

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## November

**Frid 17<sup>th</sup>** School closed – inset day training  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>** Open day for new Reception children 2024 – 2pm  
**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>** Year 2 Bench ball – letter emailed  
**Mon 27<sup>th</sup>** **Open Schools 2.40pm – all invited**  
**Tues 28<sup>th</sup>** **Ducklings parents evening**  
**Wed 29<sup>th</sup>** **Ducklings parents evening**

## December

**Frid 1<sup>st</sup>** PTA Rainbow mufti/non uniform day – see below  
**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Nativity dress rehearsal – 2pm  
**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** Year 5/6 Touch Rugby – letter to follow  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Nativity 2pm – school hall  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day – see below  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Christmas dinner  
**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>** Open day Reception 2024 – 9.30am  
**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>** Nativity 6pm – school hall  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Pantomime – letter to follow  
**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Celebration Assembly – 2pm – school hall – all invited  
**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** **Swallows cake sale**  
**Frid 15<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 2

**All the dates are also published on the Federation website. Additions or changes will be in bold**

## School News

### Swans and Wrens

Children in Years 3 and 4 attended Chew Valley School last week for the Invasion Festival. They took part in various sports games against other local primary schools.



### Open days

Our second open day for Reception 2024 will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. **We have added an additional open day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am due to demand.** Please pass to anyone you know that has a child who will be starting school next year. To make an appointment to visit, please contact the school office.



### Herons Folly Farm

Last week, the children in Year 2 visited Folly Farm as part of their science lessons, and took part in a range of interesting and stimulating activities relating to our local environment incorporating art, geography and science curriculums.



### Bubble Bach Performance

Today, 'Bubble Bach,' the stunning combination of the music of JS Bach and jaw-dropping bubble art; showed a live music performance for the children in the hall. Thank you to the PTA who funded this event.



### Children In Need

The children looked amazing in their spotty Pudsey outfits today, and we have raised over £157 so far for this charity. Thank you for your support. You may still donate on Parentpay if you wish.



### Christmas Jumper day

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, we will be supporting Save the Children. Children may wear a Christmas jumper to school for a £1 donation to this charity. Thank you.

This is also our school Christmas dinner day. Please order as usual on Aspens.



### Cygnets

Last Thursday, Cygnets we went to Weston Museum to look at old toys linked to our history unit. The children took part in a workshop where they made puppets, explored old toys and went into an olden day house!



### Valley Arts Workshops

On Monday, children in KS2 took part in drama workshops run by Valley Arts. Using a variety of games and activities they explored areas of drama including devising and improvisation which helps to build confidence, teamwork and creativity.



### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to those parents who supported this charity by filling a shoebox full of gifts for children in poor countries and in countries of war.

In total we collected 48 shoeboxes, which is amazing!  
We will try to break our record every year!



### Lost Property

Non-uniform lost property clothing should be collected by the end of this term please, or it will be donated to the clothing bank. Please take a look at the clothes rack by the hall. Please also check for uniform as there is quite a bit there that has not been named.

We ask that you write your child's name in every item of clothing that comes into school so that it may be returned to them if lost. Thank you.

## Certificates

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude or great behaviour or good manners etc) in the last two celebration assemblies:



Ducklings	Cygnets	Hérons	Wrens
Jacob	Jasper	Harry	Bea
Amelie	Eleanor	Noah	Luca
Maggie-Mae	The whole class!	Daniil	Holly
Mia	Diego	Harvey	Ethan
	Sophie	Phoebe	
	Fern		
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Lennie	Tilly	Horace	Joshua
Olivia	Mollie	Oscar	
Evelyn	Eira	Joshua	
Seb	Mia	Noah	
Bonnie	Ivor		
Henry	Max		

Note: the records are made by Y6 children so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2023-24
Term 1	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Inset Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023– Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024 –Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024- Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## PTA Newsletter

### Christmas Cards

If your child came home with Christmas artwork that they did at school, you can order cards, wrapping paper, tags, mugs and bags printed with your child's own festive artwork on! Just follow the steps below:

- Visit [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk)
- Enter the unique artwork code found on the reverse of your child's artwork
- Select your items and personalise with your children's artwork
- Order deadline: **16<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Rainbow Mufti/non uniform Day & Raffle**

Join in our mufti/non uniform day by bringing in a small gift donation in your child's class rainbow colour on **Friday 1st December**. Your donations will be packaged into colourful hampers for our Rainbow Christmas Raffle on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Check out your child's class colour below and look out for the class gift suggestions on Whatsapp.

- **Ducklings: Red**
- **Cygnets: Orange**
- **Hérons: Yellow / gold**
- **Wrens: Green**
- **Swans: Blue**
- **Swallows: Purple / pink**
- **Kingfishers: Silver / white**

### **Win a PS5 and VR2 prize bundle**

Play Your School Lottery, support your school - its that simple! This month Your School Lottery has a HUGE PlayStation bundle up for grabs, consisting of not only a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 PS5 console but also the BRAND NEW PlayStation VR2 Virtual Reality headset, which comes bundled with Horizon: Call of the Mountain, for an unforgettable Virtual Reality gaming experience!

**[BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1](#)**

### **Birthday books**

Instead of bringing in sweets for your child's class on their birthday, why not buy a birthday book instead to help the school grow the library. Plus buy the book from the **Love Reading 4 Kids** bookstore, and not only do you get 10% off RRP's, but 25% of the cover price will be given to our school to buy more books. Mrs Tucker has even created a school '**wish list**' of books to help you decide which book to choose.

**[BROWSE BOOKS](#)**

### **Easyfunding**

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us for FREE when you shop with them via easyfundraising such as John Lewis & Partners, Argos, eBay, Just Eat, Booking.com, Uswitch and more. If you've not signed up yet, it's easy and makes a huge difference to us. Once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!

**[FIND OUT MORE](#)**

### **Cake Sale**

Swallow class (Year 5) will be hosting the next cake sale on Thursday 14th December.

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**Outside Events**





## Chew Valley Home Tutor

Is your child struggling with aspects of Literacy or Maths?  
I am a former primary classroom teacher and fully qualified  
Dyslexia specialist, now working in Stanton Drew as an  
independent tutor, offering tuition in Literacy and Maths.

I believe that tuition should be fun, multi-sensory and practical.  
My lessons are tailored to the specific needs of each child and  
together we find learning strategies which work, enabling pupils  
to move forward with greater confidence.

Please contact me for an initial consultation at  
[chewvalleyhometutor@yahoo.com](mailto:chewvalleyhometutor@yahoo.com)

### **Please support the local Cricket Club**

We have two main  
fundraisers per year

#### **Excellent, Local Christmas Trees**

Choose your own or we can  
deliver locally

Pre-book, we always sell out!

Bishop Sutton  
Cricket Club  
**CHRISTMAS  
TREE SALE**  
Saturday 2nd December  
8am - 12.30pm  
Westway Farm, Bishop Sutton  
Top Quality - Non-drop Nordman Firs  
6ft Tree- £45  
5ft Tree- £40  
4ft Tree- £25  
Pre-orders advised  
Contact John  
07948304567

Monthly Prize Draw

**BISHOP SUTTON CC  
SUPPORTERS CLUB**

STARTING JANUARY 2024 - 12 PRIZE DRAWS  
£20 PER ENTRY = 36 OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN  
1ST PRIZE £60 - 2ND PRIZE £40 - 3RD PRIZE £20  
CONTACT DAVE TO ENTER-07929266549

#### **The Supporters Club**

Makes a huge difference  
to our existence

1 off payment of £20  
Monthly draw

Also...Bishop Sutton CC new  
playing pitch will be  
Stanton Drew Cricket Club!

New players always welcome



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# Children's Christmas Fair

Just good old fashioned fun for the kids!  
(And some treats for the big kids too...)

**SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER 1-4PM**  
**BISHOP SUTTON VILLAGE HALL**

Games, Tombola, Stalls for children & grown ups,  
Teeny Wonders Play, Christmas trees, Cafe,  
**AMAZING Raffle and FATHER CHRISTMAS!!**

