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## Newsletter Autumn 03 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the half-term break. I hope both you and the children had an enjoyable and restful time. I have already heard about the many things the children were fortunate enough to enjoy, and it is clear that they have come back re-energised and full of life!

As we approach the festive season, it is always a particularly busy period for us in school and I know that the children will continue to make us proud by embracing every event and learning opportunity that comes their way. In the coming days, we will be holding Remembrance services at Yeovilton and within the school, where I am confident the children will demonstrate their deep understanding and respect. They are truly a credit to the school, consistently displaying empathy and compassion towards others.

Thank you for your feedback following last term's parents' evenings. Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher or myself. In our ongoing efforts to provide the best possible education, we will be conducting a pupil questionnaire this term and will share the findings with you in due course.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

With very best wishes,

Mrs C Hodgson,  
Head Teacher.



### Year 4 Diwali Day

Year 4 celebrated Diwali with a variety of activities before half term. The pupils enthusiastically coloured festive designs, crafted clay Diyas, and created beautiful bracelets and lanterns. Pupils tried some traditional dancing and singing, and enjoyed making colourful rangoli patterns using chalk. To conclude their festivities, the children held a vibrant parade, carrying lights and visiting other classrooms to share the Diwali spirit.



### IMPORTANT DEADLINE

#### Primary Admission Application Dates

If your child is due to start or transfer school for September 2025, it is now time to make your application.

The deadline for **primary** phase applications is 15th January.

Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/>

### Safeguarding

We are all responsible for children's safety. If you are concerned that a child may be at risk or that you are struggling in your own family, you can also speak to one of our safeguarding team in school or phone Somerset Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224.

If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours, please phone the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0300 123 23 27. You can also contact the police on 101.

In an emergency, always call 999.

## Diary Dates



Friday 8th November	-	PTA Family Bingo (from 6pm)
Monday 11th November	-	Jewish Dance Workshops
Monday 11th November	-	Remembrance Assembly
Tuesday 12th November	-	Year 6 Mock Trial (selected pupils)
Tuesday 12th November	-	Odd Sock Day (no donation necessary)
Tuesday 12th November	-	Year 2 Trip to Bovington Tank Museum
Tuesday 12th November	-	Africa Choir Concert (3.30pm—8pm) - selected pupils
Friday 15th November	-	Children in Need
Wednesday 13th November	-	Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
Monday 18th November	-	RSPCA Assemblies & Workshops
Tuesday 19th November	-	KS2 Creative Career Talks Assembly
Friday 22nd November	-	Whole School Sponsored Run for School in a Bag (School Charity)
Monday 25th November	-	Rev Keen Assemblies
Tuesday 3rd December	-	Reception Nativity to Parents (2.30pm)
Wednesday 4th December	-	St James' Church Visit—Reception Classes
Wednesday 4th December	-	Reception Nativity to Parents (2.30pm)
Friday 6th December	-	PTA Christmas Fayre (3.30pm onwards)
Friday 6th December	-	Year 2 Tea Party with Mrs Hodgson (selected pupils)
Monday 9th December	-	Year 2 Nativity to Parents (2.30pm)
Tuesday 10th December	-	Year 2 Nativity to Parents (2.30pm)
Wednesday 11th December	-	Christmas Dinner Day (book via ParentPay, deadline 02.12.24)
Thursday 12th December	-	Year 1 Nativity to Parents (2.30pm)
Friday 13th December	-	Year 1 Nativity to Parents (2.30pm)
Wednesday 18th December	-	Whole School Pantomime (late finish— 4.30pm collection from the school)
Thursday 19th December	-	Christmas Services at St James' Church
Friday 20th December	-	Last Day of Term—Non-uniform Day
<b>Monday 23rd December—</b>		
<b>Friday 3rd January 2025</b>	-	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	-	<b>Teacher Training Day (School Closed)</b>
Tuesday 7th January	-	First Day of Term
Thursday 9th January	-	Year 4 India Workshop
Monday 13th January	-	Year 4 Swimming (7 x Sessions)
Friday 17th January	-	Reception Tea Party with Mrs Hodgson (selected pupils)
Monday 20th January	-	Sycamore Class to Nothe Fort
Wednesday 22nd January	-	Mulberry Class to Nothe Fort
Monday 3rd February	-	Cross Country—Yeovil Showground (4pm—5pm)
Tuesday 4th February	-	Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Friday 7th February	-	PTA School Discos (details to follow in January)

"And let us not grow weary of  
doing good, for in due season  
we will reap, if we do not give  
up." Galatians 6:9

