



# North Petherton community Primary School newsletter

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome Back!

What a wonderful first week back we have had at school!

It has been a pleasure welcoming our children and families back after the break, and we are especially excited to begin meeting the families who will be joining us in September 2026 as part of our new EYFS intake for Ducklings and Lambs.

This week, we have held our welcome meetings for new parents and carers, providing an opportunity to meet staff, learn more about our school community, and begin what we hope will be a happy and successful partnership.

A huge thank you must go to our fantastic PTFA for all their hard work this week. They have been incredibly busy providing refreshments for our new families, preparing beautifully presented welcome packs, organising the school disco, and, of course, running another successful Frozen Friday.

The time, effort, and dedication that our PTFA volunteers give to our school never goes unnoticed. Your support for our children, families, and staff is truly remarkable, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do. The sense of community you help create makes a real difference to school life and enriches the experiences we can offer our pupils.

On behalf of everyone at school, thank you for your continued commitment, enthusiasm, and generosity. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to all the staff for making this week a huge success, it was really positive to see such happy, well supported children who are always striving to do their very best!

We look forward to another exciting and successful term ahead. Have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Lawson and the NPCPS Team



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## NP FOOTBALL CLUB

Thank You, North Petherton Football Club!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to North Petherton Football Club for their generous donation of 10 footballs to our school last week.

The new footballs have already been put to good use during PE lessons and playtimes, helping our pupils to develop their football skills and enjoy being active together.

We are very grateful for the club's support of school sport and for investing in opportunities for our children to stay healthy, active and engaged.

Thank you, North Petherton Football Club, for your kindness and generosity.

## RAINBOW BINGO

**Thank You!**  
We raised  
**£650.79!**

The Friends of North Petherton Community Primary School want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us for a colourful evening of fun, laughter and community spirit last night.

We raised a phenomenal £650.79 at our Rainbow Bingo event. This money will directly benefit the children at our school.

Thank you to our kind sponsors A Pizza Heaven & Petherton Plaice and to you, for your continued support

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## YR5 QUINCE HONEY FARM



Yr5 enjoyed a fun filled day at Quince Honey Farm yesterday where they learnt about the life cycle bees.



## POLYTUNNEL

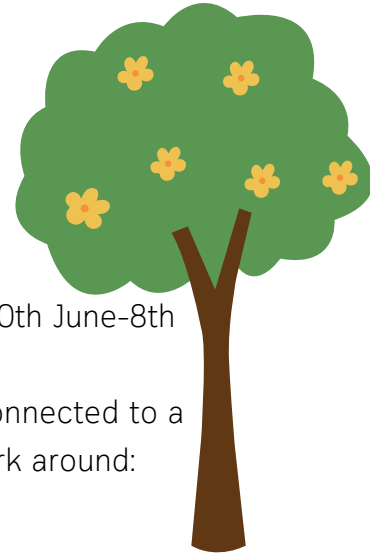
The children have been busy filling new beds, weeding and planting chillis and aubergines.

Pak choi and leeks to go outside next week!





# BEAT THE STREET



Just wanted to share that Beat the Street is returning to Bridgwater from 10th June-8th July.

Whilst it's a physical activity game on the surface, it actually feels really connected to a lot of the conversations we've been having through the neighbourhood work around:

- creating more opportunities for connection
- families accessing things earlier and locally
- reducing isolation
- helping people feel part of their community
- schools, community spaces and organisations all pulling together around something positive
- creating low-pressure opportunities for families to engage

For anyone who hasn't seen it before, families, schools and community groups collect points by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling between Beat Boxes placed around Bridgwater. It's completely free and designed so people can take part in a way that works for them.

It may be something useful to share through your own networks, community spaces or with families/residents you're alongside, particularly those who may benefit from a gentle way to reconnect with their community or build small positive routines.

One of the things that feels important about it from a neighbourhood perspective is that it creates a shared community experience that sits outside of 'services' whilst still supporting wellbeing, connection and belonging.

There is also a Facebook page with updates: Beat the Street Bridgwater



# NPCPS FAMILIES

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to thank our families, staff, governors, and wider community for their continued support.

Like many schools across the country, we continue to face significant financial pressures. School budgets remain stretched, with rising costs, delays in SEN funding and paperwork, and increasing demands on schools. The Government's SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan (White Paper) aims to improve support for children with additional needs, but many schools are still experiencing challenges in accessing timely funding and specialist services. At the same time, class sizes in England remain among the largest in Europe, placing additional pressure on schools and staff.

These challenges mean that difficult decisions sometimes have to be made. This summer, a number of fixed-term contracts are coming to an end, and we will also be saying goodbye to several valued members of staff. While these decisions are never easy, our priority remains ensuring that children continue to receive the highest quality education, care, and support. As and when funding is received, we hope to see the return of some of the staff to continue the incredible work and support they do for the children.

Despite these pressures, our staff continue to show remarkable dedication, professionalism, and commitment to our children every day. We are incredibly grateful for all they do and look forward to continuing this important work in September.

There are many ways that families can help support the school. Whether through the PTFA, volunteering as a reader, supporting fundraising events, helping with school activities, and always encouraging learning at home, every contribution makes a huge difference. Your support of our staff is equally important and greatly appreciated.

By working together, we can continue to provide the best possible opportunities for our children, despite the challenges facing education both locally and nationally.

[The Schools White Paper 2026: Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Reform - House of Commons Library](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish all our families a happy summer term!

Kind regards,



# THANK YOU



Thank you, Roger and Joe, for making our carpark look fabulous again! Your time and effort is hugely appreciated!

Roger Player and Joe Ellis our part of our governing body team and dedicated some time during the half term holiday to make it look more presentable!

What a great team thank you so much!

THANK YOU!



# NO OUTSIDERS

In our No Outsiders assembly this week, children learned about the famous cheese rolling event in Gloucestershire, where people from different countries come together to take part in a unique local tradition. We discussed how participants from all over the world are welcomed and celebrated, showing how communities can be inclusive and connected. This linked to our “No Outsiders” message, reminding children that everyone is welcome and that our differences make our community stronger.



# BIRTHDAYS

- 😊 Sophia from Leopard class who was 11
- 😊 Luca from Frog class who was 7
- 😊 Hattie from Lion class who was 11
- 😊 Georgia from Leopard class who was 11
- 😊 Eva from Lion class who was 11
- 😊 Isaac from Frog class who was 7

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# PHOTOGRAPHY, SOCIAL MEDIA & AI

As technology continues to develop, schools are increasingly reviewing how children's photographs are used and shared online. While we remain proud to celebrate our pupils' achievements through our website, newsletters, and social media channels, we also have a responsibility to ensure that children's images are used safely and appropriately.

The rapid growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology means that images shared online can potentially be copied, altered, or used in ways that were not possible only a few years ago. Whilst the vast majority of people use photographs responsibly, there are growing concerns nationally about the inappropriate use of children's images once they are available in the public domain.

Over the coming months, we will be reviewing our website and online content to ensure that we continue to balance celebrating our children's achievements with maintaining the highest standards of safeguarding and privacy. This may include reviewing the number of photographs published online, limiting identifying information, and updating our consent procedures where appropriate.

We would also ask parents and carers to be mindful when sharing photographs from school events on social media, particularly where other children may appear in images.

Our priority remains keeping children safe while continuing to recognise and celebrate the many wonderful experiences and achievements that take place in school each day.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we adapt to the changing digital landscape and work together to keep all children safe.



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Class	Child	Celebrating
Duckling	Amelia	For being a wonderful role model, a kind friend, and always trying your best with your learning.
	Jasper	For becoming more independent, making good decisions, and working hard in everything you do.
	Robin	For growing in independence and having the confidence to try new things.
Lamb	Isla	For always listening and following the school rules.
	Reggie	For an amazing effort with his phonics and reading.
	Henry	For working hard in everything he does!
	George	For always being a very kind friend.
Bumblebee	Bobbie-Rae	For fantastic listening.
	Arabella	For a super effort with her phonics.
Frog	Reece Glover	Fantastic choices, great listening, leading others to make the right choices.
	Daisy Collier	Being a fantastic, kind friend and looking out for others.
	Bonnie Baker	<u>Always</u> working hard and doing her best.



# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## June

10<sup>th</sup> June- Bikeability Lion Class

11<sup>th</sup> June- Bikeability Lion Class

16<sup>th</sup> June- Yr6 Photos

16<sup>th</sup> June- Toe Tap Sponsorship

19<sup>th</sup> June- KS1 Sports Day 1.15pm start

20<sup>th</sup> June- Car Boot Sale (CANCELLED)



## July

3<sup>rd</sup> July- Summer Fair

6<sup>th</sup> July- Yr 6 Enteprise Event 3.15-4.15pm

10<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 Sports Day 1.15pm start

14<sup>th</sup> July- Yr 6 Production

15<sup>th</sup> July- Yr6 Production

16<sup>th</sup> July - Yr2 Performance

16<sup>th</sup> July- Bikeability Leopard Class

17<sup>th</sup> July- Bikeability Leopard Class

17<sup>th</sup> July - Whole-school French day

21<sup>st</sup> July- Yr6 Leavers' Fest 2026

22<sup>nd</sup> July- Yr6 Assembly 2.00pm



# Girls Football



## Break down barriers and take your football skills to the next level

Next Level FC is a small, nurturing SEND-aware football team set up for girls with autism or associated traits. We provide a safe, calm environment with quality coaching to help girls overcome their anxiety, improve their skills and enjoy the fun of football

## Wednesdays 5.15pm - 6.15pm in Taunton For girls aged 9- 13 (Years 5 - 8)

Please contact Jennyon 07595157462 or email:

[Next-LevelFC@outlook.com](mailto:Next-LevelFC@outlook.com)

2026  
North Petherton  
Flower Show & Fun Day  
Saturday 15th August!

Schedule &  
Entry form

NPflowershow

**Children's**  
Prizes: 1st: £1.50 | 2nd: £1.00 | 3rd: 50p | Free

**2-4 Years**

- 801 Decorate a Rocket
- 802 Decorated Space Helmet
- 803 Make 4 Rice Crispy Cakes
- 804 Make and Decorate 2 Cup Cakes
- 805 Decorated Pebble

**8-10 Years**

- 850 Decorate a Rocket
- 851 Decorated Space Helmet
- 852 Make 4 Rice Crispy Cakes
- 853 Make and Decorate 2 Cup Cakes
- 854 Write and Illustrate your Favourite Joke
- 855 Decorated Pebble
- 856 Photo taken in the last 12 months

800 Decorate our front cover for 2027 (open to all children)

**We're here to help!**  
Find our recipes, templates and more on our website  
[northpethertonflowershow.com](http://northpethertonflowershow.com)

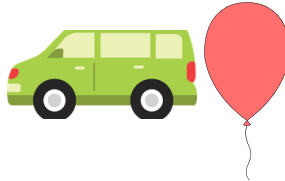
# Free STEM Make

and Take Day Brought to you by NRS, Technology for Fun, IMechE, Tersus, and National College for Nuclear

## Friday the 7th of August 2026

### Make Your Own:

Balloon Buggies



Periscopes



Coloured Spinners



Squeeze Rockets



Time Slots



09:30-11:00

11:30-13:00

14:00-15:30

Address:

National College for Nuclear  
Cannington Campus,  
Cannington  
TA5 2LS

**For Children Aged 5-12**  
**Parent/carer supervision at all**  
**times**

These STEM projects integrate **Science, Technology, Engineering** and **Maths** in a fun way, helping children see how what they learn in school can be applied in real life.

Booking is Essential - Spaces will fill up fast!

Scan me to get booked in!



# G&T SPORTS CAMP



*An Exceptional Sporting Experience for Children with a Passion for Sport*

Following the outstanding success of our **Gifted and Talented Programme** for children in Years 3 to 6, we are delighted to introduce our **Inaugural Gifted and Talented Sports Camp**.

This exclusive three-day camp is designed for young athletes who demonstrate a **genuine passion for sport**. Participants will benefit from a supportive yet challenging environment, carefully structured to develop technical ability, confidence and overall sporting performance. Led by highly experienced coaches, the programme offers expert instruction across a variety of disciplines. Children will take part in high-quality coaching sessions in **hockey, football, dodgeball, athletics and more**, providing a unique opportunity to refine skills and **maximise** their sporting potential.

**Camp Location: Bridgwater College**  
Bath Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4PZ

## CAMP DATES

WEDNESDAY 29th JULY

THURSDAY 30th JULY

FRIDAY 31st JULY

9am until 3pm

## LEAD COACHES

- **Gareth Lewis** - Lead Lecturer in Sport at Bridgwater College, with over 15 years of experience
- **John Irish** - Sedgemoor School Sport Organiser, with over 20 years of experience

## CAMP PRICING

**£30 Per Day**

**£80 All Three Days**



## What to Bring:

- ✓ Suitable sports clothing and trainers
- ✓ Plenty to drink
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Lunch

• Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

• Year Group (child has just finished):  Year 3  Year 4  Year 5  Year 6

• Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

• I permit/consent:

I give permission for my child to participate in the G&T Sports Camp.

I consent to emergency medical treatment if required.

I consent to photographs/videos being taken of my child for promotional purposes.

Additional medical information (e.g. allergies, medications): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, CONTACT: **John Irish 07534 636500**  
or email: [Championsportsandevents@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Championsportsandevents@hotmail.co.uk)

*Please return this completed form before the first day of camp.*

