



March

Fri 31st Last day of Term 4
PTA Easter Fair (*see below*)

April

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

May

Mon 1st Bank Holiday
Tues 2nd Class and Leavers' Photographs – morning
Wed 3rd Herons to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits - Frisbee Golf
Thurs 4th Cygnets to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits - Bushcraft
Fri 5th King Charles III Coronation Celebration (*see below*)
Mon 8th Bank Holiday
Tues 9th to Fri 12th Year 6 SATs week
Tues 9th Reception Parents – Read for Pleasure (*details to follow*)
Wed 10th Year 3 & 4 Athletics Festival at CVS (*details to follow*)
Mon 15th Bikeability Y6 Group 1 Session 1
Tues 16th Bikeability Y6 Group 1 Session 2
Tues 16th Herons Striking and Fielding Event at CVS (*details to follow*)
Wed 17th Bikeability Y6 Group 2 Session 1
Wed 17th Wrens to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits - Caving
Mon 22nd Bikeability Y6 Group 2 Session 2
Mon 22nd 'Open School' for parents to drop in to classes 2.45pm (*see below*)
Wed 24th to Fri 26th Swallows Residential Visit to Charterhouse (*letter and kit list sent*)
Fri 26th End of Term 5

June

Mon 5th Inset Day
Tues 6th Start of Term
Tues 6th Swans to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits - Archery
Wed 7th Swallows to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits - Climbing
Thurs 8th Cygnets to Folly Farm
Tues 13th Kingfishers to Mendip Outdoor Pursuits - Stand Up Paddle Boarding
Wed 14th Sports Day (*see below – updated format this year*)
Thurs 15th Year 5 & 6 Quad Kids at CVS
Wed 28th Reserve Sport Day

Don't forget all the dates are also published on the Federation website.

School News

As we finish off another term, I'd like to say a big thank you to all the children for working so hard and for their good behaviour and manners. Thank you as well to all the parents for their continued support and helping with trips, cooking, reading etc. Your input and support really does help to make a difference for our children. Finally, thank you to all the staff for their hard work and I hope that everyone enjoys a happy and peaceful Easter holiday!

Sports trips in T5 & T6

This week the children have received a letter about the planned sports trips in T5 & T6 – see the dates above. Please return the forms so we can finalise the planning. Many thanks to the PTA for supporting these brilliant opportunities, and thanks to Mrs Jeffery for leading on this one!

Swallows Class

Swallows class have had a busy week with a violin performance on Tuesday and an Arctic explorer day on Wednesday.

"On Tuesday, we did our first violin performance in front of parents. At first, we were very nervous, but once we got started, we really enjoyed it. We look forward to doing it again in the summer"

Written by Siena in Year 5



On Wednesday, we spent the day trying to answer the question 'What is so cool about the Arctic?' We explored the Tundra biome and how the Arctic has changed over time. In the afternoon we had a really interesting chat with Nanou a real-life explorer, who has sailed to the Arctic three times! We were also set a challenge of building an igloo out of sugar cubes. Three words to sum up our day are, interesting, inspiring and mind blowing!

Written by Swallow Class

Staff news

As you know, Mrs Dimmock retires today after 28 years working at BSPS! (As mentioned in assembly yesterday, that's one more year than Alex Ferguson was the manager at Man Utd and is a remarkable length of service). We wish Mrs Dimmock and long and happy retirement!

Welcome back to Miss Gilmour who has been in school this week as part of a phased return which



will continue after the Easter holiday. Thank you to Mrs Blannin for stepping in to lead the teaching and learning in Wrens class!

Message from Mrs Dimmock here:

“Thank you very much for your good wishes and your generous gifts. I shall miss you all”!

LGB meeting

We reviewed the updated Behaviour for Learning policy at the last LGB – please take some time to read the updated policy – it can be found on the website here*:

<https://www.bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=103>

*There is currently a minor problem with the website updates – these should be resolved over the weekend

Social Media reminder

We 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.



King Charles III Coronation Celebration

As part of the nation’s celebrations over the weekend, we would like the children to wear red, white and blue on Friday 5th May. We will have an in-school assembly to mark the occasion and then finish the day with a cake sale. (More details to follow after the holiday).

Sports Day – Wed 14th or 28th June

Our Sports Day this year will be held on 14th June at Bishop Sutton FC (with 28th June set as a reserve date). Because of the number of children in school now - 182, we are changing the format slightly so that there will be less waiting time for children between races. The morning races will start at 10am and will only involve KS2 children (parents welcome to attend). We will then have a lunch time where all children will be at the football ground with parents invited to join them for a picnic lunch and then the afternoon will be EYFS and KS1 races (parents welcome to attend). Our Y6 children will be supporting during the whole day as Playleaders.

Open School

Our next Open School day session is Monday 22nd May at 2.45pm. Similar to the last time, please do come in and chat to the children about their work/progress in their classrooms; gates will open at 2.40pm. (Children will be in their classes until the usual finish time of 3.10pm and be dismissed as usual).

Strike Action

After recent discussions, the NEU has rejected the offer made; other unions have yet to make their position clear. I suspect that this may mean further action (i.e. class/school closures) in the year although at the time of writing, no dates have been set. When I saw the headline figure, it seemed at least that there was an offer on the table; but the ‘devil is in the detail’, and within the 4.5% average proposed pay rise, only 0.5% of this would be funded by the DfE, leaving 4% to come from existing school budgets. Clearly, the DfE have not properly understood the real financial situation that schools are in, nor have they recognised the strength of feeling amongst school leaders and teachers in relation to the call for fair funding for schools (the very reason why so many teachers have been striking)! Watch this space.

Ruth Perry

In the last newsletter, I wrote about the joys - and challenges - of being a parent. It’s probably fair to say that the same applies to being a school leader of course. I’m sure many of you will have heard/read the recent sad news regarding Ruth Perry who was the Headteacher at Caversham Primary School in Reading. Our thoughts are very much with the staff, children, parents and local community at her school, as well of course with Ruth’s family. You may also have seen the media coverage around OfSTED inspections and a summary one-word judgement on schools. It’s

impossible to sum up a school in a single word. There's an interesting article here from 24th March which discusses the really important information that parents want to know - are our children cared for by talented and dedicated teachers who are committed to helping children become responsible, happy members of society with bright futures? As a father with three grown-up children, and as a Headteacher of nearly 20 years, I'm very clear where my educational principles and priorities lie and agree with that sentiment; education is about nurturing children to be decent, kind and caring human beings.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2023/mar/24/caversham-primary-school-parents-ruth-perry-death-realities-ofsted-inspections>

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
Kira, Fern, Oscar, Diego & Archie	Eliza, Harry, Phoebe, Mason, Xanthe & Noah	Bea, Logan, Sammy, Olivia, Alby & Austin	Emilia, Ellis, Devon, Evelyn, Oliver & Amelia
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Ivor, Elliot JB, Jonty, Lucas & Mollie	Hugo, Siena, Fearne, Charlotte, Matilda, Millie, Malina & Isla	Amelia, Iona, Aurelia, Ella, Fred & Sophie	Barnaby, Alby W, Milo & Amelie C

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

Have a wonderful holiday, and Happy Easter!

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Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations on Red Nose Day. We raised a total of £147!

PTA

Easter Fair

We are delighted to announce that our fabulous Easter fair will be taking place at school on **Friday 31st March 3pm-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!

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!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Other Events



**WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC
ALLIANCE**

Music School Open Morning

for woodwind, brass, guitar and percussion
players of grade 1 to grade 8

**Join our wind bands or guitar
group for a fun-packed morning
of music making!**

Where: Hayesfield Upper School,
BA2 3LA

When: Saturday 13th May
9.30am - 12.30pm

Sign up here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/DtZnaS8egG>



YOUTH CRICKET

SUMMER 2023

Friday evenings
Stanton Drew CC



Allstars Dynamos Under 11s

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun games & matches
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ BBQ and bar open for all

Allstars & Dynamos	Under 11s
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-11 years old• 4:00 - 5:00pm• Starts Friday 5th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5:15 - 6:15pm• Starts Friday 21st April• Matches Sunday mornings



FIND OUT MORE
Allstars & Dynamos follow the link to ECB
www.ecb.co.uk/play
U11s follow the QR code link
www.myshine.co.uk/squads
team@chewvalleycricket.co.uk
www.chewvalleycricket.co.uk



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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!

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 24th April 2023

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

