



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 6
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Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please see a Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Harvey or Mrs Culverhouse) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mrs Harvey or Mrs Fillingham
- We have children with nut allergies so please remember our school is a nut free school
- Mobile phones must not be used within the school grounds
- If you drive your children to school, please park responsibly on the surrounding roads

2nd December 2022

Attendance

Whole School attendance: 94.35%

Class with the best attendance this week: Ladybird Class with 97.44%

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the week, I have taken a moment to pause and reflect on all that has taken place this week and all that I have had the privilege to see.

The children's effort and determination continues to grow day by day; the children are surrounded by a dedicated and caring team in school and you as parents really support your children and the school in many ways. I am so impressed with our Bishops Lydeard school community. Just one example of this was the Dragonfly school trip to the West Somerset Railway. The availability of parent helpers to join the trip, the outfits prepared and proudly worn, the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children, and the learning experience, make me so proud of all we are achieving as a school.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we would like to continue to invite the school community in more. So, if you would be interested in going on school trips, hearing readers and supporting the BLSA or our school, please contact the office to find out ways you can help. Every hour shared really does make a big difference to our children.

We are really looking forward to the Nativity, KS2 Carol concert and school Disco (thank you BLSA) and further in the future open classrooms in February - we look forward to seeing you all there. Keep an eye on our Newsletters for future updates.

Kind regards

Lisa Harvey

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school. Please check all packed lunch items to ensure that they are nut free. Many thanks



Christmas is coming!

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 8th December

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on Thursday 8th December (with uniform). Donations will be collected for Save the Children.

Nativity Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December

Ladybird and Rabbit classes will be performing *Jesus in the Manger* on Monday 12th at 10am and Tuesday 13th at 2pm. Booking link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/AMGXL5M6bc>

Christmas Service, Wednesday 14th December

Parents are invited to join us for our Christmas service at St Mary's Church at 10am on Wednesday 14th, led by Owl, Badger and Dragonfly classes

BLSA Christmas Discos, Wednesday 14th December

The BLSA are providing a Christmas disco as a treat for the children. Further details will be sent on Monday.

Christmas Dinner, Thursday 15th December

Christmas dinner will be served on Thursday 15th December. Please book on ParentPay by midnight on Wednesday 7th December.

Citizens Advice Advisers

If you are in financial crisis and live in England or Wales, please call **0808 2082138** for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

Alternatively, please call 0300 304 8000 to speak to Somerset West and Taunton Council who will be able to issue you with a food bank voucher if necessary.

Food Pantry Somerset

There is a Food Pantry in Wellington (Rockwell Green) and one in Taunton (Rowbarton Methodist Church). These are open to anybody on any income where you pay £3.50 per family, per week and you can get between £15 -20 worth of food. For more information, visit [Local Pantry Rowbarton](http://LocalPantryRowbarton.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk) (somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk) or www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

Dragonfly Class trip to West Somerset Railway Heritage Centre



Our intrepid evacuees spent the morning at Bishops Lydeard train station. Not only did they look fantastic, but they also were impeccably well behaved and had such a fun time. We learnt the history before and after the evacuation and explored what it would have been like, what we could pack and what our welcome would be like. The children were especially impacted by the children lottery. Each child was given a slip of paper telling them where they would be living for the next few years. Some children were not chosen and had to spend the night knocking on doors to find somewhere to live.

Open Afternoons

Save the date for our open classroom afternoons next year. We look forward to welcoming parents back in to the classrooms to share children's learning. Classrooms will open at 2.45pm on the dates below:

Friday 10th February
Friday 31st March
Friday 12th May
Friday 7th June

Gold Book

- Ladybird** Christo for his enthusiasm in Nativity rehearsals. Ida for always coming to school with a smile.
- Rabbit** Jesse for working hard this week to reflect on his choices and manage distractions. Aubrey for making a fantastic effort in the carnival and being creative when creating his fish and trident. Jacob for a fantastic first week in Rabbit Class. Kai and Jessica Ch. being fantastic table partners, helping each other and always focusing on their work. Lucas being a fantastic 'seller leader' during our nativity rehearsals and having confidence to lead others.
- Owl** Caleb for excellent improvement in the quality of his handwriting. Navayah for never giving up even when it is hard. Fergus for excellent problem solving in maths. Hugo for excellent effort, concentration and determination in his learning
- Badger** Alfie for being kind and patient. Leo G. for working incredibly hard.
- Dragonfly** Ben for brilliant samba rhythms. William Ca for always being willing to help out and welcoming people to school with a cheery 'good morning'. Freya for great story telling and description in her writing. Amelia for brilliant ideas for description in a diary. Romilly for excellent book recommendations. Conor for a detailed summary of a book and recommendation. John for always reading avidly at home.
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NO
MOBILE
PHONES

Please do not use your mobile phone while on school site. Many thanks for your support.

	December	5 th , 12 th Dec	Badger Class Swimming
		7 th	Owl and Badger class trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum
		8 th	Christmas Jumper Day
		12 th	KS1 Nativity 10am performance
		13 th	KS1 Nativity 2pm performance
		14 th	Christmas service, St Mary's Church 10am
		14 th	Disco
		15 th	Christmas dinner