



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 2
Autumn 2023-2024

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

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

29th September 2023

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please see a Safeguarding Lead (Mr Dakin or Mrs Crane) or ring Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224
- If you notice a Health & Safety concern, please report it to Mr Dakin 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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is time to say goodbye to our hut. This is because it is getting a complete refurbishment! Starting in half-term and finishing by Christmas, the hut will be transformed with new windows, walls, roof and doors.

This will give us a new classroom, an intervention space and a place to hold meetings with our whole school community. It is exciting to see how Bishops Lydeard Church School is growing and getting better and better every day. I look forward to seeing the progress with you.



James Dakin
Head of School

Attendance

Whole School attendance to date: 95.57%

w/c 18th September

Class with the best attendance:

Rabbit Class with 99.11%

100% attendance: Well done to Oliver W. who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 121 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.

w/c 25th September

Class with the best attendance:

Ladybird Class with 99.59%

100% attendance: Well done to Milly who won this week's raffle! Congratulations to all 115 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this week.



Message to parents and carers, from the Executive Headteacher



I am honoured to extend a warm welcome to all of you as we embark on another exciting year at Bishops Lydeard Church School. As your Executive Headteacher, I am thrilled to be part of this wonderful school and community.

In my role as Executive Headteacher, I will be working closely with Mr Dakin to provide strategic direction and support to our teachers and staff. Together, we will build upon the school's past successes and embark on the next phase of our journey. Since 2019, I have worked as an Executive Headteacher within the Bath and Wells Trust, this year I am leading three other schools alongside Bishops Lydeard Church School. This means that my time is divided among the four schools. During my days at Bishops Lydeard, I will also be welcoming children at 'the school gate' and available to chat with families. Please feel free to approach me with any questions you may have or just come and say 'hello'.

Mr Beament

Message to parents and carers from the Head of School



As Deputy Headteacher, teacher and a member of our school community for the past seven years, I am thrilled to be undertaking my new role as Head of School. I know how special our community is and how much this school means to everyone. Our previous leadership left this school in an incredibly strong place. My aim is to continue that journey of development and growth, ensuring everyone invested and involved in the school is the best they can be. I look forward to speaking with you all and sharing the joys and successes of your children over the coming months.

Please keep reading our newsletters and other information shared to find out what is happening in school and how we are enhancing our educational offer throughout the year.

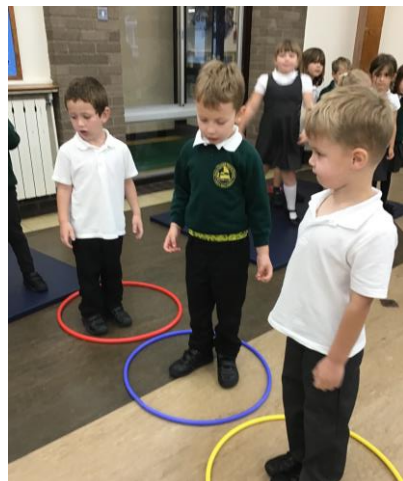
On behalf of Mr Beament and myself, thank you for being part of our school community. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, and we look forward to working with you all.

Mr Dakin

Ladybird Class

The children have enjoyed exploring a variety of learning opportunities in their continuous provision as well as developing their communication and language skills. It has been lovely to see them all working together so well and taking pride in their environment.





Jigsaw/PSHE: Ladybird class have been learning to be a part of a whole class team. We talked about what that looks to help everyone learn in class and then we did some team building activities to join us together. It was a lot of fun and a good challenge.

Rabbit Class

Science: Everyday materials.

In Science, we have been learning about everyday materials. We undertook a materials hunt around the school ground to help us identify what materials different items are made from. We made some fantastic observations about what we could see and named lots of materials accurately.

Maths: Place Value.

In Maths, we have been learning all about place value. We have become experts at understanding the concepts of 10s and 1s and how we can partition numbers in different ways. The children have enjoyed using a variety of different resources to help them.





Owl Class

Music: We looked at playing simple rhythmic and melodic patterns on a variety of percussion instruments. We discussed the similarities of a Xylophone and Glockenspiel and how they sound so different. We looked at different beaters before the children worked in groups to create their own melodic patterns. They had lots of fun and were very creative with the instruments and patterns made.





English: In our invent week for English, we have been looking at writing following the same story structure as our core text 'Ben and the Stolen Diamond'. Last week we innovated it to 'Charlie and the Climbing Wall'. Our whole class example follows a young, mean and ruthless boy called Bruce who goes on an adventure deep into a snow-capped mountain cave and discovered a dinosaur egg. In our writing we have been focussing on using contractions, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Example of some sentences written this week:

'Jack was a shy, young boy who lived in a colossal house with lots of money.'

'As quick as a flash, her eyes fell upon three shiny, small chicken eggs in a nest made of hay.'

'Sneakily, she started to grab the film. Her hand stretched closer and closer until she couldn't stretch anymore.'

Badger Class



In Computing last week in Badger Class, we explored Purple Mash's 2Code Gibbon programme. We created backgrounds and objects and edited their attributes using the given tools. We then created blocks of code to make our objects move and respond in various different ways to actions coded into the algorithm.



In PE, Badger class played invasion games. Our focus of the term is Hockey. These photos show the class learning to hold a hockey stick correctly and invade a space against a defender. They were amazing, listened well and were safe!!



Dragonfly Class

In Science this term we are exploring forces and magnets. To start our learning we used our scientific skills to investigate how different surfaces affected the movement of a toy car. We had to make sure we investigated scientifically by keep most variables the same and only changing the surface used. We also had to make sure that we were accurate with our measuring.



School Library

A huge thank you to the many children from KS2 who help keep our library tidy. They can often be seen turning books around so that the spines can be seen, organising books by the same author or in the same series and making sure that all the coloured books match up. If anyone has any books which they have finished reading and would be happy to donate to our school library, we would love to give them a home and enjoy reading them.

Self-portrait tea towels

As part of our BLSA fundraising this term, the children have designed a brilliant whole-school **self portrait tea towel**.

It will make a great present for family and friends while also raising money for the school! The product is 100% cotton and is very high quality.

As the tea towels will be printed to order, would you **please complete your payment by Wednesday 4th October via Parentpay**.

The cost of each tea towel is £6. Order now so you don't miss out! Thank you for your support from the BLSA.



Flu Vaccination, all year groups

The NHS Immunisation Team will be in school on Wednesday 18th October to offer the flu vaccination spray. Please visit <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to give or refuse consent by 17th October. The school code for the form is SM142402.



Update from Bishops Lydeard Community Library

w/c 2nd October is Library Week – Our theme for the week is Green and there will be activities and information available.

Puzzle Corner – a selection of jigsaws is now available to borrow

Thermal Imaging Camera Loan Scheme

After last year's successful pilot scheme in South Somerset Libraries, the Thermal Imaging Camera Loaning Scheme is launching across all Somerset Libraries (including Community Libraries). The scheme enables customers to borrow an easy-to-use camera unit that connects directly to your smartphone or tablet (Android or Apple) and will provide you with a thermal image of your home or building. The image can then be used to interrogate and identify potential improvements, such as requirements for insulation and draught proofing within your home to improve your energy efficiency, as well as to reduce heat loss and fuel bills.

The cameras will be available soon to request for free from any Somerset library by a Somerset library user (with full adult membership) and can be borrowed for up to 3 days (renewals are not permitted).

Things to do: There is a trail of pictures for children to find, with a little prize for finding them all. There are also activities for children – colouring, lego, duplo and jigsaws.

Opening hours: · Monday 10 – 4 Wednesday 10 – 4 · Friday 10 – 4 Saturday 10 – 1

Volunteering - if you are interested in volunteering at Bishop's Lydeard Community Library, please telephone Iain Hunter on 01823 433016 or email iain.hunter@btinternet.com

Thursday 5th October - School meals taster day

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have the opportunity to try school lunches on Thursday 5th October even if they have also brought a packed lunch: roast dinner, followed by jelly, fruit or yoghurt.

Starting school for the first time

Parents and carers of children due to start Reception in September 2024 can apply for places from now until 15 January 2024.

[Apply to start school for the first time](https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu) ([somersetsaint.co.uk](https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk))

Moving to secondary school

The application website for parents and carers of children moving to secondary schools is now open and parents and carers can apply for places for their children from now until 31 October 2023. Please visit:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

Gold Book w/c

- Ladybird** Kayson for showing focus and following instructions to achieve his best learning. Henry for excellent effort and focus in his letter formation.
- Rabbit** Samuel for always being super helpful within the classroom and securing his knowledge by sharing it with others. Matilda for her fantastic endurance in all of her learning and for being a caring friend to others. Olivia-Danielle for always being ready to learn and gaining confidence when sharing her ideas with others.
- Owl** Precious for great effort and improvement in her writing. Kai for his positive start to each day and his respect for the learning environment.
- Badger** Edie for being exemplary by having neat and tidy work in her books. Wilson for showing spectacular endurance and effort with his learning this week. Archie for outstanding effort, respect and aspiration. Seren for showing amazing confidence in her second week at our school.
- Dragonfly** Alfie for looking out for others and being a fabulous friend. Cecily for fantastic descriptive sentences. Leo G for excellent effort and for supporting others. Frankie for excellent effort. Oliver K for excellent focus in writing. Matilda for super description and story telling. Ruby and Kesha for fantastic independent writing.

Dates for your diary

October

Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th October
Thursday 12th October

Monday 16th October
Tuesday 17th October
Wednesday 18th October
Thursday 19th October
w/c 23rd October

Dragonfly Class Swimming
Tempest Photography in for individual photos
Parents' Evening, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
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Flu Vaccinations – all year groups
Harvest Service
Half-term



**Bishops
Lydeard
LP
players**



Present An Evening of

"Comedy & Variety"

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st October 2023, 7.30 – 9.30pm
Bishops Lydeard Village Hall

Come and join us for our comedy and variety October production, which will be presented on two evenings.

The first half of each evening will be a selection of acting and musical sketches by members of the Youth Group, age 6 - 15, to showcase the talents of this lively team of up-and-coming Players.

The second half will be a one act comedy play '**Alas Poor Geoffrey**' by Alistair Faulkner, performed by an all-female cast from our Adult Group. The play is set in the 1960s. A family gathers in a comfortable suburban home for the funeral of Geoffrey, who leaves behind grieving female relatives. But it soon becomes clear that there is some disharmony in the household. This is a comedy, full of intrigue and misunderstandings with wartime memories and family secrets.

Both the Youth Group 6 - 15 years, and the adult group 16 and above, welcome new members. Contact us on Facebook if you would like more information!

Tickets: Adult £8; Under 14 £4

NEW FOR 2023! We now have an online system for ticket purchases,
www.ticketebo.co.uk/bishops-lydeard-players
or via the link on our Facebook page

For all other enquiries, please message Marion: 07761 688564
Bar available at all performances (Cash only)



October - Inspired Sports Camps



23rd - 27th October



Schools:

- Northgate - Bridgwater
- The Blue School - Wells
- Woolavington Village Primary - Nr Bridgwater



£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount



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