

## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Forest School starts for Foxes (Y1) and Maple (Y5)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – WOWSA 'Rags to Riches'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Children's Mental Health Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – WOWSA Musical Bingo
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – INSET day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last day of term
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- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children return to school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Year 4 Dance Festival
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mini First Aid for Y1 & Y5
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mini First Aid for Y1 & Y5
- 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Bikeability for Y4
- 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – Last day of term

## Reminders

If your child is in Maple (Year 5) or Fox Class (Year 1), don't forget to **complete the Forest School permission form** sent on Studybugs at the end of the Christmas holidays. Their first session is this Tuesday (14<sup>th</sup> January).

If your child is **due to start school in September this year (2025)**, please do ensure you have completed the online application form by this Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup> January). The link to this on the North Somerset Council website can be found [here](#).

## Lunchtime 'Calm Club'

Some of you may have heard the children talking about our new lunchtime 'Calm Club' which we started this week. This is a quiet, (supervised) indoor space which can be accessed by any child for a period of their lunch break, should they wish to.

We have one club for Hannah More and one for Grove and would love any contributions of colouring books, felt tip pens, colouring pencils or quiet games that you may no longer need at home. If you have anything you think may be suitable, please do drop it to the school office at any time; it would be hugely appreciated. Thank you.

## Welcome to Term 3

We do hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break and enjoyed the change in routine and school runs for a while!



It has been a real pleasure to see the children again and to hear them greeting friends and sharing their holiday news.

We had great fun this afternoon watching the impressive talent of our KS2 'Starlets' performances (postponed from the end of last term) and then the staff as they took to the stage for the annual panto! The children absolutely loved seeing the team in costumes on stage and we have to say a huge thank you to Dr Hardwidge for the skilfully crafted script she wrote!



*The Year 6 band 'Slow Sonic' in action!*



*The staff team at their finest!*

## Well done Maddox!

Congratulations to one of our Reception pupils who fundraised a total of £425 for Children's Hospice South West just before Christmas, completing the 'Santas on the Run' with a huge smile on his face (despite the cold winds)! What a fantastic achievement.



## Diner Day – 16<sup>th</sup> January

Aspens are hosting another special lunch day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January to mark the second census day of the year. Every child can have a **meal free of charge on this day** and the number of children registered as having a lunch has a direct impact on our DfE funding for the following year.

Meals can be booked using the usual Aspens Select system so do get this booked in for your child so they can enjoy a treat meal and we can secure as much funding as possible.

Thank you very much in advance.



## National Child Measurement Programme

Each year, the School Nursing Team come into school to complete height and weight checks on Reception and Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The NHS collect this information to build a picture of how children are growing across the country in order to help plan better health and leisure services for families.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, the Nursing team will be in school completing these height, weight and vision measurements on our Reception children. For more information about the national programme, and to download the opt-out form if you do not wish your child to be included, please visit the [School Nursing Services page](#) of our website.

## Hannah More gate at the end of the day

Just a note to say that the **Hannah More gate will be opened at 3.15pm each day** (not earlier) as this gives just the right amount of time for you to come in and be ready to collect your child from their classroom at 3.20pm. Please don't arrive at school before this time as it can cause congestion on the pavement outside school which can become unsafe. Thank you.

## February Half Term Holiday Camp

Premier Sports are once again running daily holiday camps during the February half term. This time it is a multi-activity camp with a mix of activities for all ages, some of which the children may not have tried before. For more information and to book a place, please visit the [Premier Sports website](#).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.  
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher