



# Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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**Newsletter 9**  
**Spring 2022-2023**

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 Mr Dakin) 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

20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Attendance

**Whole School attendance:** 94.29%

**Class with the best attendance this week:** Dragonfly class with 98.61%

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union has declared strike action, which will take place on dates through February and March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay.

**Given current indications from staff, Bishops Lydeard Church School will be open as usual during this period. Please send your child in as normal.**

On attendance:

At Bishops Lydeard Church School, the education of every child in our school is of the utmost importance to us. We want each child to be able to fulfil their potential and leave our school being the best they can be. There are many ways this can happen, but one of the main ways is children being in school, on time, every day.

In line with current guidance and legislation, schools may only authorise term-time leave in exceptional circumstances. We understand the importance of family time and the difficulties in rearranging holidays which were delayed or cancelled by the pandemic, however we must inform you that term-time holidays will not be authorised.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences may result in the Local Authority issuing you with a Penalty Notice. Penalty notices can be issued to each parent for each child when term-time leave is taken.

The Attendance Action Alliance has worked with the Department for Education to develop a short attendance guide for parents. It can be viewed at [DfE external document template \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,  
Lisa Harvey

## Pupil Premium explained for Parents: Is your child entitled?

### **Which pupils qualify for free school meals?**

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance=
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

### **What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?**

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

### **What is the pupil premium?**

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals.
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010.
- Are, or have been, in care.
- Have parents in the armed forces.

### **How is the pupil premium funding used?**

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

### **How can I ensure the school gets the funding?**

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals.
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch.

#### Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to Mrs Fillingham in the school office.

If you **do not** have access to a computer to complete your application please contact the school office, they will be able to help you.

#### External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

#### Apply for free school meals

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained>

## Reminders



Please do not park or drop children off on the yellow zig zags outside school.

Please do not use the school car park for drop off/collection. We ask this as doing so increases the risk of an accident occurring.



NO  
MOBILE  
PHONES

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

## 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



## Second Hand Uniform

We hope you were able to take advantage of our recent uniform sale.


We still have a large amount of donated second hand uniform available and will display it on a regular basis but if you would like to look through before then or need something specific, please do contact the office at any time. Items are available for free or for a donation.

## Gold Book

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- Ladybird** Ruan for excellent handwriting. Zachary for fantastic independent writing in English
- Rabbit** Jessie-Lyn for gaining confidence in the classroom and being a fantastic tidier-upper. Ela for being a kind, helpful member of the class who is always helps and thinks of others. Jessica for always putting fantastic effort into all of her work.
- Owl** Charlie has been working hard on his quantity and quality of writing. He is becoming more focused. Imogen is a super class helper. Always willing to support the teacher and friends to make the environment loving. Malachi is working hard in every lesson and setting himself challenges to progress. Emilly and Crystal have show dedication to their learning, effort and doing the little bit extra to improve. Fergus has shown continuous high quality handwriting and because of this has earned his pen license.
- Badger** Ruby, Yasmina and Cecily for great enthusiasm for their learning, completing lots at home to share in school.
- Dragonfly** Oscar and Amelia for their determination in Maths. Kaden for his effort and concentration in his learning. Bruno for good oracy discussion skills. Romilly for fantastic contributions to class lessons. Shaun for fantastic progress towards his writing target. Ellis for excellent skills in PE. Freya for a wonderful array of effective adjectives in her writing. William Ca. and Ben for brilliant control and accuracy in their writing.

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	<b>January</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	Owl Class Swimming
		Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Guide dog visit KS1
	<b>February</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	Owl Class Swimming
		w/c 13 <sup>th</sup>	Half-term

**B**ishops  
**Lydeard**  
**L**players

present the  
pantomime



# Little Red Riding Hood

By **Paul Reakes**

**February 2023**

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>, Fri 17<sup>th</sup>**

**& Sat 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Nightly @ 7.30pm  
and**

**Sat. Matinee @ 2.00pm**

**At Bishops Lydeard  
Village Hall**

**Tickets: £8 Adults .. £4 Under 14's**

**From Marion tel. 07761 688564**



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