



# North Petherton community Primary School newsletter

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, partnership and commitment to the school make a tremendous difference to the children's learning and wellbeing, and we are very grateful.

I would also like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for the fantastic attitude and resilience they showed during SATs week. They approached each day with maturity, determination and positivity, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they put in. Regardless of outcomes, they have represented the school brilliantly and should feel very proud of themselves.

Thank you as well to our dedicated staff team for their hard work, care and commitment this term. Their enthusiasm and support help create such a positive learning environment for all of our children.

Finally, I want to congratulate all of the children on an amazing term. It has been wonderful to see the progress they have made academically, socially and personally. Their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and willingness to challenge themselves have been a real credit to the school.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June!

Enjoy the sunshine!

Many Thanks,

Mrs Lawson and the NPCPS Team



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## CONGRATULATIONS



Well done and congratulations Mrs Rigby you marvellous maths mastery specialist!!!

We are all so incredibly proud to announce that Mrs Laura Rigby has been chosen to train as a Maths Mastery Specialist within the Boolean Primary Teaching for Mastery team across Somerset. Mrs Rigby will be training to teach maths expertly across the school and delivering maths mastery with all our wonderful teachers so our children can be extraordinarily good at maths!

Maths mastery training has been a huge success in many schools, and I know Mrs Rigby will flourish within this role across our school and throughout Somerset. A Maths Mastery teacher will ensure pupils, staff and colleagues in other Somerset schools learn and gain these valuable skills to ensure all children can achieve even more highly in maths to the very best of their ability.

Mrs Rigby is a highly skilled practitioner already but will now share her love of maths and her determination for ensuring every child is a confident mathematician and that our school is a mathematical beacon of success, No Pressure Mrs Rigby-Congratulations and Good Luck!

## POLYTUNNEL

Lots has been happening in the poly tunnel this week. Another soil delivery from Smilers, planting tomatoes and cucumbers in the raised beds and re-potting chillis and auberbines!





# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



We are pleased to be forming a partnership with the Mental Health Support Team. (MHST). MHST in Somerset is a collaboration between Somerset NHS Foundation Trust - CAMHS and Young Somerset. Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) were established to improve children & young people's access to early mental health and wellbeing services, by providing support in schools.

MHST's have 3 core functions -

- 1- To provide evidence-based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) interventions for mild to moderate mental health and wellbeing needs through: 1:1 Support (face to face or virtual), Group Work, and Support for Parents.
- 2- Supporting the Senior Mental Health Lead in each MHST school to introduce or develop a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.
- 3- Give timely advice to schools, provide signposting and liaising with external agencies to get the right support.

MHST staff are supporting our school working along side all staff, students and parents to help create a more Mentally Healthy school environment for all. We will update with more details as the partnership develops.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 😊 Oscar from Kestrel class who was 10
- 😊 Obie from Frog class who was 7
- 😊 Libby from Hedgehog class who was 8
- 😊 Archie from Duckling class who is 5 today!
- 😊 Bobbie-Rae from Bumblebee class who will be 6
- 😊 Theo from Lamb class who will be 5
- 😊 Marcel from Bumblebee class who will be 6
- 😊 Tiffany from Hare class who will be 8
- 😊 Bonnie from Lion class who will be 11
- 😊 George from Lion class who will be 11





# FOOTBALL FIESTA

We're looking forward to our Football Fiesta on Tuesday 16th June 2026 – a fun day where all children will take part in a sponsored Toe Tap Challenge, supported by professional football freestyler Stephen Gray. Stephen is a 3 x Guinness World Record Holding, Pro Football Freestyler (try saying that three times quickly!) who has a wealth of experience in performing at a wide variety of events. Dazzling crowds with his jaw-dropping skills with a football, he has showcased his tricks all over the world and is now coming to support our fundraising efforts

All children will receive a medal to celebrate their participation.

How to Sponsor

Please use the cashless link via:

<https://superkind.org/pta/friends-of-north-petherton-primary-school>

Important: Please select your child's class page when donating.

You can also share this link (or the QR code on the poster) with family and friends.



**£20.26 FOOTBALL FIESTA**

**TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

**SPONSORED TOE TAP EVENT**

**HOW MANY TOE TAPS CAN YOU COMPLETE IN ONE MINUTE?**

**CAN YOU RAISE £20.26?**

**PLEASE DONATE HERE:**

**PLEASE SELECT YOUR CLASS FUNDRAISING PAGE.**

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A motivational assembly will start the school day, before all children engage in fun and engaging workshops to complete our Toe Tap Challenge!

All children will receive a beautiful wooden medal to celebrate their achievements. For full details, please follow the QR code or link below. Thank you for your continued support.

**@STEVGRAYFS**

[HTTPS://SUPERKIND.ORG/PTA/FRIENDS-OF-NORTH-PETHERTON-PRIMARY-SCHOOL](https://superkind.org/pta/friends-of-north-petherton-primary-school)



# FOREST SCHOOL



This term we have been looking at the history and uses of native plants. Stinging nettles are a wonderfully useful herb that can provide food, string (called cordage) and kindling to help light fires. Every single part of the plant was used in ancient times! The children have been fascinated to learn how to make cordage and are surprised at how strong it is.

The door to myth and folklore was opened when talking about the May Flower, otherwise known as Hawthorn. An ancient plant used for centuries to delineate boundaries to keep cattle and sheep safe, it is also known to be a gateway to another world. It is said that if you sleep under a Hawthorn bush, your dreams will become visionary, telling you what is going to happen. You may also hear fairy music and time may pass quicker than expected. The Glastonbury Thorn is actually a Hawthorn! Both plants have great medicinal benefits for heart health and arthritis.

Not all children have had their Forest School session yet, but those who have are now confident to recognise a Hawthorn bush. Just be careful they don't slip into fairyland by mistake!

Have a lovely half term in the sunshine.

Mrs Dawson-Cable

## CATERPILLARS

Kestrel class have thoroughly enjoyed observing the fascinating transformation of their caterpillars over the past few weeks and were excited to finally release the butterflies yesterday!



## RSPCA



This week, Alex from the RSPCA at West Hatch visited each class to talk about the important work they do and the small actions we can all take to help wildlife; the children also enjoyed making seed bombs to take home and use in their gardens.



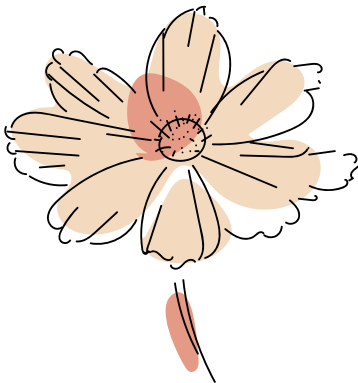


# EYFS FRIENDSHIPS

EYFS development-Learning about Friendships, relationships and how to solve small problems that are part of everyday school life;

It is so lovely to see Lambs and Ducklings growing and getting ready for the next stage in their education. As children develop friendships grow, change and sometimes become different due to interests and preferences. We encourage all the children to learn and share together respectfully. Below are some links to how children learn to share and deal with difficulties in a kind and respectful way. We hope you find this helpful.

[Promoting healthy relationships in schools | NSPCC Learning](#)



[NSPCC library catalogue](#)

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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Class	Child	Celebrating
Kingfisher	Ely	A huge (and consistent) improvement in his presentation.
	Ryan	Taking the time to ensure his work is his best effort.
	Rory	An excellent attitude to learning.
Kestrel	Noah	For being a fantastic role model.
	Charlie	For excelling in music and maths.
	Asher	For always approaching his learning with diligence and enthusiasm.
Leopard	Caoimhe	For always being a superb role model.
	Mason	For his resilience during SATs week.
	Phoenix	For her resilience during SATs week.
Lion	Freya	For her determination to always achieve!
	Ela	For producing some fantastic writing this year!
	Jack	For his fantastic production audition!



# ONLINE SAFETY



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### Advice for Half Term



The holidays are a great time for families to spend time together, relax and have fun. Being online is often part of that – whether it's gaming, chatting with friends, watching videos or using apps. Please use the advice below to help keep children safe and make the most of their time online.

A few simple steps can help keep children safe, happy and respectful online.



#### 1. SET BOUNDARIES TOGETHER

Agree clear and realistic boundaries around screen time and online activities.

- Think about when, where and how long devices are used.
- Use parental controls to help manage access to content.
- Balance screen time with rest, exercise and family time.



#### 2. TALK, LISTEN AND STAY INVOLVED

Open conversations help children feel confident to come to you.

- Ask about the games, apps and websites they enjoy.
- Listen without judgement.
- Let them know they can talk to you if something worries them online.



#### 3. CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

Help your child review privacy and security settings on apps and devices.

- Set profiles to private.
- Limit who can contact them.
- Remind them not to share personal information, photos or their location.



#### 4. THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE

Once something is online, it can be hard to remove.

- Remind children to ask themselves: "Would I be happy for everyone to see this?"
- Encourage them to respect others' privacy too.
- Take care with sharing photos of others.



#### 5. BE KIND ONLINE

Kindness online makes our school community stronger.

- Treat others how you would like to be treated.
- Don't join in with unkind behaviour.
- If something upsets you, tell a trusted adult.



#### 6. KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

It's important children know help is always available.

- Talk to a trusted adult.
- Use in-app reporting tools to report concerns.
- If something feels wrong, speak up.



#### Top tips for families



- ★ Explore apps, games and websites together.
- ★ Encourage offline hobbies and time outdoors.
- ★ Take regular breaks from screens.
- ★ Lead by example – model positive online behaviour.

Small conversations today build big confidence tomorrow.



#### Conversation starters

Try asking...

What was the best part of being online today?



Is there anything online that has made you feel uncomfortable?



Who do you talk to if something worries you online?



How can we stay safe and kind online together?



#### Need support?

If you are worried about something your child has seen or experienced online, help is available.



NSPCC  
nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety



Childline  
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111



Internet Matters  
internetmatters.org



CEOP Safety Centre  
ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

In an emergency, call 999.

Working together to keep our children safe, happy and thriving – online and offline.



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# SCHOOL DISCO

Disco tickets can be purchased here:  
[https://www.pta-  
events.co.uk/northpetherton/index.cfm?  
event=upcoming-events](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/northpetherton/index.cfm?event=upcoming-events)

The Friends of North Petherton Primary School  
present:

## Frozen Friday

**RETURNING FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2026!**

Join us at 3.15pm every Friday until the end of Term. The PTFA will be in the playground selling a selection of ice creams and ice lollies. Cash or card payment accepted. We look forward to seeing you there!

northpeterptonpta@gmail.com

THE FRIENDS OF NORTH PETHERTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT:

## SUMMER DISCO

**THURSDAY 4 JUNE**

EYFS, YRS 1 & 2: 4pm-5pm  
YRS 3 & 4: 5.15pm-6.15pm  
YRS 5 & 6: 6.30pm-7.30pm

**TICKETS:**  
**£3.00**  
VIA THE QR LINK:

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A SWEET TREAT, DRINKS & UNLIMITED DISCO DANCING!



# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## June

- 1<sup>st</sup> June- Inset day
- 4<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Disco
- 5<sup>th</sup> June- Frozen Fridays returns
- 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

## July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> July- Summer Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup> July- Yr 6 Enterprise 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


Somerset Parent Carer Forum

# 10 Year Celebration SEND CONFERENCE





Celebrating 10 Years as a CIC

Join us for a fantastic day celebrating everything SEND

 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 | 9am - 4pm

 Haynes Motor Museum  
Sparkford, Somerset

## What's Happening:

-  Inspiring Talks from experts and guest speakers
-  Your Opportunity to Talk with Local Services
-  Information Stands from a range of local providers and services.
-  Connect & Chat with other families and professionals.



## Who's it for?

Parent Carers • Families • Professionals  
Anyone passionate about SEND

Learn • Connect • Celebrate



**DON'T MISS OUT – SAVE THE DATE!**

[www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk](http://www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk)

