



March

Mon 20 th	Cookery for Kingfishers – all day Ducklings to Victoria Art Gallery, Bath (details sent)
Fri 24 th	PTA Glow Disco (details below)
Mon 27 th	Herons to Folly Farm (details to follow) 2.30pm Maths Mastery overview for Ducklings' parents (school hall)
Tues 28 th	Swallows Class violin performance 2.45pm (see below)
Thurs 30 th	Easter Celebration Assembly in School Hall 2pm (see below)
Fri 31 st	Last day of Term 4 PTA Easter Fair (<i>see below</i>)

April

Mon 17 th	First Day of Term 5
Tues 25 th	Ducklings to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits – Tobogganing (details to follow)
Wed 26 th	Swallows Trip to Radstock museum (details to follow)
Thurs 27 th	Herons to Folly Farm – Evening Badgerwatch (details to follow)

May

Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday
Tues 2 nd	Class and Leavers' Photographs - morning

Don't forget all the dates are on the website.

School News

Update from Mr Cook

PLACE 2 BE – Parenting Support

There is no doubt that whilst being a parent can bring the most amazing joys, it also comes with challenges. Place 2 Be has recently shared some updated support for parents – mostly in the form of a quick read and a short video. The subjects covered are wide and varied (from anxiety to peer pressure to meltdowns to positive body image), and well worth a look. Nearly 50 support topics are offered – the direct link to the parenting advice page is here, do have a look.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



Cygnets visit to Folly Farm

Cygnets recently visited Folly Farm, having a great time in the outdoors and learning about minibeasts and wildlife in the pond!





Skipping workshops Monday 20th March

On Monday 20th March, we have skipping workshops booked in for each class - led by PH Sports staff. Support for this came through the British Heart Foundation and Mrs Jeffery has set up a 'Just Giving' page for The British Heart Foundation who donated lots of skipping ropes to both our schools. Please also note, the children will need to come to school in PE kits on Monday.

This is the link for the Just Giving page is here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/bishopsuttonstantondrew?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/bishopsuttonstantondrew&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=7140b3d1dc554849bfd146252b5e1ea5

Snow!

It's a fairly rare occurrence in this part of the country to have snow and with the current warmer weather, our snow day in school seems a distant memory...



Football Champions!



Well done to both the boys' and girls' teams who took part in the recent Chew Valley Schools' football tournament. Both teams played exceptionally well and the girls' team were ultimate champions – well done 'BSPS Lionesses'!

Social Media



Unfortunately, there have been a couple of cases of inappropriate social media messages at other schools across the Trust recently and I am aware that perhaps very occasionally parents/carers at Bishop Sutton may have used social media or chat groups to complain about the school or make inappropriate comments about staff, other parents or children. As a school, we want our children to grow into respectful young people, who understand how to settle differences in a respectful and constructive manner, both online and offline. There may be times where, as a parent, you don't agree with or understand something the school is doing, or where you may have specific concerns. We welcome your feedback, and the opportunity to address any concerns you may have.

The most appropriate way to raise concerns is directly with the school, in line with our communication and complaints procedures. Airing complaints or negative opinions on social media doesn't help the school to address the issue in the most constructive way (and of course we do not know about the concern if it is aired on social media/chat groups)!

You can call the school and speak to a member of staff, or book an appointment to speak with the Headteacher or another member of staff face-to-face.

We would therefore politely remind parents not to use social media to make comments about our school – please contact us if you need to speak to us about anything. We appreciate your help in providing a supportive, respectful environment for all our children, parents and staff.

Easter Celebration assembly – Thursday 30th March 2pm

In our Easter assembly on Thursday 30th March 2pm, Y6 children will tell the Easter story, explain some of the traditions/customs around Easter and the children will sing some Easter songs. All welcome of course. (Access from the front of the school only for this event.)

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank you for arranging your meetings with teachers to discuss your child's progress and learning. We will follow on from this again in a few weeks' time with another 'Open School' session – date as yet to be confirmed.

Hérons Art (Wassily Kandinsky)

I was very impressed with some great artwork going on in Herons' class last week – Wassily Kandinsky is generally known as being at the forefront of abstract art. Year 2 have reproduced some very bright and colourful work here...



Strike Action

I would like to be able to say that I can see an end point to this disruption, but that would perhaps be more hope than expectation. At present, whilst the NEU has not announced further dates, it is all dependent on progress in talks with the government. Whilst I completely accept that strike action is disruptive, ultimately the overall aim of strike action is about better outcomes for children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued understanding, support and assistance.

(19th March Update – teaching Unions and the DfE are currently in intensive talks, so perhaps the urgency that was needed is being applied to national negotiations. As it is often, watch this space).

Swallows Class Violin Performance reminder

On Tuesday 28th March, Swallow class parents are invited to come into school at 2:45pm to hear the class perform a couple of the songs that they have learnt in their violin lessons. It will be a brilliant opportunity to celebrate everything they have learnt so far. We hope you can make it!

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
Jossie, Abigail, Arthur & Jasper	Xanthe, Noah, Lola, Mason, Rj & Peter	Millie, Ruby, Bea, Ella, Rafe & Arlo	Rohan & Kian
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Elliot O, Blake, Molly, Hollie, Patrick & Milo	Noah, Jessica, Horace, Holly, Toby & Millie	Tabitha, Wilf M, Sophia & Arthur	

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

As the newsletter is one day later than expected, I hope you all enjoyed a fabulous Mother's Day!
DC

A reminder from Abbie Morrissey (PH Sports Area Manager/BASC)

As per our Booking T&Cs please ensure to let us know if there are any changes (e.g. your child is no longer attending) to end of day arrangements. You can do this by leaving Carol a message on the school phone number (Option 2) or alternatively contact the PH Sports Head Office on 01225 701830 who will ensure the message is passed on.

The booking cut off time for breakfast club is 07:15 on the morning and for after school club 12 noon the same day. Bookings may be cancelled or changed up to 24 hours before the session start time – changes may not occur after this time and will not be credited or refunded.

For more details about our terms and condition please visit: <https://phsports.co.uk/policies-procedures/>

World Book Day

There was a wonderful mix of book characters for World Book Day. Thank you for your donations we raised a total of £87.80 which will be spent on books for the classrooms.

Parking Near the School

Below is part of a letter from one of our neighbours about the parking problems near the school. Please could everyone be mindful of parking legally and safely when dropping or collecting children.

"I live in Parkfield Gardens near the school, and we have a problem with cars parking across the junction at the end of our road where it joins Wick Road. I believe that this is parking related to the school, as it is only an issue during school time and I see lots of parents parking there to pick up their children for example.

It is quite hard to describe in an email, but cars park along Wick Road opposite the junction with Parkfield Gardens on the side of the road if you were driving towards the school. This means that as you pull out of the junction from Parkfield Gardens you might pull out with traffic coming towards you from the right with nowhere to pull into on the other side of the road to get out of their way. This is clearly dangerous, and I have had some near misses there.

I would be very grateful if it could perhaps be highlighted to people accessing the school that this parking is causing problems for people living in Parkfield Gardens. I appreciate it's difficult and finding places to park around schools can be hard, but unfortunately I do think that parking in this part of the road is dangerous for the reasons above and I worry there could be an accident there as things stand."

PTA

Easter Fair

We are delighted to announce that our fabulous Easter fair will be taking place at school on **Friday 31st March 3-4.30pm**. Free admission for Bishop Sutton school children and their families. Join us for

a fun family event with activities, fairground style attractions and delicious refreshments. Plus there's the Easter Hat and Egg Decorating competitions and our famous chocolate tombola! Please could we kindly ask for donations of any chocolate goodies, there is a box in the school office.

King's Coronation

We will be celebrating the King's Coronation at after school on **Friday 5th May**. **Hérons and Cygnets** will be hosting the **cake sale** with teas and coffees being served.

You can also pre-order a special **King's Coronation school tea towel** with all the children's hand drawn portraits. A fantastic keepsake to commemorate the occasion!

[PRE-ORDER SCHOOL TEA TOWEL](#)

Win an iPhone 14 Pro

Buy a Your School Lottery ticket before Saturday 25th March, and you could win a **iPhone 14 Pro!** With a massive 48-megapixel camera, a crystal clear 6.1" display and 128GB of storage! That's on top of the weekly local cash prize and the **£25,000** national jackpot!

[BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1](#)

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!

Other Events

Bath Spa University

Thinking about becoming a teacher?

At Bath Spa University we have over 75 years' experience of training teachers and are one of the largest providers in the region, working with over 670 schools, colleges and early years' settings.

Studying for a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with QTS at Bath Spa you'll receive the perfect mix of high quality education and training, in both the University and partnership schools.

Throughout your training you'll receive personal and professional support from your Bath Spa academic tutor and a school training mentor.

Whilst studying this course, you may be eligible for a Department for Education (DfE) training bursary of up to £27,000, or scholarship of up to £29,000.

Want to find out more? Join us at one of our upcoming Teacher Education information events:

- Tuesday 28th March 2023 – Bath Spa University, Newton Park Campus, Bath
- Tuesday 28th March 2023 – Mountford Manor Primary School, Swindon
- Wednesday 10th May 2023 – Bath Spa University, Newton Park Campus, Bath
- Tuesday 20th June 2023 – Bath Spa University, Newton Park campus, Bath

For more information about funding and teaching, visit <http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/teach>



Springing to Life

Easter Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Celebrate Easter with our craft workshops, and follow our self-guided trail or visit the Shroud of Turin Exhibition any time during the holidays!

Tuesday 4 April:
Easter Birds' Nests

Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go using natural materials.

Wednesday 5 April:
Easter Gardens

Follow our Easter trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to sell the best part of the Easter story!

Thursday 6 April:
Treasure Hunt

Follow our Easter crossed trail, collecting beads as you go to make your own cross necklace.

Book online today at
wells cathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

£2 per child (£1.00 eligible for free school meals)
Accompanying adults FREE
Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*Music in the Cathedral will be suspended during service times due to Holy Week services.
Please check our Services and Events list on the Cathedral website wells cathedral.org.uk/services for more details.



Open Morning at

WARMLEY MUSIC CENTRE

- Affordable music lessons
- New beginner lower strings group starting after Easter
- See rehearsals and then FREE admission to our concert

When:
Saturday 25 March 2023

Time: 10:00 - 12:00

Venue: Sir Bernard Lovell Academy
North Street, BS30 8TS

Sign up here...
bit.ly/warmleyopen

...or just turn up

For more information:
musicservice@southglos.gov.uk/01454 863147
www.southglosmusic.org

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Valley Arts

Valley Arts have two fantastic holiday clubs this Easter, for children in school year groups 3- 8.

Wednesday 5th April 10am-4pm in Chew Magna we have A Play in a Day drama workshop with actor, musician and director Casey Lloyd.

Thursday 6th April 10am-4pm in Winford we have Become a Drummer in a Day with award winning drummer, composer and producer Jimmy Norden.

Head to the website to find out more and to book - www.valleyartscentre.co.uk

April 3rd to 5th GET Sported Easter CAMP book your place now!

Come and join us this Easter Holidays at 'Winford C of E Primary School', Winford where your children will have an amazing time growing in confidence, building skills and having an experience they won't stop talking about!"

GET Sported (ages 5-12)

We offer a huge variety of different sports, including football, cricket, netball, rugby, gymnastics, basketball, hockey, dodgeball, volleyball and more! We also offer fun activities like dance, music, arts and crafts and much more!

Find out more about GET Sported camps on our CAMPS page.

How to Book

visit www.getsported.org for booking online

If you need more information please Contact Akeel Yousaf

(akeel@worldsportministries.com) 07809650743

Somerset Soccer Schools Holiday Camps 2023

Following 25 years of successful courses, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are running more holiday soccer camps this year. Their Easter and Whitsun Camps will be held at Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar on Tuesday 11/4/23 to Friday 14/4/23 and Wednesday 31/5/23 to Friday 2/6/23. Their Summer camps are Monday 24/7/23 to 28/7/23 at Cheddar and Monday 21/8/23 to Fri 25/8/23 at Churchill. Richard is a qualified teacher and coach of 35 years' experience. The courses

are open to boys and girls from Reception right up to Yr 8 and cost from only £16/day. Players are grouped according to age and ability and all receive an engraved trophy upon course completion. For more details, contact and to book directly just visit www.somersetsoccerschools.com

The 2023 Chew Valley 10k Is Open for Entries!

This year's Chew Valley 10k will take place on Sunday 11th June at 9.30am and entries are now open!

Come and join in our fun community event on this beautiful, rural route from Bishop Sutton Village Hall, with plenty of friendly marshals to support you and a bespoke event medal for all finishers! Bishop Sutton School Society will once again be a main beneficiary and if you would like to raise additional funds, you can create a Sportsgiving fundraising page at the click of a button on the entry page.

There are a range of categories and all runners will also be able to upload a professional photo of themselves in action. All details and to enter can be found at www.chewvalley10k.co.uk and you can keep up-to-date by following the event on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter - thank you for your support - we hope you can join us!



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<http://tennisforkids.uk/tennisinchewvalley>

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:

- An enthusiastic coach who has attended a specific LTA Youth Start training course.
- An LTA Youth Start racket, ball-set, and branded t-shirt delivered right to your door.
- An opportunity for parents to get involved.
- A follow-on offer: **full course cost back of £29.99 when booking next term of coaching**

**48
spaces**

kids age 4-11

***Wed 5-6pm
Thurs 4-5pm
Thurs 5-6PM***

***Free tennis
racket&balls,
personalised t-
shirt***

***Full course
refund when
booking next
block***

**BOOK
NOW**

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Term Dates for the Academic Year	2022-23
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023
Easter Holiday	Monday 03 April 2023 – Friday 14 April 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 26 May 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 May 2023 – Friday 2 June
Inset Day	Monday 5 June 2023
Term 6	Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 27th March 2023

The newsletter is also available on our website <http://bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk>

