



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Newsletter 13
Summer 2023-2024

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

Respect

Endurance

Friendship

3rd May 2024

Staying Safe

- If you have a Child Protection (Safeguarding) concern, please see a Safeguarding Lead (Mr Dakin, Mrs Crane, Miss Collins) 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

Attendance Whole School attendance to date: 95.02%

w/c 22nd April

Class with the best attendance: Rabbit

Class with 98.15%

100% raffle winner: Amelia

Pupils this week with 100%: 123

w/c 29th April

Class with the best attendance: Rabbit

Class with 92.68%

100% raffle winner: Zachary D

Pupils this week with 100%: 109

BLSA Fund 'RAISIN' Challenge

Thank you so much to everyone that returned raisin boxes to school filled with coins for our fundraisin' campaign.

After all boxes were checked and verified, we would like to say congratulations to Owl Class who, after some clever thinking, succeeded in returning the most boxes!



We are absolutely delighted that together we have raised a massive £304.52!!

As all classes really got involved and supported the event, we are pleased to confirm that Mr Dakin has extended the winning prize to the entire school - we hope all children enjoy the **non-school uniform day on 7th June** and thank you again for supporting the campaign!

Summer Raffle

Children will be bringing home raffle tickets for you to sell/purchase to help us raise money for the school. There are some fabulous prizes to be won. The draw will take place on Friday 24th May (Sports Day).

The BLSA Team

Bikeability – volunteers needed

Year 5 pupils will be taking part in a cycle training course, run by Somerset Road Safety, during the first week of June. In order for the course to run, we will need the assistance of a parent volunteer on each day. If you have a bike and helmet and are able to help on any of the following days, please contact the school office:

Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 4th June

Wednesday 5th June

Thursday 6th June

Many thanks for your support.

School Car Park

The school car park is reserved for staff, visitors on school business, those using breakfast club and after school club, and those who have a blue badge. This is to ensure we reduce the risk to children who walk in through the main school gates, guarantee there is space for all who are visiting the school and make sure there is fairness to the whole school community.

We ask that you respectfully park on Hamber Lea, or in the surrounding areas, and walk your children in using the pavements and crossings.

Wise Up Workshops

NHS Somerset are running a series of information, support and education workshops for parents and carers on the following topics:

- Helping your child understand the changes that come with growing up
- Understanding sensory differences
- Supporting communication through play

For more information about these and other courses, go to: [WISE Up Workshops \(somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk\)](https://www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk)

Nursery



The nursery children have been learning about repeating patterns. They first made a pattern with cubes, using only two colours. Then they painted the pattern onto their 'caterpillar'.



The children were being scientists this week. They explored magnetism, finding different places where the magnetic building blocks would 'stick'.



Ladybird Class

English

The ladybird class really enjoyed the WOW that we created for our new story in English. We found lots of giant footsteps around the school and playground as well as some shiny coins and a big golden egg. We spent time trying to work out who we thought had visited our school.



Maths

This week the reception children have been learning all about directions and how to give clear instructions. We blind folded some of the children whilst the other children had to give clear directions to help direct them around the classroom.



Rabbit Class

Maths

In maths, we have started learning about time. The children have enjoyed exploring telling the time using the vocabulary of 'o'clock' and 'half past'. The children used clocks to make a time for their partner to read and used a handy little rhyme to help them know which way the hands go!



Geography

This term in Geography, we are exploring the question 'What makes Africa amazing?' The children enjoyed immersing themselves in the culture of Africa and learning some traditional African dance moves.





Owl Class

Maths

We have begun our unit of learning on Time. We had a great start to our unit using the clocks to show given times. We looked at how the hour hand always moves too and used our fraction knowledge to split the clock and the hour intervals into quarters.



Geography

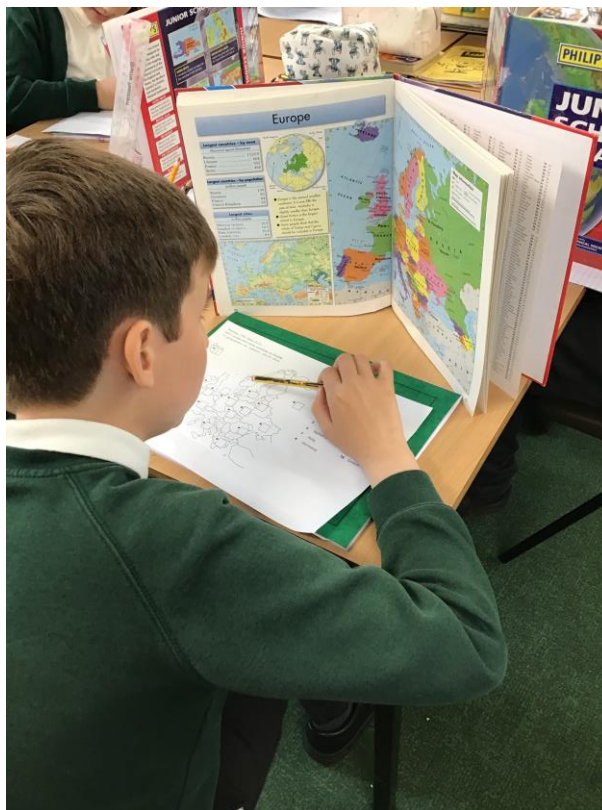
Our topic focus for this term is 'Food, Glorious Food!' We have begun by looking at countries in Europe and South America. In this lesson, we used the Atlases to label the countries in South America and key features. We will be moving onto looking at food miles and produce we eat that comes from South America.



Badger Class

Geography

This term we are diving into a Geography unit that focuses on South America, in particular its physical and human features, biome and trading links. But to understand the locale of South America, the children reactivated knowledge about the continents of the world, including Europe. They used an Atlas to understand where the European countries were in relation to each other.



Maths

Understanding volume is a tricky thing, which is why Badger class used cubes to help them visualise the volume of an object in cm cubed. It was great to have a hands-on maths lesson with physical representations.



Dragonfly Class

Art

Having explored different ways of shaping and joining clay and experimenting with making coil pots and thumb pots, Dragonfly Class - at the end of last term - created pots in the more geometric style of Alison Britton. This term they painted them with designs similar to those of Alison Britton. It was fantastic to see the care when making and decorating and the end results were amazing.



Music

This term Dragonfly Class are applying their learning to compose and perform their own music. They wrote rhythm music with at least 3 different layers and performed these as a group in time with a steady beat. It took a lot of focus to read the music and perform their part independently of others but sounded fantastic when put together.

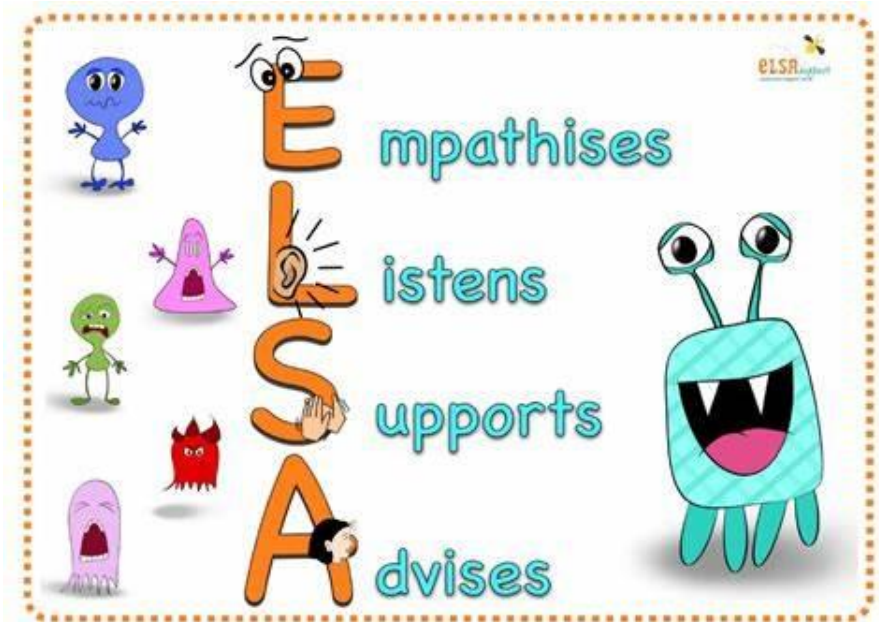


Can you help support ELSA?

We are very pleased to be able to offer ELSA sessions to our pupils here at Bishops Lydeard Church School.

ELSA stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. ELSA support is designed to help schools support the emotional needs of their pupils.

ELSAs are trained by educational psychologists to plan and deliver programmes of support to pupils who may be experiencing temporary or long term additional emotional needs, such as anxiety, grief, issues with emotional control, self-esteem and so on. It acknowledges that children and young people learn best when they feel happier and their emotional needs are being addressed.



Can you help?

I am looking to brighten up and develop the space where this valued work takes place, making it warmer and more welcoming for the children. I would appreciate any donations of the following items that you no longer have use for:

- Throws/blankets
- Cushions
- House plants
- Fidgets and sensory items
- Arts and crafts materials
- Games. (e.g. UNO, Dobble are particular favourites with the children)
- Puppets
- Play doh
- Yoga ball
- Lava lamp

Many thanks for your support
Miss Neale (BLCS ELSA)

Dates for your diary

May

w/c 13th May KS2 SATs week

w/c 20th May KS1 SATs week

Friday 24th May Sports Day

w/c 27th May Half-term

June

Friday 7th June Non-uniform day

July

Thursday 4th July Ladybird Class trip to Bear Town

Friday 5th July Rabbit Class trip to Bear Town



Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship

In this role you will work in partnership with staff, parents, carers and their children to provide high quality, inclusive, fully integrated early years provision for the children.

You will adopt a flexible and professional approach in promoting the development, welfare and potential of all children and their families.

Location: Bishops Lydeard, Taunton

Working week: Monday to Friday, term time only.

Total hours per week: 30.00

Annual wage: £9,984 pro-rata

Level and expected duration:
Level 2, 15 months.

Call Somerset Skills & Learning for more information / apply online

0330 332 7997 [ssllcourses.co.uk](https://www.ssilcourses.co.uk)

SOMERSET SKILLS & LEARNING



Bishops Lydeard Church School Terms and Holidays 2024/2025 Academic Year

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
M		2	9	16	23	30	Mo			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25
Tu		3	10	17	24		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			5	12	19	26
W		4	11	18	25		We		2	9	16	23	30	W			6	13	20	27
Th		5	12	19	26		Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th			7	14	21	28
F		6	13	20	27		Fr		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29
Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30
Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	
December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
M		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27	M			3	10	17	24
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March 2025							April 2025							May 2025						
M		3	10	17	24	31	M			7	14	21	28	M			5	12	19	26
Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1:** 03 September – 25 October 2024 (39 days)
 - Term 2:** 04 November – 20 December 2024 (35 days)
 - Term 3:** 06 January – 14 February 2025 (30 days)
 - Term 4:** 24 February – 04 April 2025 (30 days)
 - Term 5:** 22 April – 23 May 2025 (23 days)
 - Term 6:** 02 June – 23 July 2025 (38 days)
- TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2024/25

Christmas Day	25 December 2024	Easter Monday	21 April 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2024	May Day Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
New Year's Day	01 January 2025	Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025	Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

Bishops Lydeard Community Library

NEW free sessions in the library for pre-school children, babies and toddlers. No need to book, just come along.



- Storytime with Lisa – Mondays 11-11.30 (term-time only) – lots of stories and rhymes
- Sing & Sign with Suzanne – Wednesdays 11-11.30 (term-time only) – learn signing through stories and songs

Changes to the Somerset Library Computer System – the existing system will soon be updated to a new one.

- From 23 May to 6th June, there will be a reduced service while the changes take place.
- The library will remain open on its usual days, and you will still be able to borrow and return books. Please bring your library membership card with you.
- Any items due for return in this period will be extended until 15 June.
- It won't be possible to make reservations during this period.
- The library website and app will not be available until 7th June, you will be unable to log on to your account, reserve items or search the library catalogue.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

Children can read anything they like and collect free rewards for their reading. Just pop into the library or visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to sign up.

This year's Challenge is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library. We can't wait to get creative!

The Challenge starts in the library on Saturday 6th [July](#) or you can register online.

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 while books are chosen

Copies of local newspapers, magazines and leaflets are in the library to read. It is also a good location to find out about other village activities. Jigsaws are available to borrow.

Opening hours

- Monday 10 – 4
- Wednesday 10 – 4
- Friday 10 – 4
- Saturday 10 – 1

May Half Term Holiday - Inspired Camps



28TH TO 31ST MAY

- 9am - 3pm (Late and Early at Northgate)
- Multi-sports
- Champions League Football Camps

At venues in and around Bridgwater

- NORTHGATE
- NORTH PETHERTON
- WOOLAVINGTON



Medals for all



Presentation ceremony on the final day



£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% Sibling discount

  
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HENRY Healthy Families programme online

Give your child a great start in life

The HENRY programme is completely **FREE** to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old.

We will send you details of how to join online.



The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is a 1 hour live session and a couple of videos to watch before each session. You'll also receive a free toolkit with lots of fantastic resources, delivered to your home. The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment!

Programme details

Online groups will be running from mid-May in the Bridgwater, Taunton and Shepton Mallet areas.

Please note that each group has a maximum capacity of 6 families so please do get in touch if you would like to join us, in order to save your space and get your toolkit sent out in good time!



Get in touch to sign up now!

Contact Us

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