIDAY CLUB

- ✓ For ages 5-13 years, from £23* per day, 9.00am-4.00pm, at Wedmore First School grounds
- ✓ In the winter, have fun doing outdoor adventure activities in the forest school grounds, and enjoy our outdoor swimming pool in the summer!**
- ✓ Enjoy a jam packed day of playing games, sports, and arts and crafts!
- ✓ Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, outdoor adventure clothing, and weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).

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**This is a seasonal, weather dependant activity.



DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit: wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres



BRISTOL CREATE DAY

With Siobhan Clough

Sunday 8th February 2026
10:30am-3:30pm
Future Talent & West of England Music and Arts

SIGN UP HERE

This Create Day will focus on **Open Scores** - a flexible, creative way of making music that welcomes all instruments and experience levels. Young musicians from **Future Talent** and **WEMA** will join together to explore ideas, experiment, meet new friends, and create new music as a group.

[Trinity Academy](#)
[Romney Avenue](#)
[Lockleaze](#)
[Bristol](#)
BS7

HARVARD LAW

NOW IN PINK



LEGALLY BLONDE



The Musical

25th - 27th February 2026

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets are available from The Playhouse Theatre
WWW.THEPLAYHOUSE.CO.UK



Age

Music and Lyrics by
Laurence O'Keefe & Nell Benjamin

THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE
Age guidance 8+

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

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HAPPY New Year *we ♥ CREATE! Sunday*

CHRISTINGLES & CRAFTS **FREE**

Sunday 18 January 4-6 pm
@Churchill Methodist, BS25 5NG

- ♥ Fun for families
- ♥ FREE Crafts Workshop
- ♥ Bible Storytime
- ♥ Buffet Tea

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR **CHURCHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

Try us for FREE!

PLAY. SING. CRAFT and CHAT!
@Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

Mondays 09.00-11.30
5, 12, 19 & 26 January

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

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Contact us:
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READY TO BOOK

Breakfast Club

After School Child Care

All term 3 & 4 breakfast club and wrap around childcare sessions are live and available to book...

BOOK YOUR PLACES AT
FUTURESTARSCOACHING.CO.UK

Play with Childcare Vouchers
Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare

FUTURE STARS COACHING **Ofsted Registered**

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FAMILY FOREST SESSIONS

For families of children with learning disabilities and autism.

ACTIVITIES:
Outdoor games, campfire cooking, tool work, nature crafts, socialise with other SEN families, and more!

SIGN UP:

TIME & PLACE:
@Worle centre
58 New Bristol Road
Weston-super-Mare,
BS22 6AQ
Tuesday 17th Feb 2026
Morning session: 10:00-12:00
Afternoon session: 13:00-15:00

To find out more, email
Rachael.scrase@brandontrust.org
or visit our socials: @BrandonPlaylink

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