



## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – WOWSA Rags to Riches
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 6 residential to Kilve Court
- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Foodbank collection for Harvest
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – PCSO Cyber Safety talk for Year 5
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Break the Rules Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of term
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – INSET day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children return to school
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – School photographs
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term
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- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – INSET day
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- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Children return to school

## Reminders

Just a reminder that confirmation of **term dates and INSET days** can be found on the [News and Events page](#) of our website, for your reference and planning through the year.

Don't forget that we have WOWSA's '**Rags to Riches**' this coming Monday. Information has been sent out via the WOWSA reps but please do bring any good quality, reusable clothing to school for Monday's collection. Thank you.

## Congratulations Grizzlies!

This week it was the turn of Glasswork Grizzlies (the green house) to take the winning position in our weekly house point round up. The children were very proud of themselves and enjoy seeing the numbers for their house rise each week!



## Enjoying the library!

It is fantastic to see children from across the school enjoying their new library space this year. Each class has a weekly slot and there is always such a buzz when you go up and see them sharing books with friends, browsing the shelves for something new to read or simply getting lost in the pages of a great story!



We would like to thank WOWSA and all our families once again for the incredible fundraising that took place to enable the new library to open. The children really do love it and we are certainly inspiring a generation of young people who love to read.

## National Dyslexia Awareness Week

Next week is Dyslexia Awareness Week, an annual event that aims to raise awareness and further understanding of dyslexia. It is estimated up to one in every 10 people in the UK has some degree of dyslexia. Intelligence isn't affected, but somebody with dyslexia may experience difficulties with their reading, writing or spelling. With the right support, the strengths and talents of dyslexic people can really shine, something we aim to foster at Whiteoak.

The [British Dyslexia Association](#) has a wealth of really helpful information and guidance for parents who may be supporting a child with dyslexia or concerned that a child may have traits of dyslexia. The video below is also a lovely way to explain or help people to understand that everyone's brains work differently and this is something to celebrate:

['See dyslexia differently'](#)

## Foodbank Collection

As last year, we would love to support the Clevedon District Foodbank this Harvest. This organisation helps many families in the local community who are facing hardship and not always able to provide enough food for themselves and their children each week.

We plan to collect any food items you are able to donate on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**; the list of items most needed by the foodbank is below:

### Much needed items:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Hot chocolate
- Tea bags
- Coffee
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned salmon
- Savoury crackers
- Biscuits



If you are able to donate any of the above simply by you or your child dropping items into the school foyer on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> October, the foodbank would be incredibly grateful. Thank you.



## Half Term Dance Workshops

Please see the attached flyer for information about dance workshops taking place at Nailsea Methodist Church on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October. The sessions are suitable for ages 5-7 and 8-12, with early bird prices and 10% discount for a second child.

## Coding Club at Yatton Library

Please see the attached flyer for details of a Coding Club for children age 8-12 years, taking place at Yatton Library on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Children learn how to make mini-games and automate games within Minecraft using code. Sounds fun!

## North Somerset Athletics Club

The North Somerset Athletics Club are holding fun days during half term for children age 8-12 years. These are taking place at Clevedon School from the Monday to the Thursday of half term (from 10.00am to 4.00pm and can be booked by visiting the [club's website](#)).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!  
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher