

# The Redstart Primary School



Thursday 19th December 2024

## A message from Mrs Collins

As we approach the end of a busy and productive autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful activities and achievements our students have been involved in.

### School Trips:

- Year 4 Trip to Athelhampton: Our Year 4 students had an exciting visit to Athelhampton, where they explored the historic site and learned about its rich history.
- Year 5 Trip to SS Great Britain: Year 5 had a fantastic trip to SS Great Britain. We were especially proud to hear members of the public commend our students for their exemplary behaviour.

**Christmas Performances:** The lead-up to Christmas has been filled with joy and creativity. We had eight performances for parents, showcasing the talents of our students. This included our choir who sang beautifully at the Mayor's concert, earning high praise for their performance and our youngest students who had their first experience on stage, delighting everyone with their Nativity play. Thank you for supporting your children with their musical performances.

**Academy Council:** We are pleased to announce that we now have a quorate Academy Council. The Council meets once a term and plays a crucial role in quality assuring the work done within the school. They act as critical friends, providing valuable insights and support.

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Councillors or considering joining us, please get in touch with the school office. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated.

**Parking and Safety:** We have received several complaints from our neighbours regarding parking issues. Please ensure that you are parking safely and legally, which includes not blocking driveways or gardens. Additionally, please drive slowly and carefully, especially as children are crossing. Safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

**Farewell to Miss Jeffries:** As you will know, we are saying goodbye to Miss Jeffries who, after over 10 years of dedicated service, will be leaving our school at the end of this term to pursue a new opportunity at a school in Taunton.

Miss Jeffries has been an invaluable member of our team, teaching in both Early Years and Year 1. She has consistently set high expectations for her students, fostering an environment of excellence and growth. Her warm and supportive nature has made a lasting impact on both her pupils and colleagues.

While we are saddened to see her go, we are also excited for her as she embarks on this new chapter in her career. We know she will continue to inspire and nurture young minds in her new role. Please join us in wishing Miss Jeffries all the best in her future endeavours. She will be greatly missed by all of us here.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We wish you all a wonderful holiday break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

**Value:** Perseverance.

**Quote:** "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Harriet Tubman American abolitionist and social activist

## The Photo of the Week



This school is part of the The Redstart Learning Partnership, a Multi Academy Trust of primary schools in Somerset.



Cabot Learning Federation

### Dates for your diary

- 6th January—Inset day
- 7th January - First day of term
- 17th January - YR 1 Cake Sale
- 24th January - Non-uniform cake
- 29th January - Drop-in to see books at 3.15pm
- 30th January - Stargazing Evening

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# Nursery

What an exciting few weeks we have had so far at nursery! The children have really enjoyed the core book "The Christmas story" and the additional texts to support our theme of Celebrations. They have understood the sequence in the story and are able to talk about what happens next and why we celebrate Christmas. We have been singing a range of Christmas songs which the children have enjoyed, and I am sure they will have been singing at home over the holidays.

The children have engaged in a wide variety of adult focused activities, learning set skills and have worked nicely in social groups sharing and turn taking.

The art workshop area has been very busy as the children have been making Christmas tree decorations, writing cards and making lists for Father Christmas. They have enjoyed cutting favourite toys from the toy catalogues, making hats and designing Christmas bags. All the children have engaged in cooking gingerbread, making reindeer food and salt dough decorations.

We will be having our nursery Christmas party on the 19th of December 2023 thank you to all the parents who have helped with providing food and drink for the party. The children will be playing lots of games, dancing and singing. We will finish off the party with a visit from Father Christmas.

The nursery team and I would like to wish all the families a merry Christmas and a happy new year 2025!



# Reception

The highlight of this half term was The Nativity! The children worked hard to learn all the songs and they looked amazing in their costumes. They were so brave to perform to such a large audience. Their confidence has grown immensely and they should all be proud of their achievement. A lot of our work this half term has been learning the story of the Nativity and becoming familiar with the characters of the story. Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed working with clay, building up their skills of shaping it and adding texture and details. I'm sure you will agree that the bowls they bring home will make a perfect addition to your holiday decorations. Please add a tea light and enjoy!

We have continued to learn new sounds in Phonics and we have been impressed by everyone's progress. The children have made good progress at reading and spelling words. Their writing has also improved and everyone is now confident to have a go at some writing. In math's, we have been working on being able to identify how many there are in a small group of objects without counting. This is an important skill that helps with understanding what makes a number. We have also been investigating circles, triangles and 4-sided shapes and looking for them in our environment. Why not play a game when you are out and about or at home to spot shapes you can see.

We have sent home all PE bags with spare clothes. Please check these. In January we will be changing for PE. Please send in these clothes in January. Finally, from The Reception Team, we wish you all a wonderful holiday and a healthy and happy New Year.



# Year 1

We can't believe that it's the end of term already! We have been so busy and the children have been working really hard.

They have all loved learning about The Great Fire of London. We have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and their retention of facts. Please do ask your child: Where did the fire start? Why did it spread so quickly? How many days it burned for? We're sure that you will be impressed too! We have also used the Great Fire of London to inspire our Art. The children used a variety of materials to build up a burning background and then cut out the silhouettes of buildings and churches to create some fantastic pieces of Art.

The children have had to show real resilience when we started to sew in DT. Many children found threading needles and learning how to sew extremely tricky. However, they should be very proud of themselves and they will be bringing home their fantastic winter decorations soon.

We are sure that you will agree, our Christmas concert was amazing. The children made us very proud with learning so many new songs, and performing twice in front of such a large audience.

Please continue to read with your child over the holidays and practise their word sheets of common exception words; maybe there will be some lovely new books for Christmas. It is really important that you support your child with their phonics and reading progress, thank you. We do hope that you all have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.



## Year 2 Newsletter December 2024

The children have been incredibly busy since our last newsletter showing all that they can do. We've had snow, rain and even some moments of sunshine!

In Maths we have been working on addition and subtraction. We have started to look at 'exchanging' when completing these operations and, even though it is difficult, it is lovely to see how much perseverance the children have when trying something new.

In writing, we have been learning how to write instructions and followed instructions to make vegetable soup. We hear many of you have been making your own soup at home too! The children have been learning how to write hooks and instructions, as well as remembering to include bullet points and numbers for the order. Thank you to those who came to Parents' Evening recently. It was great to spend time chatting about the children's strengths and areas of development.

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas performances last week. We were so impressed with the children's resilience at learning a variety of songs, playing a new instrument and learning lines to read out. Many of the children were a little nervous about the performances so all of the children should be commended.

In line with Redstart's policy on reading, we expect the children to be reading 4 times a week and recording this on their calendar. In January, when we have checked on a Friday, those children who have not recorded 4 times reading at home will be invited to attend a Reading Club for a few minutes in their lunch time or play time. This is to ensure that all the children have the opportunity to read and progress. Thank you to all those who continue to read with their child at home and practise their spellings.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all when we return.



# Year 3

As we approach the end of the term, we are delighted to share the wonderful learning and achievements of Year 3.

This term, the children have been busy creating their own innovative stories inspired by "Lila and the Secret of the Rain." They have explored story structures, learning how to create engaging beginnings, build suspenseful middles and create satisfying endings. They all used their impressive creativity and imaginations!

In Maths, the focus has been on mastering the written methods for addition and subtraction. We have seen great progress in understanding and applying these methods to solve problems. Using these methods has supported the children's confidence when handling numbers and carrying out calculations.

Our science lessons have been filled with excitement as the students delved into the topic of light and shadows. They have conducted experiments to explore how light travels and how shadows are formed. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement in learning about the natural world.

As the festive season approaches, both classes have been getting creative with preparations for the Christmas performance and crafting beautiful Christmas decorations. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!



# Year 4

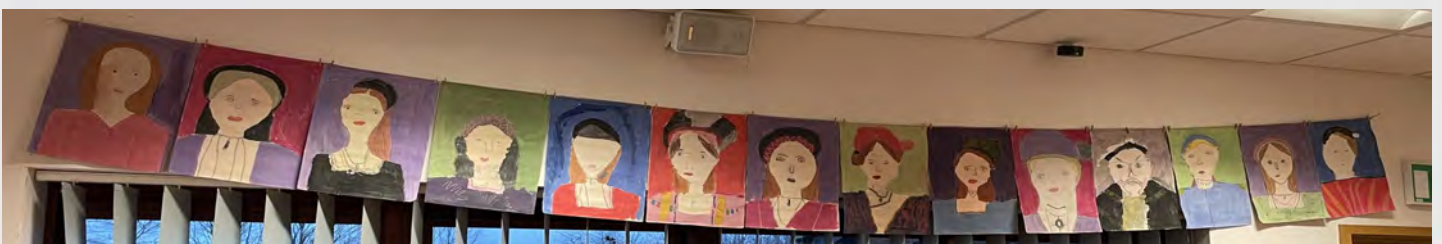
We have thoroughly enjoyed our Tudor unit! We have been painting our Tudor portraits, sewing an embroidered piece inspired by Mary Queen of Scots, researching some Tudor Christmas facts and writing our own story about meeting Henry VIII. We especially enjoyed our trip to Athelhampton House and this week have been creating leaflets all about Athelhampton from our own experience. A massive thank you to FORS who subsidised the trip for each child to reduce the cost for you. We have absolutely loved teaching this topic and we are certain the children have learnt lots too! Our next unit of work will be William Shakespeare and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

In Maths, we have continued to learn our times tables and have built on formal column methods for addition and subtraction. Please encourage your child to keep practising their times tables over the holiday as they soon forget them! For Literacy and Guided Reading our texts and writing have all enhanced our Tudor knowledge and understanding. As always, the more your child reads, the more progress they will make across the entire curriculum. Any reading you can fit in during the Christmas break will really benefit them on their return to school.

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our Parent Consultation Evening. It was lovely to have the chance to discuss your children's progress with you. As we said on the night, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us via the office or at the end of the day.

We hope you enjoyed our joint Christmas concert with Year 3. The children worked really hard, and we were very proud of their performance, as we hope you were too.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We can't wait to see you all again in January and hear about your holiday.



# Year 5

What a fantastic, full-packed first term Year 5 have had. Well done!

In Maths, this term has been a very busy one with lots of new concepts being learnt. We have learnt how to use long multiplication as well as new words such as square, prime or cube numbers. We have also learnt about decimals with up to 3 decimal places and have begun using percentages. Loads of cool things! This learning will be supported by Maths homework which acts as revision. Please remind your child to practice their times tables over the holidays as they are easily forgotten!

In Literacy, we concluded our Oliver Twist study by designing a new Charles Dickens character and introducing them to Oliver Twist in a short narrative. Our non-fiction unit was looking at the non-fiction style of writing within a biography. Children then used a list of facts to write a biography on Charles Dickens.

We have now finished our topic work of 'Victorian Britain' by looking at what Victorian children would do for work and how they would spend their leisure time (if they had any!). This topic has allowed the children to compare the life experiences between rich and poor Victorians. We all enjoyed the trip to Bristol to see the SS Great Britain where we gained extra knowledge about the Victorian life.

We were really pleased to win the Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to all who voted for our tree.

In this last week of term, the children have enjoyed three days of Design and Technology projects. They have been using their sewing skills to make a new case for their headphones and in small groups, they have designed and built bridges based on our design criteria. Please see the first and second place winning bridges from each class below.

Please continue to encourage your child to read over the Christmas holidays and record it onto their log sheet which will be checked on the first week back. No Maths homework or spellings will be set over the holiday.

Mrs Preston, Mr Hunt, and Mrs Baker would like to wish you all a lovely and safe Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!



# Year 6

It has been a busy end to the term for us in Year 6 with lots of hard work and the finishing of our topics for this term.

One of the highlights of learning about World War Two was our VE Day celebration day. We loved seeing the children in their outfits and their efforts with the Lindy Hop dance impressed us all! They also had the chance to try some traditional war time biscuits and to play some games. We have finished our World War Two topic by considering the consequences of the war and the legacy left behind. Linked with this was our Art lessons where the children created a piece of artwork inspired by Graham Sutherland called "Devastation".

In our Science lessons the children have carried out an investigation into the effects of exercise on their heart rate. This followed some learning about healthy lifestyles and how the circulatory system works.

We have ended the term learning about fractions in our Maths lessons. We have learnt about equivalent fractions and how to simplify. We also converted improper fractions and learnt how to compare and order. We will continue to work on fractions after the Christmas holiday and cannot stress enough how important times table knowledge is in helping with understanding and completing this work. Please encourage your child to work on these if they are not confident in recalling these facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . We have very much enjoyed getting to know the children over the Autumn term and we wish you all a restful and healthy Christmas holiday. We send our good wishes for a happy 2025 and thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Christmas carol service. We hope you enjoyed it and left feeling suitable festive!



# Forest School

## Forest School

We have had a very good term at Forest School. The weather has been mixed - everything from torrential downpours to snow to warm sunny days to very cold grey days! As always, whatever the weather we do always try and get out for at least some of the day. Hence, please carry on supporting us by making sure children have a waterproof coat and welly boots whenever they have Forest School.

The recent winds have unfortunately damaged two quite sizable trees and these will have to be taken down. Luckily, over the last ten years we have planted over 800 trees so, while the loss of mature trees is always sad, we have planned for the future! The older children continue to work hard developing their use of secateurs, shears and loppers to help maintain our meadow and hedges.

Nearly all children have had the opportunity to build camp fires, cook hot chocolate and toast marshmallows. We try hard to make sure we have alternative drink and food for children with special dietary requirements. However, this is not always easy - the best solution is for you to provide us with a little named box with an easy to heat drink and biscuit that you know is suitable for your child. We can then keep this in the cupboard so whenever the class do some Forest School fire-making we know there is something for everyone.

All the Forest School staff wish you a relaxing holiday full of fresh air!

# Safeguarding

Safeguarding is high priority at The Redstart Primary School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well, both physically and mentally.

## Our Safeguarding Team

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Rebecca Collins:



Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Joanne Margetts, Early Intervention and Attendance Lead



Mrs Tara Duke, Nurture Lead



The DSL for Nursery is Mrs Caroline Miller:



Mrs Kerri Norma, Senco



# Safeguarding

## Our Policy

We follow the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy is updated in line with the most recent Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance. You can find our policy on the website in the Safeguarding section. [www.theredstartprimaryschool.co.uk/449/safeguarding](http://www.theredstartprimaryschool.co.uk/449/safeguarding) This gives information regarding the measures we have in place to safeguard every child at The Redstart Primary School.

## Online Safety

You can find online safety advice on our website – please follow this link to help keep your child safe. Also, please watch out for any online safety information from The National College shared on our social media page.

## How we keep our pupils safe at school

All staff and volunteers are trained in how to recognise signs of abuse in children and the internal processes for the reporting of such concerns. Whilst all members of staff are on hand and willing to speak to children who may be upset or concerned, we also have child -friendly posters displayed around the school and on the main board in the school hall with photographs of the Designated Safeguarding Leads who the children may also ask to speak to. Every child will also be aware of the 'Worry Boxes' in their classrooms where they can write and post their concerns should they wish to do so. Please do remind them of this option

## What to do if you have a concern

Should any of our parents/carers or members of our local community have a concern about any child, you may contact a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you may report your concern directly to Somerset Children's Social Care on **0300 123 2224**.

Where parents and children become aware of abuse happening within a school setting, it is also possible to contact the NSPCC helplines:

Help for adults concerned about a child: **0808 800 5000**.

Help for children and young people: **0800 11 11**.

**If you feel you or another child is in immediate danger, please call 999.**

# Attendance

## School Attendance - information for parents/carers

As per our attendance policy, the school undertakes regular monitoring of attendance to ensure that, where required, help and support is offered at the earliest opportunity.

In order to ensure parent/carers are kept up to date with their child's attendance record, the school will send out letters at specific intervals, for example, where there have been frequent absences or where attendance has fallen below a certain percentage. This is regardless of whether absences are authorised or where the school has been kept fully updated with the reasons for absence.

We do appreciate that it can be frustrating to receive a letter when your child has suffered absences which could not be helped i.e. where there is a rule to stay at home for 48 hours. Where the school identifies concerns (unexplained, sporadic or lengthy absences or continued lateness) parents/carers will be invited in for a meeting to discuss what support the school can provide to improve attendance.

Descriptor	Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100% - 99%	0 - 2	0 - 10
Good	98% - 96%	4 - 7.5	20-37.5
Requires Improvement	95% - 91%	9.5 - 17	47.5 - 85
Persistent Absentee	90% - 86%	19 - 27	95 - 135
Critical	85% - 80%	28.5 - 38	142.5 - 190

We thank all our parents/carers for continuing to update the school office where your child has been unable to come into school.

If your child is unable to attend school due to a medical appointment, please ensure you provide us with evidence of their appointment. This could be a letter from a hospital or GP or even a screenshot of an appointment email or text.

Also, please do not inform the school that your child has an appointment or is sick if you are, in fact, going on holiday. At Redstart we teach the children the importance of integrity and this is undermined if you ask them to lie about where they have been. It is most likely that we will find out anyway since children like to talk about their lives outside of school. We would rather you were honest and we can code your child's absence correctly and know that they are safe.

### **Food Parcel Support**

If any of our families are in need of a food parcel, please contact the school office and ask to speak with our Early Intervention Lead, Mrs Margetts. The food parcel service is provided by the Community Hub in town. Referrals made are treated confidentially. It is a 'no questions asked' service. You do not need to explain your circumstances unless you wish to and there are no income thresholds to meet to qualify. Some families may require a little support for a short time or there may be reasons for longer lasting support.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Primarily delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now add new wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

## 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

## 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, heaters and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Create smoke detectors and operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving candles unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

## 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic congestion and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and ensure all vehicles have. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

## 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

## 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, mask-wearing and hand hygiene. Symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

## 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

## 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mismanaged. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place flames or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Reducing clutter and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

## 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Inspecting gifts against safety standards and age appropriateness can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

## 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

## 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>



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# Tuning in to Kids



In partnership with **Avishayes Primary School**

## What is Tuning in to Kids®?

Tuning in to Kids® is a suite of parenting programs that focus on the emotional connection between parents/carers and their children, from pre-schoolers to teens. The evidence-based programs have proven success in improving parenting, parent-child relationships and children's emotional competence and behaviour.

Venue: Avishayes Primary School, Fairway Rise TA20 1NS

Tuning in to Kids is a **FREE Six Week Course:**

Tuesday 21st January 2025  
Tuesday 28th January 2025  
Tuesday 4th February 2025  
Tuesday 11th February 2025  
February Half Term  
Tuesday 25th February 2025  
Tuesday 4th March 2025  
Starts 10am to 12 noon



Spaces are limited, please contact your Primary School for a Tuning in to Kids booking form.

For more information on Tuning in to Kids, please contact:

Whitney Gibbins – Parent & Family Support Adviser on 07818 580 632



**Winsham**  
Primary School  
and pre-school



Parents from other local schools are welcome.

## SEND

### WISE UP Parent Workshops

Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle. To help support parent carers navigate these we have created a range of workshops based on the subjects: ADHD, Autism, Sensory Processing, helping your child through transitions, sleep, anxiety, Dyslexia. The workshops are open to ALL parents; your child/ren do not need to have any formal diagnosis.

Please follow the link to download the workshop booklet. [WISE Up Workshops](#)

## Job Vacancy

We are looking for a Clerk to the Academy Council to join our supportive and talented team covering our **Somerset Cluster; Redstart Primary, Castle Primary, Priorswood Primary, Monkton Wood Academy and The Sky Academy**. We are a diverse multi-academy trust, looking for professional and ambitious people, with a passion for transforming our students' learning. Please apply below.

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/CabotLearningRecruitment/Home/Vacancy?id=2422&returnurl=/CabotLearningRecruitment/>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/clerk-to-academy-council---somerset-cluster-1457994>

## Gifts and Hospitality

We understand that sometimes parents would like to buy their child's class teacher/staff a gift, please find information from our policy below.

- Any gift or hospitality above £40 must be approved as per the table below
- We cannot accept cash or cash equivalent gift cards
- We may turn down a gift or hospitality as it is not in line with the policy.

Value	Approval
Over £40 but under £60	Approval to be sought from Principal/Central Team Lead and the relevant Finance Manager
Over £60 but under £100	As above plus the Deputy Finance Director
Over £100	As above plus Chief Operating Officer

# Local Events

## Inter School Tournament

26th January 9.30am - Holyrood Astro

Mixed teams - No experience needed

An Introduction to basic hockey skills

Hockey sticks available, shin pads and gym shields required

No team? No problem, teams can be made on the day

Refreshments available and donations welcome

Talk to your teacher if you would like to make a team or just come and play



## Chard Hockey club

Junior Training for ages 7+

No experience needed and sticks available

Wednesdays 7-8pm  
Girls training

Thursdays 7-8pm  
Boys training

Contact: [welfare@chardhockeyclub.co.uk](mailto:welfare@chardhockeyclub.co.uk)



## Mini Moos

Mini Moo's Stay and Play offers an engaging educational atmosphere that promotes social, emotional, and personal development through diverse activities like role play, sensory experiences, and crafty mess.

With special sessions for babies and those with special educational needs, the venue is also available for private hire.

In addition to a vibrant play space, parents and caregivers can enjoy handcrafted beverages, cakes, and snacks while connecting with other families and exchanging experiences.

Open Times  
Monday - Friday 9:00 - 3:30  
Saturday 9:00 - 2:00  
Sunday Closed

0-1 year	1-7 year
£3.00	£5.00

Additional adult  
£1.00

please contact for private hire

Contact Details  
Tel: 07870515237

Email:  
[stayandplayminimoos@hotmail.com](mailto:stayandplayminimoos@hotmail.com)  
Mini Moos, Longhall, Eaglewood Park,  
Dillington Estate TA199DQ



## Christmas craft Saturday



Christmas Cards

Christmas Decorations

Christmas colouring + Design  
9am-2pm

please book by popping a message or text 07870515237

£5 per child

pay on arrival





## Holiday Breakfast Scheme.



Holiday Breakfast Bags are back  
for the Christmas Holidays.

Do you think it may help you and your  
family to start the day with a good solid  
breakfast?

We will give you a free, no questions  
asked bag/s, to last a week, which will  
contain everything that is needed,  
regardless of your family size.

Just turn up at the St Mary's Centre on  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
8.00 - 10.00

Anyone from the family can come to pick  
them up.

Stay and join us if you would like for  
coffee and toast while you are here.



# Local Events



## Stick Man



### Chard Community Hub

Thursday 5 December, 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Friday 20 December, 10am to 11.30am

A fun and interactive book focused, play session for children to attend with their parents/carers.

A free event with refreshments included.



## What's On

### Monday

Mental Health Drop-In  
11.30am to 12.30pm

Community Fridge  
2pm to 4pm

### Tuesday

Arts & Crafts Hub  
Sewing Repair Hub  
10.30am to 12.30pm

Health Visitors'  
Healthy Little Ones  
1pm to 2.30pm

Sewing Workshop  
6pm to 8pm

Crochet Group  
6pm to 8pm  
First Tuesday of the month

### Wednesday

Community Fridge  
10.30am to 12.30pm

Police Drop-In  
10am to midday

Abri Housing Drop-In  
10am to 1pm

Silent Book Club  
6pm to 8pm

### Thursday

Community Fridge  
10am to midday

Health Visitors'  
Fun Through Food  
1pm to 2.30pm

### Friday

Community Pantry  
2pm to 3.30pm

Community Fridge  
4pm to 5.30pm

### Saturday

Repair Hub  
9am to midday

### Community Fridge Christmas Opening

Monday 23

10am to midday

Tuesday 24

10am to midday

Wednesday 25

Closed

Thursday 26

Closed

Friday 27  
(No Pantry)

10am to midday

Saturday 28

10am to midday

Sunday 29

Closed

Normal opening hours resume Monday 6 January



### Well-Being Drop In

Looking for some guidance and support to help you navigate the challenges of your child's mental health?

#### Monday

During Term Time  
11.30AM -12.30PM

- A bounded, non-judgemental, supportive space
- Make new connections
- Peer support - 'you are not alone'
- Mental health information/techniques - responsive to needs
- Tea/coffee/sweet treats



### Community Fridge Christmas Opening

Monday 30

10am to midday

Tuesday 31

10am to midday

Wednesday 1

Closed

Thursday 2

10am to midday

Friday 3  
(No Pantry)

10am to midday

Saturday 4

Closed

Sunday 5

Closed

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# Local Events

**FREE  
TRIAL!**



## Monday

5.10pm - Beginner Junior TKD  
5.40pm - Int & Adv Junior TKD  
6.25pm - TeenTKD  
7.25pm - Adult TKD

## Tuesday

5.30pm - 5-6yrs - Ninjas  
5.30pm - 7-10yrs - Ninjas  
6.20pm - Female Only 14yrs+  
Pad work, Fitness & Self Defence  
7.15pm - Open TKD

## Thursday

3.40pm - 3-4yrs - Ninjas  
4.15pm - 5-6yrs - Ninjas  
5.05pm - Junior TKD  
6.05pm - Beginner TKD  
6.20pm - Intermediate TKD  
7.20pm - Black Belts Only

## Friday

6.15pm - Open TKD

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# Local Events

Next Thing  
NEXT THING-EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

## XMAS TECH CAMP

Ages 5-11

Virtual Reality  
3D Festive Decorations  
Elf Engineering  
Rocking Robots

30TH, 31ST DECEMBER & 2ND, 3RD JANUARY  
£39.99 PER DAY

Ofsted Registered

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

Ages 5-11, 9 am - 4 pm daily

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2024

What else is on?

Light Up Cards  
Magical Minecraft  
Ingenious Inventions  
Comet Crackers  
Festive Filming

Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

### What to bring ...

Packed Lunch and Snacks  
Water Bottle  
Medication  
Weather Appropriate Clothing

### HOW TO BOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE  
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP  
GET £5 OFF WITH CODE BELOW

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**The BEST camp around!**  
"My daughter is fully inspired and won't stop talking about the amazing time she had! The staff were experienced, welcoming and encouraging"  
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