



Dear parents/carers and children,

Newsletter no 35

Congratulations everyone on a fantastic Wellbeing Week 2024! It has been amazing, and we need to thank so many people for all their time and support. The children have also made it a week of special memories.

We all took a moment this morning in assembly to remember all of the fabulous things we had done this week. We are all very proud of everyone taking a risk and having a go at something new. Take a look at our attached photo montage of the week!

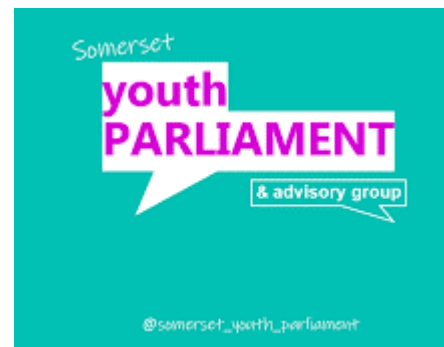
Wellbeing Fair

At our first ever Wellbeing Fair, it was fabulous to see so many of our parents, children and staff come together to talk about mental health and try out some new activities. We enjoyed: willow weaving, riding the smoothie bike, making fruit kebabs, Pilates, a 'mindful labyrinth' and stone painting. We had a visit from Tuppence our therapy dog and hosted visitors from community and mental health groups such as Chardwatch. It was also an opportunity to find out about the groups and services in our local area, where to look for help and support and to think about the things we can all do to help ourselves and others. Thank you, Bridport food festival, for the loan of the smoothie bike!



Children's Parliament

On Monday 17th June Noah, Alana, Amelia and Elijah in Year 5, represented the school at the Somerset Children's Parliament. They have spent all their lunchtimes creating and designing something to positively impact our school community and Monday was their time to talk about it. They had to present for five minutes, explaining all about the 'kindness box' that they have introduced to our library, how it has impacted the children, and also what their next steps are to take the idea beyond the school community. Each of the children spoke expertly and were commended on their presentation skills. The judges were also touched by their wonderful use of vocabulary, in particular their talk of 'glimmers of positivity'. Mrs Mitcham was really impressed with their attitude throughout the day: they represented the school brilliantly. We also need to thank the wonderful Verity who helped out during the lunchtime sessions - we could not have done it without her! As a school we are really proud of the group's hard work and determination - well done to you all!



Somerset County Cricket Finals

On Wednesday, we took our Local Somerset Cricket Winners to the Somerset County Finals. A massive well done on the team's performance, but also the resilience and respect shown to other teams. We finished 6th out of the whole county. That's over 200 schools!



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Sports Day

What an incredible display of sportsmanship from each and every child in our Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. We could not be prouder of their teamwork, how they supported each other and did their best in every single race. Congratulations to Stonham House for being the overall winners. Well done!

TOTALS:

Brewer	437
Stonham	522
Langdon	363
Joslin	460



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This week we had many special visitors enhancing our learning!
The RSPCA talked to the children about how to better look after our pets and wildlife and the Fire Service explained how best to keep safe in the event of fire and fire prevention.



UEFA football competition. Note from Tyler, year 6:

For the Euro sweepstake we have had over 70 participants pick their country. We raised over £70 for new footballs and chess sets. Everyone who has picked the winning country will get a prize once we know who the winner is. All we have to do now is watch and wait for the results of the matches!



Sunflower Seeds

I wonder how you got on with your sunflower seeds that were sent home? We hope they sprouted and began to grow well - how tall are they now? I was wondering too, if you have any photos to share with us, how they've grown etc - please send them in for us to see.

Safeguarding:

- Please find attached a flyer from National Online Safety: **10 top tips for parents and educators: Fair Play and friendly competition.**
- Please can I remind families that we no longer give out **sweets** to the whole class if it is a child's birthday - by all means this can be done at the gate by yourselves at the end of the day. Thank you.



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Attendance

100% attendance monthly award

In May 133 children attended school with 100% attendance and each received a special certificate in their class. Thank you for your efforts to keep children in school unless they have a temperature above 38 °C or they are too ill to attend.



Hazel Class win the attendance cup again this week with 100% - Well done!

Our whole school percentage this week is 96.29% (expected 96% target).

Late into school: Any pupils arriving late at school need to be signed in at the office by parent/carers on arrival. Thank you.

Sessions YTD	to date	%
Attendances	64489	96.44
Authorised Absences	1907	
Unauthorised Absences	471	
Possible attendance	66867	
Lates	525	

Celebrations!

The six values of **passion, belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork** were developed by young people to identify what the experience of **school sport** should be built around.

Arthur Y4	Harper Y4	Edward Y5	Olivia Y4	Oliver Y4	Maisy ST Y6

Uniform Orders

The final uniform delivery will be w/c 8th July. for parents choosing the free school delivery option when ordering online with Price and Buckland

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the Summer Fayre this evening, thank you to PAFOTS for all your hard work. They have organised pony rides, face painting, hot dogs, & cake sale to name just a few activities, and an amazing raffle. I am sure will be a great event!

Kind regards

Tracey Hart, Headteacher.



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Attachments:

Wellbeing Week photo montage

NOS: 10 top tips for parents and educators: promoting physical wellbeing.

Preloved Uniform Chard Community Hub Flyer

Taekwondo Flyer & Fun Time Flyer

Reminders:

Parent Forum will meet for the last time this school year on Tuesday 25th at 9am. Please talk to your class rep if you have discussion points for them.

Next Year: Young Engineers' Workshops for Y3 – Y6: We are investigating offering a Young Engineers Club for Years 3-6 next term run by an external provider. The club would be designed to be practical, informal and fun whilst covering different aspects of engineering and technology subjects costing £36 for 6 sessions. Please let us know by clicking this [link](#) by 28th June, if your child would be interested in taking part as we need a minimum of 15 pupils in order to make the course viable for the provider.

Music : If any children would like to start **violin, flute or guitar** lessons with Julia Hurley from Somerset Music in September, please send her an email at julia.hurley@somerset.gov.uk Music lessons are a great way to boost performance skills and social confidence, and playing music is an enjoyable hobby for home. Teaching is adapted to children's needs and musical preferences. Instrument hire is free for the duration of lessons. Individual lessons cost £14.50 for 20 minutes. Shared lessons cost £7.25 for 20 minutes between 2 or 30 minutes between 3.

Tracey Ellis-Trott also teaches **saxophone, clarinet, piano and voice**, please contact her direct to arrange on 07814758917

Maypole Club

In a change to the planned Maypole sessions, the final club will now be on Thursday 27th June which will also be a "parents welcome" session:

Parents/Carers of maypole dancers - we would like to invite you to join us for our final maypole dancing session of the year, on Thursday 27th June at 8am. Please come along if you can, to watch the children show you their dancing - hopefully you can get up and join in too!



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Win £1,000 for our school's library



Help your school #rebuildthelibrary, plus win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

Five lucky schools from across the UK and Ireland will each win £1,000/€1,000, with one overall winner also receiving £500/€500 to upgrade their library space. [Nominate](#) a school to win one of our big prizes and encourage reading for pleasure all year round. Nominate us [here](#).



Back Gate

Just a reminder that the back gate is a quiet and safe alternative to negotiating the business of the front of the school! You can park in the playing fields car park and walk through the park to the gate.



Accelerated Reading

As requested, we have opened up quizzing at home. To access AR, please use the following [link](#).

Extended Services

Just a reminder for parents of children attending our extended services sessions: Breakfast club, and sessions 1 and 2 of Stay and Play must be booked in on parentpay in advance of the sessions. We are finding increasing numbers arriving not on the registers. We do need to know numbers in advance to ensure we have adequate staffing levels and food for breakfast and snacks. In addition, if your child is needing to join session 2, after attending a club first session, please only book into the first session of stay and play. Staff will then collect them at the end of clubs.

Uniform

The link to the ordering portal is now live and can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/tatworth>. Please check residual school stock with the [office by email](#) before placing any orders as we will be selling off our stock at the present prices. Deliveries will be made to Tatworth on the 2nd & 4th Mon of each month. Also, Chard Community Hub have asked me to let parents/carers know that they have a large amount of Tatworth uniform available for parents to purchase.

A reminder that children need a water bottle in school each day, as well as a sun hat and sunscreen. Naming cardigans and jumpers is especially beneficial at this time of year as children often take these off and then get distracted whilst playing on the field and leave them there. It is then quite tricky to return these to the rightful owner.



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Celebration assembly is held weekly each Friday at 11.45am except for the first Friday of the month when it is at 2.55pm. All are welcome! The next afternoon assembly will be on Friday 5th July.

Free School Meals

We encourage all families to check their entitlement to free school meals/Pupil Premium. We have been told by County that any existing PP applications will not be rechecked until March 2025, so changes in circumstances will not be picked up until then. We also have a PP offer for all children who are benefit-related FSM. Please click on the link below to access the application. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/> If you have recently become unemployed but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please phone 0300 123 2224 for advice.



Dates:

Monday 24 th June	Y4 Charmouth Visit – all children to bring a packed lunch from home.
Tuesday 25 th June	9am Parent Forum
Wednesday 26 th June	Y6 Transition Day for The Woodroffe School
Thursday 27 th June	Reception Visit to Axevalley Animal Park
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y6 Somerset Cricket Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Transition for Axe Valley Academy
Mon 8 th & Tues 9 th July	Y6 Transition Holyrood Academy
Thursday 11 th July	Music Assemblies from 9.15am
Monday 15 th July	Y6 Clip & dimb Visit
Tuesday 16 th July	2.15pm Y6 Performance Dress Rehearsal (Supported by Y5)
	6pm Y6 Performance (Supported by Y5)
Wednesday 17 th July	6pm Y6 Performance (Supported by Y5)
Thursday 18 th July	3.15pm Y6/Teachers Rounders & BBQ
	5.15pm – 6.15pm KS2 Disco TBC
Friday 19 th July	10am Leavers' Assembly



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