



North Petherton community Primary School newsletter

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Parents/Carers,

☀️ A Wonderful Start to the New School Year!

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week and hear all about their time off and adventures. We have had an excellent start to the new school year, and I am particularly delighted to see how well our new Ducklings and Lambs have settled in. An extended warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us.

There has been some fantastic behaviour across the school, with children demonstrating outstanding attitudes to learning and consistently showing what it means to be kind, safe and respectful.

It has been lovely to see the children happy, enthusiastic and ready to learn. I am incredibly excited about the year ahead and all the fabulous learning, experiences and opportunities we have planned together.

A very special thank you to our wonderful PTFA for our fantastic new outdoor classroom/cabin, it is thanks to their amazing fundraisers and all of the community who attend them, that projects like this are possible. It is a wonderful addition to our school and will provide our children with an exciting new space for learning, exploring and creating memories together.

Children and families are invited to come up with a fantastic new name for our cabin, entries can be handed to class teachers and they will share them with me, no later than Friday 18th September please.



Thank you to our children, families and staff for such a positive start. I am looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Lawson and the NPCPS Team



ALLERGIES, MEDICAL & MEDICATION

Please ensure that the school has up-to-date information about any allergies, medical conditions or additional medical needs your child has.

If your child requires an Inhaler, EpiPen or other emergency medication, please ensure that the school has access to the medication at all times and that it is in date.

This information and medication are essential to help us keep your child safe and respond quickly in an emergency.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Dear Year 5 and Year 6 Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to let you know that we will be running a series of online safety workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers, delivered by Avon and Somerset Police.

The workshops will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 15th October, and we encourage families to keep this date free so that you can attend together.

Further details, including session times, will be shared nearer the date.

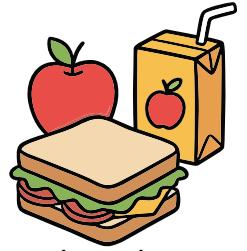
We are also hoping to offer an additional online presentation for all parents and carers in the New Year, again delivered by Avon and Somerset Police, to provide further guidance and advice on keeping children safe online.

We look forward to sharing more information with you soon.



MEDICAL UPDATES

You may have heard on the news about Benedict's Law and as part of our INSET days every staff member had specialised allergy and anaphylaxis training. As a school we are reviewing our policy and medical procedures and we are digitalising all medical careplans over the next few weeks. The school will keep you informed of any updates.



LUNCHES

A gentle reminder to please book your child's lunch through Schoolgrid. This needs to be ordered by 11:59pm the night before your child requires the lunch. If you do not order a lunch for your child, please send them to school with a packed lunch.

MCAS

North Petherton school no longer uses Parentpay and we are now using MCAS. All parents/carers have been sent an email with their login, please setup the app as soon as you have recieved it. If you are having difficulty setting up or have lost the login, please contact us at the school office.

Please do not use Parentpay or add any money to your parentpay account.





OUR INCLUSION AMBASSADORS

We are delighted to re-introduce our new Inclusion Ambassadors:

Year 2: Jaxon, Poppy, Lucia, Christabel

Year 3: Freya, Flora, Madison, Rowan

Year 4: Elodie, Felicity, Hermione, Sofia

Year 5: Olivia, Evelyn, Saoirse, Rosie

Year 5: Noah, Ivy, Florence, Charlie

Our Inclusion Ambassadors play an important role in promoting kindness, respect and belonging across our school community. They help to ensure that every child feels valued, listened to and included, regardless of their background, needs or differences. Throughout the year, they will work alongside staff and pupils to champion inclusion, celebrate diversity, support key events and help make North Petherton Primary School a welcoming place where everyone can thrive. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in their new roles.



2027 NEW STARTERS



We are already looking forward to meeting our 2027 EYFS children.

Below are the dates for children and their parents to come and look around our school and meet the teachers:

Monday 28th September - 9:30am to 10:30am
5.00pm to 6.00pm

Monday 12th October - 9.30am to 10.30am

Monday 19th October - 9.30am to 10.30am

Please contact the school office to book your preferred date.



BIRTHDAYS



- 😊 Rowan in Leopard class was 11!
- 😊 Chester in Fox class was 7!
- 😊 Jacob in Hare class was 8!
- 😊 Hendrix in Lion class was 11!
- 😊 Henry in Ducklings was 5!
- 😊 Daisy in Hare class will be 8!
- 😊 Freddie in Otter will be 9!
- 😊 Jack in Hedgehog will be 8!



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Last day of term: Friday 23rd October

5th - 9th October - Year 6 residentimtia to Liddington

20th October Harvest - EYFS in main hall 1pm, parents welcome

21st October Harvest - KS1, St. Marys's church 1.30pm, parents welcome

22nd October Harvest - KS2, St. Mary's Church 1.30pm, parents welcome

2nd November - INSET DAY

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

EYFS – 20TH OCTOBER

KS1 – 21ST OCTOBER

KS2 – 22ND OCTOBER

1:30 PM

HELP US SUPPORT BRIDGWATER FOODBANK

Please bring donations of tins, dried goods
and other non-perishable foods.

Every donation helps local people
in crisis.

Food
Donations
Welcome

Bridgwater Foodbank – Helping Local People in Crisis

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



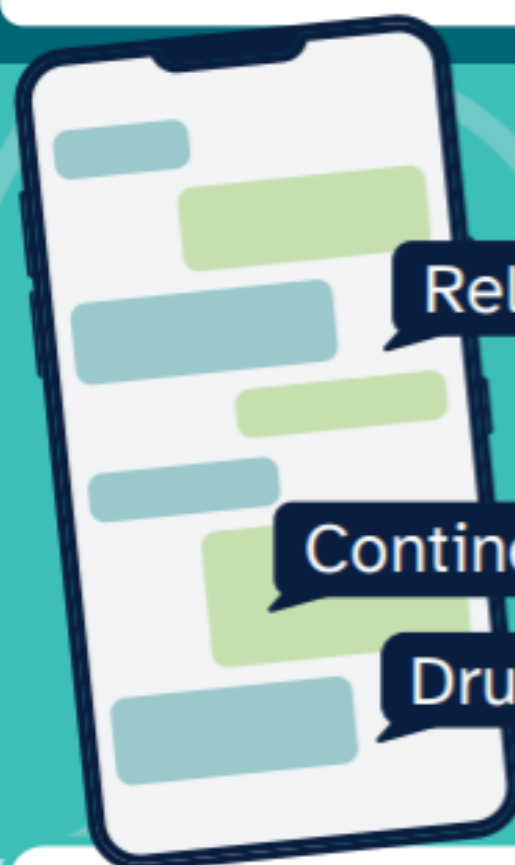
10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

 **National Online Safety**
#WakeUpWednesday



Need advice or support for your child aged 5-19?



Emotional health

Relationships

Puberty

Healthy lifestyles

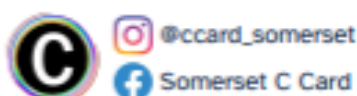
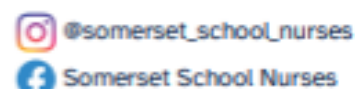
Continence

School transition

Drugs, alcohol and vaping

Confidential help, support and advice from your **School Nursing Team** is just a text away:

07480 635 515



Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of a safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

YEAR 6



PARENTING WORKSHOP



Haygrove
School

**Wednesdays 7th October, 14th October,
21st October, 4th November,
11th November & 18th November**

9.15am – 11.15am

6 Week Workshop for Parents of Adolescents 10 – 16 Years

Would you like to learn how to...



Be better at talking with your teen?



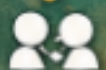
Understand your teen better?



Help your teen manage their emotions?



Prevent behaviour problems?



Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

**BOOK YOUR
PLACE NOW!**

For more information
& to register:

Call: 01278 455531

Speak to Vicky Winsper

Email: vwinsper@haygrove-qet.co.uk



FREE Outdoor Cinema at St Matthew's Field
Saturday 12 September | From 1.00pm

The big screen is coming to St Matthew's Field on Saturday 12 September, and the results are in!

Earlier this summer, we asked the community to vote for films they wanted to see at Bridgwater's first-ever Outdoor Cinema event. Hundreds of residents had their say and now the winning films have been revealed.

You spoke, we listened...

Sing will be shown at 1.30pm

The Greatest Showman will be shown at 4.30pm

This FREE community event is the perfect opportunity for families to enjoy a day out together.

Bring a picnic blanket, camping chair and your favourite movie snacks, then settle in for an afternoon of music, laughter and movie magic under the open sky. Food and refreshments will also be available on-site.

Whether you're cheering on Buster Moon and his talented performers in Sing or singing along to the spectacular songs of The Greatest Showman, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We hope you'll help us spread the word and encourage families from across Bridgwater to come along and be part of this exciting new community event.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Alice Katy

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in Taunton Somerset

COLOUR SERVICES

Roots	from £60
Full head colour	from £70
T-section highlights	from £75
T-section highlights and full head colour	from £95
Half head of highlights	from £95
Half head of highlights and full head colour	from £115
Full head of highlights	from £125
Full head of highlights and full head colour	from £145
Balayage	from £160

OTHER SERVICES

Wash cut and blow dry	from £45
Blowdry	from £25



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48 HOUR ALLERGY ALERT
A 48 HOUR ALLERGY ALERT TEST
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**Based at Eden Hair and Beauty
Prockters Farm
Taunton
TA2 8QN**

See something? Say something!

Report Anti-Social Behaviour

Scan this QR code to
report any Anti-Social
Behaviour (ASB) incidents
directly through the
online form.



Together we can keep our community
safe