

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 5 Federation Value – Celebration

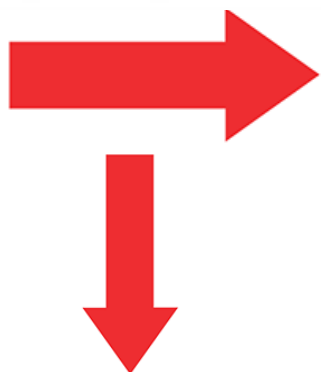


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2024-2025 Term Dates:

Term 1 – Mon 2nd Sept 2024 – Fri 25th Oct 2024
Term 2 – Mon 4th Nov 2024 – Fri 20th Dec 2024
Term 3 – Mon 6th Jan 2025 – Fri 14th Feb 2025
Term 4 – Mon 24th Feb 2025 – Fri 4th April 2025
Term 5 – Tues 22nd April 2025 – Fri 23rd May 2025
Term 6 – Mon 2nd June 2025 – Tues 22nd July 2025

Inset Days:

Monday 2nd Sept 2024
Tuesday 3rd Sept 2024
Friday 25th Oct 2024
Monday 6th Jan 2025
Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 2nd June 2025

Important Dates - Term 4

- Sunday 30th June – Backwell Walking Carnival
- Monday 1st July – BJS Year 6 and Class Photos
- Tuesday 2nd July – Move-Up Day
- Friday 5th July – 3J Cake Sale
- Monday 8th July – Year 3 Visit from Rainforest Dave
- Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 Leavers Production – Dress Rehearsal 2pm
- Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 Leavers Production 6.30pm (parents invited)
- Thursday 11th July – Year 1 trip to Clevedon Pier
- Thursday 11th July – Last Tennis Club at WL
- Thursday 11th July – 4C Class Assembly
- Friday 12th July – Last Athletics Club at WL
- Tuesday 16th July – Prize Giving at BJS 9.15am
- Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Service 2.30pm @ St Andrew's Church
- Friday 19th July – Reports out to Parents
- Friday 19th July – Last Gym Club at WL
- Monday 22nd July – BJS Open Evening Time TBC
- Tuesday 23rd July – WL Year 2 Leavers Service at 9.15am
- Tuesday 23rd July – BJS Leavers Service – School Hall
- Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of Term 6
- Monday 2nd September – Inset Day 1
- Tuesday 3rd September – Inset Day 2
- Wednesday 4th September – Start of Term 1

Rabbit Class News

Rabbit Class had an amazing time during our recent Geography Day. We dressed up in clothes that showed a country we had links to or were interested in. Some of the many countries represented were Wales, Ireland, France, Japan, Brazil and the Arctic. We had a lot of fun finding these places on a world map.



We had some special visitors. Tata Marie shared interesting facts about Paris and taught us some French. We also had a chance to do some Greek cooking and made an orange syrup cakes. It was very yummy!!



Year 2 Walk to Backwell Lake

On Tuesday 11th June, Year 2 visited Backwell Lake to look at the plants and wildlife that live there. We looked around the water, in the grass, and in the lake itself with the help of Tom the environmentalist. We saw lots of different animals, including swans and signets, water snails and water scorpions. We then took part in a storytelling workshop with Michael. We had a fantastic time!



WL New Corridor Vinyls



Thanks to our wonderful PTA, we were able to secure a large grant from Stancombe Quarry towards the design and installation of new wall art in our school. The PTA very kindly funded the additional amount needed.

After much discussion with the School Council, it was decided that our school would benefit from a World Map in the Badger and Owl corridor; a timeline in the Year 2 corridor; the West Leigh Wishes in the school hall; and a bright welcoming display in the reception area. The School Council did a fantastic job thinking about what was needed to support our learning as well as making our school and corridors warm and welcoming. A huge thank you to Stancombe Quarry for the grant; to our amazing PTA for helping us secure this grant plus making up the difference; 'Promote Your School' who designed and installed the wall art; and our brilliant School Council for making such great decisions!



WL Sports Day

Amazingly the weather behaved itself for our West Leigh Sports Day on Thursday 20th June! There was amazing teamwork, determination and even a little bit of competitiveness both on the track and with the 'field events'. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part with enthusiasm and with a smile on their face! Thank you to everyone who was able to come and cheer everyone on and a special well done to everyone who took part in the parents' race!



WL Sports Day Pictures cont'd



Year 2 Explorer Dome

On Friday 21st June, Year 2 had a very exciting visit from the Explorer Dome. It allowed us to consolidate all of our geography and science knowledge. We learnt about different habitats and climates, the animals that live in them and even got to see dry ice. What an amazing experience!





Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 13th June

Reception – Autumn, Elvina

Year 1 – Amber, Billy, Theo, Finley

Year 2 – Dean, Daniel

Thursday 27th June

Reception – Isa

Year 1 – Wilson, Hattie

Year 2 – Hunter, Sammy



A HUGE 'Thank You' to all parents, carers, grandparents, family and friends for your continued support of PTA events and initiatives. Most recently, our funds have been used to support and enhance the Geography Day on 18th June and the Explorer Dome which Year 2 enjoyed last week. We have more projects planned and look forward to updating you on them soon! In the meantime, a few special thanks and updates...

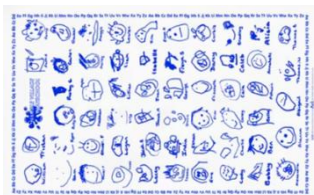
WL & BJS Joint Summer Fair - THANK YOU!

The joint West Leigh and Backwell Junior School Summer Fair was a huge success last weekend. THANK YOU SO MUCH to everyone that came on the day, supported from afar, baked cakes, bought raffle tickets and donated tombola prizes. We are thrilled to announce we raised a magnificent £4044 which will be split equally between the two schools.

Extra special thanks to the amazing volunteers who organised, set up and manned the various stalls on the day and to those that helped tidy up at the end. We cannot run these events and raise the money that we do to support the school without volunteers, so thank you thank you thank you. Same again next year?!

Brand new Wall Art!

The school have now had fresh new Wall Art installed in the reception area, hall and corridors thanks to a grant from Stancombe Quarry and PTA funds. If you pop your head into the reception/school office area you will see vibrant new graphics welcoming visitors to the school and below you can see what now adorns the wall in the Year1/Reception corridor.



Tea Towels

The tea towels order is now in and we are hoping to get these back very soon and will let everyone know when they are here!

Matched Funding

In previous years the PTA has been really well supported by parents who work at companies who operate a matched funding scheme, where the parents' companies 'match' charity fundraising undertaken by their employees – so they donate the same amount to the charity, on top of what has already been raised! It's been an amazing way to boost the PTA funds, so if you work in a company that does this, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you! Companies we have been supported by in the past are Lloyds and Hargreaves-Lansdown - however, it is a scheme operated by many, so please check with your HR department to find out if this is something available to you too!

Party Kit Hire

Love parties, hate waste? Save money and the planet, and raise money for West Leigh PTA at the same time! Hire our party kit with everything you need for up to 30 children - plates, bowls, cups, jugs, trays and serving bowls plus some bunting to brighten things up. Collection and return is in Backwell. Hire is £5, plus £20 refundable deposit when returned clean and undamaged.

To check availability, book a slot or for any other questions contact Amy at westleighpta@gmail.com

BACKWELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

Our Backwell B awards include: **Be your Best**, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**

Celebration Assembly - 7th June 2024

Year 3 - Charlie Ca, Thomas and Olivia

Year 4 - Ben and Elise

Year 5 - Cody, Zara and Jess

Celebration Assembly - 14th June 2024

Year 3 - Chester and Joseph

Year 4 - Joseph and Alice Ro

Year 5 - Eve

Year 6 - Alex, Oliver and Indy D

Celebration Assembly - 21st June 2024

Year 3 - Elizabeth and Cole

Year 5 - Lauren and Olive

Year 6 - Grace R and Willow

CONGRATULATIONS!



BJS – Morfa Bay

What a fantastic time Year 6 had at Morfa Bay, the weather was wonderful and the children came back happy but exhausted!

Activities included abseiling, zip lines, archery, crate stack, sea activities and of course the muddy assault course.

The week ended with a BBQ and disco – thank you to all the staff that attended and of course Year 6 who all made this residential a trip to remember 😊



BJS - Mural

The school council are thrilled with the new mural. They worked closely with the Artist Sophie Rae to create something which reflected the progress they make at school and the values we hold. There are three bees within the picture to represent our Backwell B's and each of our houses are shown through the seeds and leaves of each tree to show how the children arrive with us as seeds and grow into trees. Please do come and take a closer look 😊



Parking at BJS

The school office have received a large number of neighbourhood complaints regarding parking at school. There has been an increase in the number of parents dropping their children off by car directly opposite Backwell Juniors. We'd like to remind everyone that it is illegal to stop on the painted zig zag lines outside school, but it is also unsafe to park on the road due to the narrowness of the lanes etc.

Several children have mentioned that they feel unsafe walking to and from school due to the speed and number of cars on this road and so we politely ask for you to refrain from dropping off in these areas and park on Dark Lane and walk the short distance to school to drop off/pick up. This additional 5 minutes is a small ask given these safety concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.



BOOK CORNER



The Book Corner is an opportunity to celebrate everything we love about reading here at Backwell Juniors. From monthly book recommendations to reading support/ updates/ events- it can all be found in the Book Corner!

Library Summer Reading Challenge

The Library Summer Reading Challenge is back for 2024! We look forward to an assembly with the library service on Wednesday 10th July but in the meantime, here is some information about this year's challenge:



Children – unleash your creativity with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers!

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.

All children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

Children can read anything they like (really – anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. Just pop in to your local library or visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to sign up. Whether you're a budding artist or a dreamer of distant worlds, there's sure to be a book to inspire you on our shelves.

This year, we're painting outside the lines and dancing to the rhythm of our own stories with a challenge focused on creativity! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone.

The Challenge starts on Saturday 6th July and runs until Saturday 14th September across all North Somerset libraries

MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2. These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. **These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library** 📖

JUNE

	 <p style="text-align: center;">Fiction book of the month</p>	
<p>Interest age: 9+ Independent reading age: 10+ <i>Set in Juniper five years before A Kind of Spark comes a powerful coming-of-age story from award-winning author Elle McNicoll. As Keedie and her twin Nina approach their fourteenth birthday, they seem to only be growing further apart. Keedie instead feels drawn to, and fiercely protective of, their quiet younger sister Addie – who on the surface is the opposite of loud and fiery Keedie, but in fact they have more in common than anyone knows.</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 8+ Independent reading age: 9+ <i>Deep in the heart of Swansea, Wales, lives a small girl with some big secrets to keep. Secrets that make her one of the best actresses on the planet - because no-one would ever think that, away from school, Audrey is the sole carer for her increasingly sick mam and her two younger siblings ... or a seasoned thief. Inspired by her beloved collection of stamps, her friendly neighbourhood postman (and fellow stamp collector), and her two best friends, off Audrey must go: on an adventure that will lead her to places - and hearts - she never knew existed.</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 8+ <i>This book will explode in 5 minutes. NO TIME TO LOSE! Agent Hamier must follow the red wire and defuse the bomb before it's too late. Will our canine spy extraordinaire save everyone from being blasted to smithereens? And just WHO planted the wretched bomb in the first place?! Be careful not to bark up the wrong tree, Hamier – it looks like something very fishy could be *ahem* afoot. . . This stylish graphic novel is a funny, punny twist on the traditional spy caper.</i></p>
		
<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 8+ <i>On the Gods Squad in Ancient Egypt in the new hilarious adventure from the bestselling author of the Who Let the Gods Out series!</i></p> <p><i>The Gods Squad is back!</i></p> <p><i>Vesper and Aster are in knots.</i></p> <p><i>Wicked Egyptian immortal Seth has kidnapped the Sun God, Ra.</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 9+ Independent reading age: 9+ <i>A gripping, page-turning mystery adventure from the bestselling author of modern classic The Goldfish Boy</i></p> <p><i>Cory dreads Sunday evenings. It's school the next day, where a bully is picking on him and he's struggling to keep up in class. The night before a Monday that will include a maths test and another lonely lunch break, Cory wishes that the weekend would never end... and when he wakes up the next day, time has reset itself to Sunday morning. This is amazing! He can lounge about all day watching TV, have pizza for dinner over and over again and play the lottery knowing which numbers will win big! But Cory soon longs for life to move on - can he break the time loop and bring the forever weekend to a close?</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 8+ <i>Two boys and a microraptor. A dark, mysterious forest. And a squad of army-trained mercenaries searching for them. What could possibly go wrong? Falling behind their classmates on a school trip to the Alps, Finn and Milo stumble upon an egg buried in ice. Later that night it hatches and a 65-million-year-old baby is born: Arty is a microraptor, brought back from extinction. But keeping her safe proves harder. Wicked scientists will do anything to get their hands on her, and soon Finn and Milo must run for their lives ...</i></p>

We'd love to hear from you if you read any of the above! Write or type a book review and hand in to either Mrs Barnard or the school office 📧



Backwell Junior School PTA News

Summer Fair Thank You!

Backwell Junior School Association and West Leigh Infants PTA would like to say a huge thank you to anyone who came to the Summer Fair on Saturday or bought raffle tickets beforehand. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and to see the children enjoying themselves on the inflatable assault course, playing games and soaking a teacher.

Our final total was just over £4000! This will be split equally between the two schools and BJS will be adding to our total via Matched Funding.

We'd like to say an extra thank you to all our volunteers who helped with the planning and organisation beforehand or who helped out on the day. We couldn't run events like this without your support so thank you!

End of Year Disco

On Tuesday 23rd July we will be running an End of Year Disco at the Parish Hall for the children to celebrate the end of the school year with their friends. Years 3 & 4 will be discoing 4:30pm – 6pm, Years 5 & 6 will be discoing 6:30-8pm. Ticket sales will start and more information will follow on 1st July.



Mural Update:

Over half term the mural on the wall of 5PB was completed by Sophie Rae and looks fabulous. Thank you to the School Council for their amazing design ideas and input on this project.



I.T Fundraiser:

This year the majority of our fundraising will go towards new I.T equipment for the classrooms. The eventual aim is for each classroom to have 15 pieces of I.T equipment (tablets or laptops) plus a storage/charging unit for them. We currently have 4 of these fully filled storage units across the school.

I.T equipment is such a necessary part of school life and can be used in every subject to benefit the children's education.

The committee had a meeting with Mr Webster and Mrs Steel recently to discuss the best way to use the funding we raise and it was decided to prioritise the school's I.T equipment plan.

If you would like to donate [directly](#) please [CLICK HERE](#).

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Fundraising Events Totals

Summer Fair - £4067.34

Class Cake Sale Totals –

6S – £90.82

5B – £119.27

Thank you all for your support!

BJS UPCOMING EVENTS

Fundraising Events-

Sponsored Sunflower Growing Competition – 1st May – September

End of Year Disco – 23rd July

Class Cake Sales-

3J - Friday 5th July

Polite Notices



Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for term 6 so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Many thanks.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please can you ensure that you leave a message or email the office to let us know by 9.30am on the day of absence and each day thereafter. In your message please could you give a brief overview of the symptoms rather than just saying "unwell". The reason for this is so that we can identify if there is a certain illness that is circulating and take any steps possible to minimise the spread.



Wrap Around Care – Important Information

Please ensure that Premier Education are contacted directly for any amendments to bookings or collection arrangements, all contact details are detailed here:

Backwell Junior School:

Site Phone: 07707878334 - Active between 7:15 & 8:30am for BSC / Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - c.clarke@premier-education.com for information regarding updates for the day, or collection passwords if somebody different is collecting.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.

West Leigh Infant School:

Site Phone: 07707800019 - Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.



BACKWELL WALKING CARNIVAL

Sunday 30th June 2024

Walking Together Towards a Sustainable Future

Backwell Climate Action Group - Walking Carnival - Entry Submission

Finish: by Scout Hut

Start: Spar

WALK 2PM-3:30PM FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AT THE SCOUT HUT

Email: backwellclimateactiongroup@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Sustainable Backwell

nailsea carnival & fayre

Saturday 6th July 2024
Millennium Park, Nailsea

IT IS ON!
SIGN UP NOW!

Groups of **all sizes** welcome
Scan the code to register your entry
info@nailseacarnival.org.uk
www.nailseacarnival.org.uk

Nailsea Carnival Committee is a team of volunteers supported by 1st Nailsea Scouts, a charity registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission registration number 305628. The registered office of 1st Nailsea Scouts is The Activity and Training Centre, Clevedon Road, Nailsea, BS48 1EH.

We are promoting **toilet twinning.org**

Supporting **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

TABLE TOP SALE

1st Backwell Monday Cubs
Scout Hut Rodney Road
29th June
11am – 4pm

Monday Cubs are running a table top sale in aid of charity.
Come along to pick up a bargain or to grab a coffee and cake.

Table space available to sell your unwanted items

Standard table space 80cm x 150cm - £10

If you have larger items that won't fit on a table or if you want to use a clothes rail you can book an

Overize space - £15

Limited table space so book early to avoid disappointment

Email – shaunbuxtonsmith@icloud.com

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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

23 DAYS OF FOOTBALL DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Nailsea School | Reception - Year 7 | From £17 Per Day

MOR	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		24 JULY Camp 1 - Day 1	25 JULY Camp 1 - Day 2	26 JULY STRIKER DAY
29 JULY Camp 2 - Day 1 Premier League Monday	30 JULY Camp 2 - Day 2 Including Pumas	31 JULY Camp 2 - Day 3	01 AUG Camp 2 - Day 4	02 AUG ENGLAND DAY Including Pumas
05 AUG Camp 3 - Day 1	06 AUG Camp 3 - Day 2 Including Pumas	07 AUG Camp 3 - Day 3	08 AUG Camp 3 - Day 4	09 AUG EUROS DAY
12 AUG Camp 4 - Day 1	13 AUG Camp 4 - Day 2 Including Pumas	14 AUG Camp 4 - Day 3	15 AUG Camp 4 - Day 4	16 AUG FIFA DAY
19 AUG Camp 5 - Day 1 Premier League Monday	20 AUG Camp 5 - Day 2 Including Pumas	21 AUG Camp 5 - Day 3	22 AUG Camp 5 - Day 4	23 JULY STRIKER DAY Including Pumas

23 DAY SEASON TICKET! (ONLY £15 PER DAY) MORE PUMA CAMPS THAN EVER (GIRLS YEAR 3 - YEAR 7)

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pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004





SAMPLE DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINK FROM OVER 25 LOCAL SUPPLIERS, INCLUDING...

FREE ENTRY TOUT'S Food Fest is back for it's 3rd year and its bigger and better than ever! Join us with friends and family and spend the afternoon sampling delicious local food and drinks, listening to local band 'The Wild Nights Duo' and enjoying a drink from our outside bar.

There will be activities to keep the children busy, as well as the chance to try a complimentary dish from The Maple restaurant.

Local Suppliers: Ginger Beards Preserves, SHEPPY'S, Kimberleys, winnies, NEMPNETT, THATCHERS, WOGAN, Filbert's, TRUE START, GET more VITS, BECKFORD'S RUM, BATH CHEESE, Real Olive.

Activities: 'FARMERS MARKET' 25+ LOCAL SUPPLIER STALLS, LIVE MUSIC!, ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN.

Other: FREE FOOD TICKET UPON ENTRY, TOUT'S OUTSIDE DRINKS BAR.

Competition: ENTER OUR WIN A HAMPER! COMPETITION. RAISE MONEY TO PROVIDE FOOD: MADL. Making a Difference Locally.

More event details (with QR code)

Lancy winning a LOCAL hamper?

Worth over £100! (with image of hamper)

TOUT'S Complete your details below to be in with a chance of winning:

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email: _____

Hand in your completed entry to the TOUT'S stall on 26th July 2024

By completing the above information you will be entered into the raffle. By doing so you give permission to contact you should you win. All entries will be destroyed once the winner has been drawn.

FRI 26th JULY 2024 **12pm until 4pm**

a FREE event for the community

TOUT'S FOOD FEST 2024

'FARMERS MARKET' 25+ LOCAL SUPPLIER STALLS

LIVE MUSIC!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN

TOUT'S FREE FOOD TICKET UPON ENTRY

OUTSIDE DRINKS BAR

DATE: Friday 26th July 2024, 12pm until 4pm

LOCATION: The Orchard, TOUT'S Cleeve, BS49 4NR

TRAVEL: We have organised additional parking at Cleeve Cricket Club (BS49 4PP) which is a short walk to TOUT'S Cleeve. There is limited parking on-site so please walk or use public transport if possible, bus stop located on-site.

More parking available for 2024

ENTER OUR WIN A HAMPER! COMPETITION

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