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Newsletter No. 22

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear families,

We have had a fantastic start to the new term and it has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm and positivity.

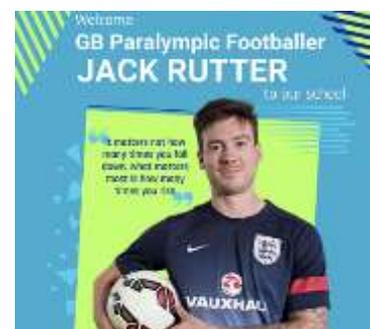
World Thinking Day

We began the term by celebrating **World Thinking Day**, which is linked to Girlguiding and is celebrated by Girl Guides and Scouts across the world. The children enjoyed learning about global friendship, community and how they can make a positive difference both locally and globally.



Great Athletes Sponsored Event – Today. Don't forget to come in PE kit!

We are excited to be hosting the **Great Athletes Sponsored Event**. This is always an inspiring day where the children take part in fitness activities while learning about resilience and determination from top athletes. Thank you for your continued support with sponsorship. The money raised will help us to purchase new sports equipment. We hope you have been practising your spotty dogs plank shoulder taps, jump squats and star jumps!



FOSS Film Club – Tonight!

A reminder that **FOSS Film Club** is taking place this evening. We're looking forward to a fun event for our school community – thank you to FOSS for organising!

Surfers Against Sewage – Plastic Free Schools Programme

We're delighted to share that our school, thanks to the wonderful Mrs. Leader, has signed up to take part in the Surfers Against Sewage **Plastic Free Schools Programme**.

This initiative supports schools in reducing unnecessary single-use plastics while linking closely to learning about environmental responsibility. We're looking forward to working together as a school community to make small changes that have a big impact. Further information about how families can support this will follow soon.

St. David's Day – Wednesday 4th March

On Wednesday 4th March, we will be celebrating the second of our Patron Saint Days – **St. David's Day**.

- Children in **St. David's Team** are invited to wear something **yellow** (or Welsh-themed!) to school.
- We will be holding a **cake sale**, and we kindly ask children in St. David's Team to donate cakes.
- Cakes will be sold to the whole school, with proceeds going towards our fundraising efforts. Each cake will be 50p

Thank you in advance for your support – we are sure it will be a lovely celebration.

Inspiring Growth Through Nature and Community

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are very much looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** next Thursday!

- Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.
- We will also be launching our **Extreme Reading Challenge**.

We can't wait to see the creative costumes and hear about everyone's favourite stories.

School Visit – Friday 6th March

On Friday 6th March, some of the children will be visiting We The Curious. This promises to be an exciting and engaging day of hands-on learning. Please ensure permission slips and any required items are returned promptly.

A few reminders:

- *For Chestnut and Oak Class, please provide a named rucksack that your child can carry, containing a lunch box and a drink (non-fizzy and no sweets, please). For Willow Class, a packed lunch and a water bottle will be required, and we will have a designated storage space for their items.*
- *All pupils are expected to wear their school uniform and a warm coat.*
- *Additionally, please send any required medication in a named bag, accompanied by a completed medicine form, and ensure that a member of staff is informed. These forms are available from the school office. If your child is prone to travel sickness, please administer the necessary medication prior to the journey and complete the medicine form for any additional medication needed for the return trip.*
- *We plan to leave the venue in time to return for the usual pick-up time.*

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting few weeks ahead.

Mrs Netto

Mother's Day Shop

On **Thursday 12th March**, FOSS will be running a **Mother's Day Shop**. All children will have the opportunity to visit the shop during the school day and purchase a gift for Mother's Day (£2). Gifts will be wrapped and sent home ready for the special day.

To help this event run, we kindly ask parents to donate **unwanted gifts, toiletries, or boxes of chocolates** to be sold at the shop. Please bring donations into school by **Friday 6th March**, either to the school office or to your child's teacher.

We will remind children closer to the time to bring their £2 into school on the day. All proceeds raised will go directly to **FOSS**.

Christian Values

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is **Thankfulness**.

“Always be thankful.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

Dates for your diary

Term 3	
Friday 27 th February	Great Athletes sponsored event for children
Wednesday 4 th March	St David’s Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Whole School Trip We The Curious
Monday 9 th – 13 th March	Science Week in school
Tuesday 10 th March	Animal Encounters Visit
Friday 20 th – Wednesday 25 th March	Book Fair in hall
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 th March	St Patrick’s Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Tuesday 31 st March and Wednesday 1 st April	Parent meetings
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Service 2pm St. Leonard’s Church

Please also use the [school calendar](#) to keep up to date with all forthcoming events and activities

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Term 1	4 th September – 23 rd October 2025
Term 2	3 rd November – 19 th December 2025
Term 3	5 th January – 12 th February 2026
Term 4	23 rd February – 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	20 th April – 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	1 st June – 17 th July 2026

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Please see the dates for next academic year on the WLT [website](#).

Future INSET Days

Monday 20 th July, Tuesday 21 st July and Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	INSET - School closed to learners – Time for the summer holidays!
Full term dates can be found on our WLT website .	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest





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Client Testimonials

'I couldn't have wished for a more supportive group of staff and fellow trainees... The MSC team have all been incredible and there is always someone there to talk to should you need it.'

— **Danni**

'The primary training course has been supportive and practical, allowing me to build confidence and develop invaluable classroom skills. Importantly, it has worked well around being a parent, allowing me to successfully balance training alongside a busy family life.'

— **Sarah**

'A real strength of the course is the opportunity for primary and secondary trainees to work together'

— **Millie**

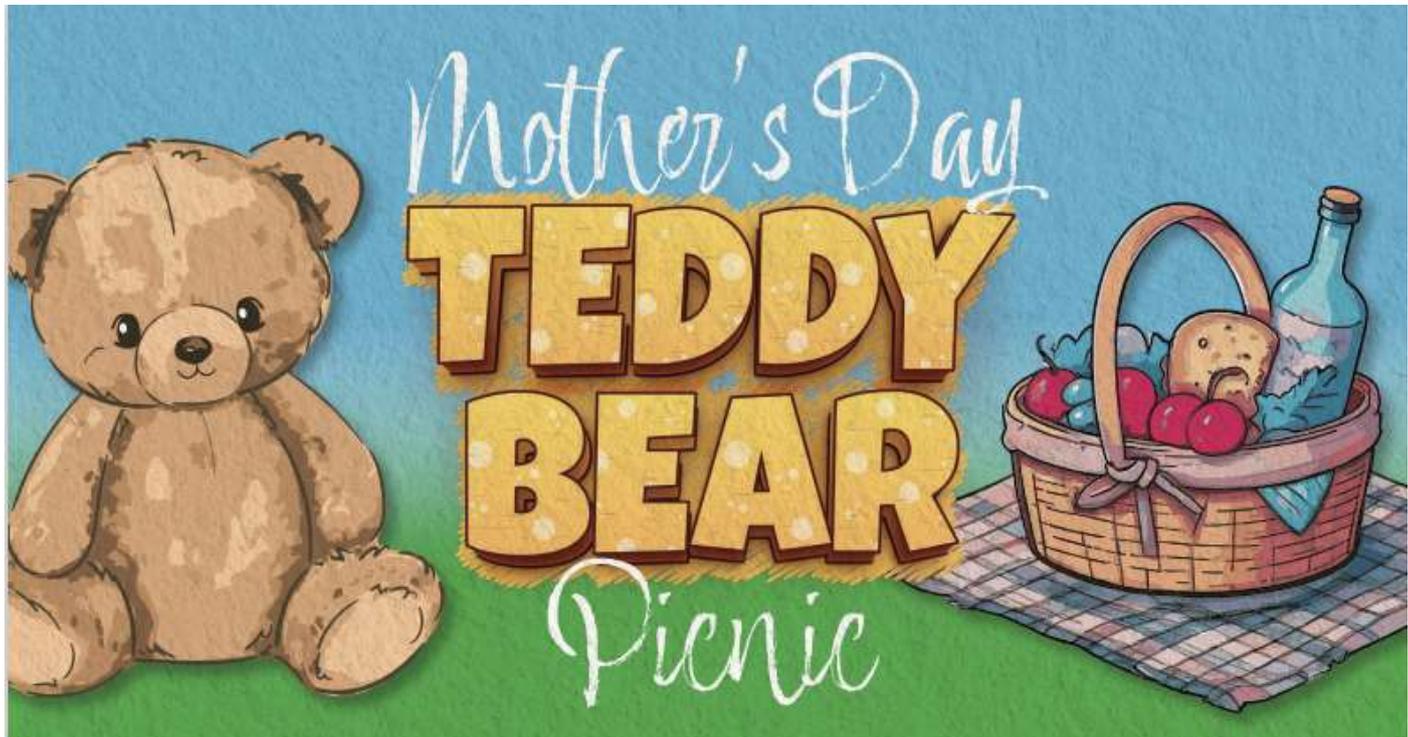
'Placement schools are varied and well chosen, including first schools, middle schools, and primary schools. Being placed locally has helped us build strong networks across the area, which feels invaluable for future job opportunities and professional connections.'

— **Millie**

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SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026 | 12PM – 3PM | ADULTS - £38 | CHILDREN - £20.00
INCLUDES COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF FIZZ FOR MUM

A DAY FILLED WITH LAUGHTER
★ **TREATS & MEMORIES** ★



Fun Activities

Children's mini-disco
Party games
Afternoon tea
A glass of fizz for every mum



Don't Forget Your Teddy!

Every child is invited to bring their favourite teddy to join the picnic



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Workshops for Families

[Wise up Calendar](#)

[Parenting Groups](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

Online Safety

[Internet Matters](#) and [Google Families](#) has lots of information, advice and support for all your concerns about your child and the internet. Why not take a look.

Free Parent/Carer Session Around Online Grooming & Exploitation, the sessions will be Led by Prevention officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated Child Exploitation Team in Avon and Somerset Police.

This session will enable participants to learn how to keep the children in their care safe online and recognize the signs of grooming and exploitation. It will provide valuable insights and practical tips to help them navigate the digital world with their children and young people.

[Avon and Somerset Police Events - 2 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please make an appointment:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Netto

Deputy Designated Leads: Mrs Brabbins & Mrs Mary Watt

Safeguarding Governor: Adrian Warman

WLT Safeguarding and Educational Welfare Lead: Dawn Tomkies

As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224
- (North Somerset) Care Connect: 01275 888 808



For more information, along with regular safeguarding updates, you can also visit:

<https://sometersafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

care.connect@n-somerset.gov.uk

