

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 3 Federation Value – Respect



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Important Dates



**Our next INSET day
will be on:**

Friday 14th February



Important Dates – Terms 4

- Thursday 13th February – BJS Valentines Disco at Backwell Parish Hall
- Friday 14th February – INSET Day and End of Term 3
- Monday 24th February – Return to School
- Monday 24th February – WL Explorer Dome
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Details TBC
- Thursday 6th March – WL Author Visit – Maudie Smith
- Thursday 6th March – Aspens Smoothie Making with Reception Classes
- Friday 7th March – BJS Author Visit
- Friday 7th March – BJS 3J Cake Sale
- Tuesday 11th March – WL Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Wednesday 12th March – BJS Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
- Thursday 13th March – BJS 3J Class Assembly, School Hall 10.15am
- Thursday 13th March – WL Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm
- Thursday 13th March – BJS Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm
- Friday 14th March – BJS Non School Uniform Day, Bring an Easter Egg
- Friday 14th March - WL "The Big Quiz" Night 7:30pm WL School Hall
- Tuesday 18th March – BJS 5JR Class Assembly, School Hall 10.15am
- Tuesday 18th March – BJS Swimming Gala (Afternoon)
- Thursday 20th March – BJS 5B Class Assembly, School Hall 10.15am
- Monday 24th March – Friday 28th March – BJS Book Fair
- Monday 24th March – Tuesday 25th March – BJS Y5 Church Day
- Friday 28th March – BJS 6C Cake Sale
- Monday 31st March – WL Talent Show PM (Children only)
- Wednesday 2nd April – BJS Easter Service, St Andrew's Church 2.15pm
- Thursday 3rd April – WL Spring Sing 2:30pm
- Thursday 3rd April – WL Easter Disco (see Federation Calendar for times)
- Wednesday 2nd April – BJS Easter Service, St Andrew's Church 2.15pm
- Friday 4th April – Last Day of Term 4
- Tuesday 22nd April – Return to School for the start of Term 5



Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 6th February

Badgers – Rosie

Hedgehogs - India

Owls - Rosa

Rabbits - Oliver

Squirrels - Felicity

Pre-Loved Uniform

As all the kids seem to grow in the blink of an eye, the PTA run a pre-loved uniform shop to raise funds for the PTA and to reuse school uniform. This year, the PTA have set up a new system for buying pre-loved uniform to make it accessible all year round. It has now been streamlined via a website and request form. You can check the stock of items, make your order and then the uniform fairies will collate and place the items on your child's peg within a week or so and payment is made online. Please use this link to see all the info and the items we have in stock:

<https://sites.google.com/view/wlsecondhanduniform/home?authuser=2> All items are £1.

We are in desperate need of items with the school logo on, old or new. Especially jumpers and cardigans from age 5 upwards, also blue and white non frilled polo shirts.



We were delighted to be presented a cheque for £222.62 by the Lions Brass4Youth group after the hard work they had put in touring the area, bringing Santa to your homes back in December. The money raised by them has been divided up to a variety of charities. A huge thank you to those that came out to say hello and donate to the school and a special thanks to the PTA volunteers who rattled their money boxes through the driving rain to be greeted by very excited children. A joy for us to do.

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. 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 Mariam at westleighpta@gmail.com

Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

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

Celebration Assembly - 31st January 2025

Year 3 - Ruby and Josh

Year 4 - Logan and Chester

Year 5 - Libby and Jack

Year 6 - Dot and Evelyn

Celebration Assembly - 7th February 2025

Year 3 - Milo and Mollie

Year 4 - Ingrid H and Anais

Year 5 - Zara and Sophie

Year 6 - Eve and Vela

CONGRATULATIONS!





Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for rest of the term 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.

Parking at BJS

The school office have received a large number of neighbourhood complaints regarding parking at school and in the surrounding roads. 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 not permitted 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.

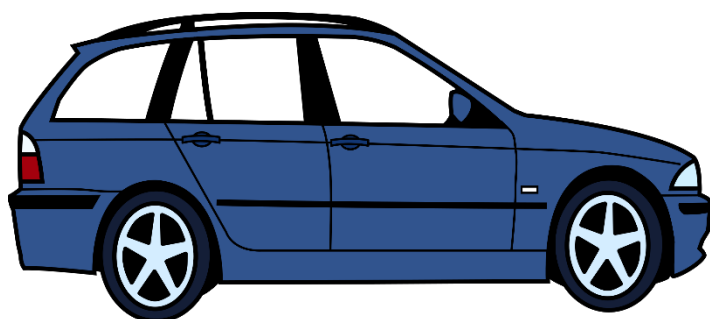
Several children have mentioned that they feel unsafe walking to and from school due to the speed and number of cars on this road and so we politely ask for you to refrain from dropping off in these areas and park on Dark Lane and walk the short distance to school to drop off/pick up. This additional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

Large vehicles have been unable to pass on Church Lane and the congestion level at school times is excessive.

As well as being very concerned about reports of people being rude to other road users and our neighbours we are very concerned that if larger vehicles are unable to pass then emergency vehicles will also be unable to reach a destination in an emergency situation which in turn could have devastating results to the community.

We ask you all to consider your parking – leave a little earlier for a space near school or park a little further away in a safe manner. Community Police have been informed and we have requested assistance in managing this going forward.

Thank you for your cooperation.



At February Half Term

The Meeting Point Team
(with support from Michael Loader)
bring you.....



A graphic on a pink background. It features a large green outline of the number '30'. Inside the '3' and '0' are red, branching tree-like structures. The text 'A Play on Words' is written in black along the top curve of the '3'. At the bottom left, 'Tuesday Break' is written in yellow. At the bottom right, 'A Play on Words' is written in black.

Parish Hall

Tuesday 18th Feb

10-11am(ish)
Infant(ish)
Session

11-12 noon
Junior(ish)
Session

Activities for
siblings
available

11am Cake



Family Holiday Activities

at Wells Cathedral

Medieval Masterpieces

17, 18, and 19 February 2025

Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make souvenirs to take home!



Monday 17: Wonderful Windows Take inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral windows to make your own artwork.

Tuesday 18: Cosmic Clock Experience the wonders of Wells Cathedral's Astronomical Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.

Wednesday 19: Clay Creations Explore the Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then make a clay boss to take home.



FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!



Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am–3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



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