

# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 9 – 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025



Dear families,

This was always going to be a difficult newsletter to write. After much thought and deliberation, I have made the decision to leave my role as Executive Headteacher at the end of this academic year.

August will be the culmination of five years serving both schools and their communities and I am incredibly proud and privileged to have done so. We have achieved so much, through some challenging times, and I will always look back with pride and affection at my time at Sandford and Winscombe. As you know my time has been limited, working three days a week across both settings, but I have given absolutely everything to ensure both schools are happy places to work, learn and succeed.

It is now time for me to take a step back from school leadership and for the schools to enjoy the energy and ambition of a new leader, supported by our exceptional staff.

Whilst I am taking a moving away from Executive Leadership, I am glad that I will remain part of the Wessex Learning Trust in the role of Primary Effectiveness Lead and continue to contribute to our family of schools; alongside some other exciting opportunities.

Please be reassured I will continue to serve both schools in the same vein until the end of my tenure and will do my utmost to ensure a smooth succession for September.

I will miss you all enormously; the children, our team, yourselves and the wider community and thank you all for your continued support.

I look forward to seeing you next week and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Richardson

## REMINDERS

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

PARENTS EVENING - This will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Further details to follow

### UNIFORM

Please see the office for an Order Form if you need to purchase more uniform. We will then contact you when it is ready. Thank you

## CALENDAR DATES

31<sup>ST</sup> Jan – 1<sup>st</sup> installment for Year 6 Residential Trip  
 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Dabinett Class Trip – Young Voices in Birmingham  
 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 2<sup>nd</sup> installment for Year 6 Residential Trip  
 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Future Stars After School Club begins!  
 4<sup>th</sup> March – Hasting Class NSSPEA Dance Festival (Weston Playhouse) - 12-3.30pm  
 7<sup>th</sup> March – Yr 6 Life Skills  
 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

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### CREW POINTS FOR LAST WEEK

15/01	WORK		CONDUCT	
	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
MILLIGAN	48	143	19	49
CARROLL	37	58	26	41
WILSON	64	159	30	51
ZEPHANIAH	45	108	20	47

### CREW POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

22/01	WORK		CONDUCT	
	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
MILLIGAN	27	170	25	74
CARROLL	21	79	24	65
WILSON	48	207	27	78
ZEPHANIAH	29	137	27	74

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

**Milligan:** Percy (Braeburn), Evie (Dabinett)  
**Carroll:** Jenara (Redstreak)  
**Wilson:** Megan (Braeburn)  
**Zephaniah:** Curt (Ashton), Henry (Braeburn)



And to the following pupils who have achieved Silver Awards:

**Milligan:**  
**Carroll:**  
**Wilson:**  
**Zephaniah:** Ezra (Braeburn)

**And to the following pupils who have achieved Gold Awards:**

**Carroll:**  
**Wilson:**  
**Zephaniah:**  
**Milligan:**

## Job Advertisement

There is an opening for a Catering Assistant role, working as part of the Aspens team. Please see the link attached for further information. Thank you

[Join Grow Thrive Jobs - Catering Assistant](#)

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## SEND at Sandford

Each newsletter please check out this section for all up to date information around our SEND provision which often benefits our whole school community.

Our staff enjoyed further training with Catrina Lowri this week with a focus on supporting those with trauma and those who dysregulate. You can access Catrina's brilliant resources by searching for @Neuroteachers on most social media platforms.

If you are looking for support within North Somerset, please make sure you visit their Local Offer <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/children-young-people-families/send-hub-local-offer> which includes information around EHCP support, finance, housing, health and wellbeing and family days out.

Don't forget that our next coffee morning with the NSPCWT is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

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# CHURCHILL HOLIDAY CLUB

FEBRUARY HALF TERM AT CHURCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WHAT WE OFFER:

- CRAFTS
- NERF WARS
- FRISBEE GOLF
- BINGO
- FOREST SCHOOL
- VALENTINES CRAFTS

FROM  
£20

The booking link is: <https://bookwhen.com/smc-churchill-holiday-club>



Saturday 15th March 2025  
1.45pm - 5.30pm

Wells Cathedral invites boys between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong.

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CATHEDRAL SCHOOL  
<https://wells.cathedral.school>

For more details and to book your place, please contact:  
[musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk)

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Parent Mental Health Day – 27<sup>th</sup> January

We all use unhelpful coping strategies sometimes, but as with any skill we can learn new, helpful coping strategies. Here's some **self-care tips** to help protect against stress:

### #ADDRESS YOUR STRESS

Try	Avoid
<p><b>Get moving!</b> Physical and mental health are connected – so eat well and exercise to release endorphins. Find a fun activity that suits you and your schedule.</p>	<p><b>Overdoing it</b> on sugar, caffeine or alcohol – they're a quick fix which can increase stress in the long term.</p>
<p><b>Setting aside time</b> to have fun or indulge yourself – positive emotions can help build a buffer against stress.</p>	<p><b>Overworking</b> and checking your emails out of hours – we all need time to unwind.</p>
<p><b>Learning a new skill</b> – whether painting, playing guitar or a new language.</p>	<p>Spending <b>too much of your free time</b> in front of a screen – phone included. Don't feel pressured to always be 'doing' something.</p>
<p><b>Sharing how you're feeling</b> – it's OK to ask for help and support.</p>	<p><b>Chasing perfection</b> – it can create unrealistic expectations. Accept that mistakes will happen.</p>
<p><b>Switching off from distractions</b> – make time for yourself as a regular part of your routine. Schedule a reminder if you need to.</p>	<p><b>Bottling up your feelings</b> and assuming they will go away – this can make things worse in the long run.</p>

There are simple steps you can take to #AddressYourStress. Check out our resources at [mhfaengland.org](http://mhfaengland.org)

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