



19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear parents/carers and children,

## No 25 Newsletter

What lovely pictures to start our newsletter this week! Following the egg delivery on Tuesday, we now have two ducklings in our library. Each class has named the ducklings their own names, so these lucky fellows have several names to choose from 😊.



### Duckling names:

**Acorn:** Pepper and Polo

**Oak:** Rosie and King Alfred

**Beech:** Rosie and Luca

**Willow:** Max and Sophia

**Hawthorn:** Bobby/Bob and  
Dandelion/Dandie

**Hazel:** Quackers and Daphne

**Yew:** Waddles and Quacker-Jack



### From Yew to You:

Congratulations to Year 6, or should I say, Yew class, for their fantastic first addition of the children's newsletter. It was full of information and useful facts. Thank you also for identifying so many children who perform acts of kindness across school – it was a lovely read and I am very much looking forward to the next addition.

**Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.**

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### School Council:

A huge thank you from me, to our fabulous School Council, who today performed their final task by organising the 'naming of the ducklings'. You have been a super bunch since September and now deserve a well-earned rest. Voting for the new school council members will take place next week so anyone interested will have to come up with their speech (🗣️). Reception children will now join School Council too for the second half of the school year.

### Uniform voucher or extra food voucher

In case any families did not see the offer sent last week, all families in receipt of benefit-related free school meals (pupil premium children) can have either a Tesco's voucher for £5 per child to be spent on food or uniform or £5 towards uniform bought at school. This can be for uniform recently bought from school, too. Please notify the office.

### Times Table Rockstars – Rock Down Relief

This week, the children in Years 2 to 6 have been engaged in a fierce battle to see who can earn the most points on TT Rockstars. Congratulations to **Hazel Class** who won with a massive average score of 687 points – there must be some very fast fingers in Year 5!

It was great to see that lots of children logged on at home over the weekend to try to boost their class's score. The top three scorers in each class will receive a certificate on Monday.

	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st	Zuza	Oscar	Owen	Florence	Oli B
2nd	Rita	Dexter	Charlie B	Benjamin	George
3rd	Megan Effie	Aubree	Kaici	Buddy	Megan

Don't forget that children can still keep earning points and then use them to purchase a virtual red nose. TTRS are donating money to Red Nose Day and by Thursday had already raised over



£2000.

**School Meals:** The Summer term menu is now live on parentpay, please make selections asap and by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March in order that we can give forward numbers to the caterers. Thank you.

**Y6 Leavers' Hoodies:** Thank you to PAFOTS for organising and subsidising this year's leavers' hoodies. These have come home today with the children and look wonderful. We are looking forward to seeing them being worn in school during June's Wellbeing Week and any non-uniform days.

**Y6 Residential letter:** Please could I remind all year 6 parents/carers to complete the questionnaire sent yesterday regarding the possible residential. Thank you



### Celebrations:

**Gold Cards this week: Acorn Class: Emma & Teddy. Oak Class: Zephyr & Archie. Hawthorn Class: Charlie B, Sophia, Kaici, Olivia, Erin, Archie and Layla.**

### Certificates:

#### Behaviour for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class: Isabella** for coming into school with a big smile every day. **Evie** for being brave and trying her best with her writing.

**Oak Class: The whole of Oak Class for working as a fantastic team!**

**Beech Class: William** for growing in resilience – we are so proud of you 😊 **Benjamin** for excellent ideas and writing in phonics and English.

**Willow Class: Kai G** for being a very supportive partner. **Ruby H** for working really hard and participating well in all her lessons.

**Hawthorn Class: Jacob** for asking questions to help his understanding. **Oscar F** for always giving 100% in class. **Oscar** is focussed and engaged in his learning.

**Hazel Class: Demisha** for being motivated and engaged. **Demisha** has listened carefully and actively taken part in lessons. **Brooke** for being a wonderful risk-taker this week and really engaging with our challenges in class.

**Yew Class: Martha** for listening, thinking and taking on board our discussions about writing. Mrs Webb can see how you have implemented these ideas in your work 😊 **Poppy** for preserving with her handwriting. You have made a huge improvement **Poppy**, well done!

### Platinum Bags:

**Acorn: Emma.**

**Oak Class: Amjed & Orla.**

### Badges:

Class	Badge	Green Person	Grey/Silver Person
Willow		Maisy St.	
Hawthorn		Layla, Jayden, Oscar B & Sophia.	Archie.
Yew	Ethan, Poppy, Blake & Jamie.	Rebekah, Harry F, Rihanna, Chris, Nikita, Ollie B, Jasper & Laura.	

### Reminders:

Please can I remind everyone that our school policy is for water to be brought to school for a drink. Squash or diluted juice can be brought with for a medical note.

### PE Kit

All children can wear their PE kit (on days they have pe) to school on dry days or when there is no risk of rain. When it is raining or is probably going to rain during the day, please can your child wear school uniform to school and bring their PE kit. Everybody will need a coat on wet or inclement days too, to protect them when outside. Thank you.

### School Club Information:

Breakfast club and after-school-club has resumed for children where provision is needed to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care.



Extra-curricular clubs can also start to come back. Therefore, for the weeks up to Easter, Mr Bulbeck will be offering the following sessions from 3.30-4.30pm. Each session will be free to all in the specific year group and they will be a taster of a club hopefully starting in the summer term. The club will be a 'strike and field club': to book onto this club please send an email to the school [tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk) to request a place. These sessions will all be outside, so if the weather is particularly wet, the club will need to be cancelled.

The club dates are: 24<sup>th</sup> March: Year 4; 25<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 & 31<sup>st</sup> March: Year 6.

### **Consultation on School Terms and Holidays**

The Local Authority is consulting on the draft school term and holiday dates for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic years. Academies can set their own term dates and holidays, although most choose to align their dates with those set by Somerset County Council.

Wherever possible, Somerset looks to align its Term Dates & Holidays with those of its neighbouring Authorities.

There have been some strong views from trade union representatives that the Autumn half term should be longer and the summer school holidays shorter. Therefore, the proposal is to consult on two additional options besides the 5-day Autumn Half Term, one for a seven day half term and the other two weeks (10 days), both of these options will reduce the length of the summer school holidays. Please click the link to add your views.

<https://somerset.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Termdates2023.24/consultationHome>

### **Rapid Testing Centre**

A reminder that families can collect Lateral Flow home test kits from the local collection centre in Chard at the Guildhall which is open for test collections from 1pm – 7pm each day.

**County Wellbeing Survey:** We have been asked to complete the bi-annual wellbeing survey for County. This is only for Years 4 and 6. Details are attached. Thank you.

Kindest regards



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### **Attachments:**

Somerset County Council School health and wellbeing survey letter and privacy note.  
NOS: How to make an emergency sos call on an iphone.

