

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 6 Federation Value – Celebration



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Important Dates – Term 6

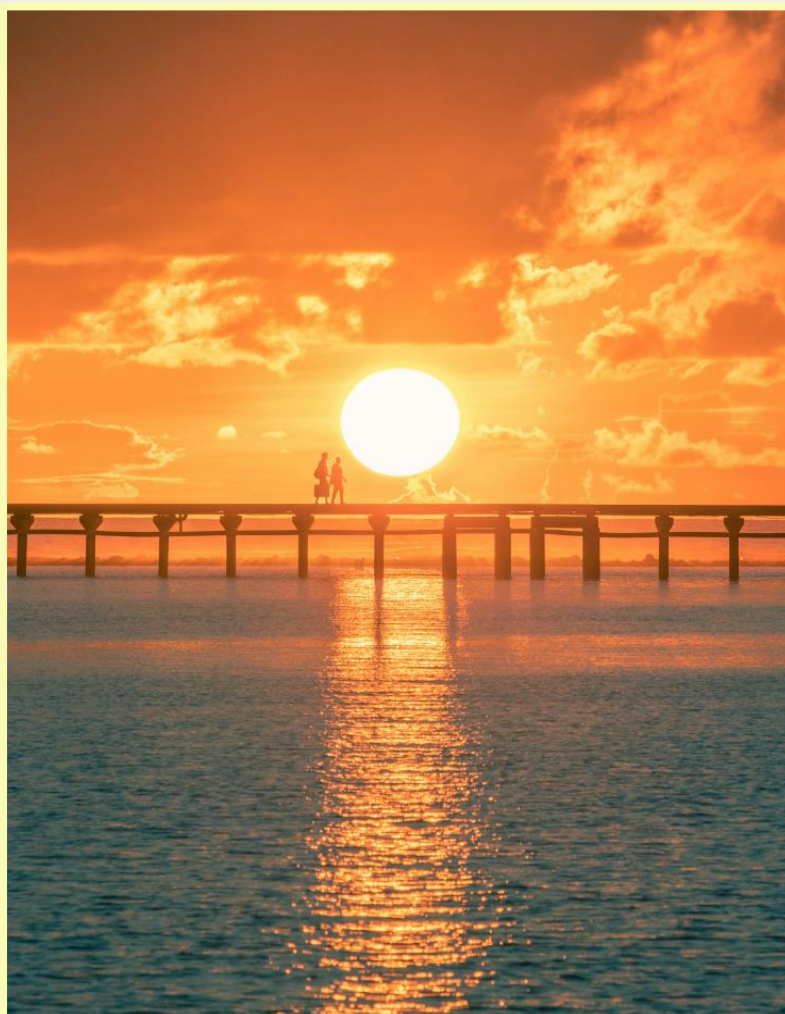
- Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term

Important Dates – Term 1

- Tuesday 2nd September - INSET DAY
- Wednesday 3rd September – INSET Day
- Thursday 4th September – Children Return to School
- Friday 26th September – WL Tulip Photography Individual Photos
- Monday 13th October – BJS Tulip Photography Individual Photos
- Tuesday 21st October – WL & BJS Nasal Flu Vaccines (All Year Groups)



**Our next INSET days
will be on:
Tuesday 2nd September &
Wednesday 3rd September**



Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 3rd July 2025

**Hedgehogs – Oliver & Blake
Owls – Oscar & Ivy R-C
Rabbits – Matty & Ethan
Squirrels – Arabella & Joe**

Thursday 10th July 2025

**Badgers – Lottie-Mae & Theo
Hedgehogs – Erika & Ivy W
Owls – Grant & Phoebe
Rabbits – Mia & Marcus
Squirrels – Amber & Felix**

Thursday 17th July 2025

**Badgers – Wilf & Roxy
Hedgehogs – Reuben
Owls – Charlotte & Callista
Rabbits – Ben, Bernie & Finley
Squirrels – Brody & Romilly**



2024-25 Year Fundraising Review

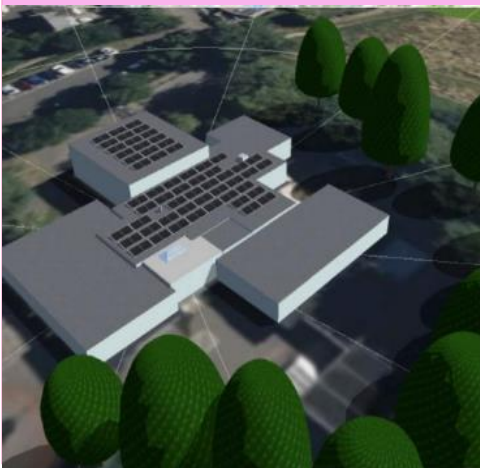
 Cake sales £423	 Discos £792	Pre-loved Uniform £230	Christmas Fair  £2,535
Secret shop £659	 Nativity recordings £412	Christmas cards £108	 Santa float £244
Summer fair £2,197	Easter Quiz night £534	 Yoga event £160	Party box hire £40

Total fundraising this year £7,522

2024-25 Year Spending Review

Explorer Dome (KS1) £390	Reception Playground £10,000 (Built up reserves)	Trip subsidies & visits  £444	
IT / AV equipment £334	 Author visit £274	 Forest school £4,500	Classroom supplies £546 (tbc)
Happy Puzzle Co visit £585	Arts week supplies & Dance workshop £426	Leavers' hoodies & disco  £360	

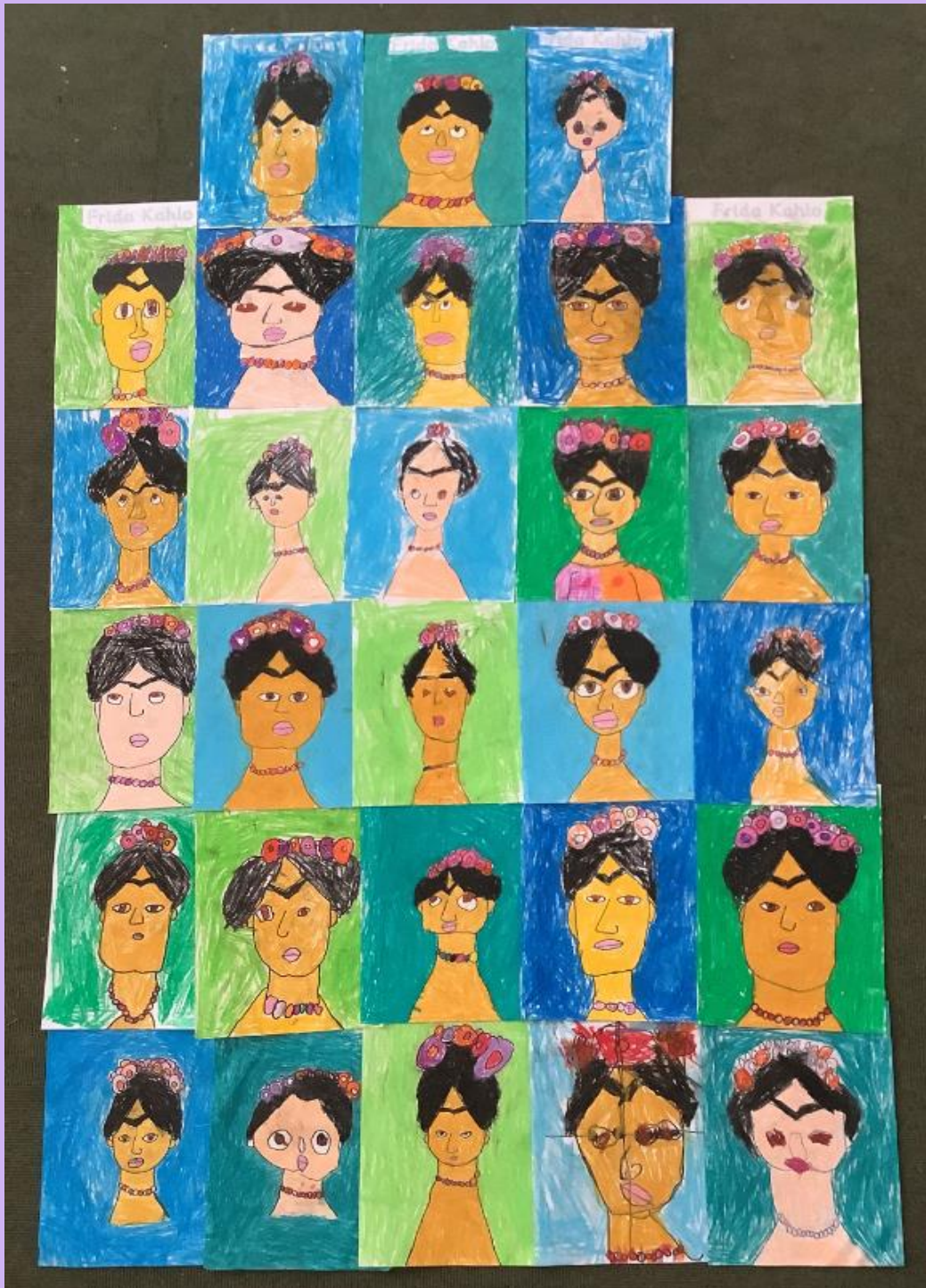
Total spend this year £17,860 (est.)



West Leigh Solar Panel Project

Thank you all so much for your support with our Solar Panel Fundraising Venture. During Sports Week, each class was set a target of raising £250 through a sponsored event. You completely smashed the target set, raising just over an incredible £3087

This now brings the grand total raised so far to £14,836.82



Frida Kahlo

Owl class have been enjoying our recent Art project on Portraits and Self-portraits. As part of this project, we have looked at the work of Frida Kahlo and the children have created their own Frida Kahlo portraits.

They concentrated really hard to follow the steps of the drawing tutorial and carefully chose their pastels to create these vibrant pieces. Mrs BG was so proud of the whole class for all the effort and concentration that went into this brilliant work - well done Owls!

Reptile and Insect Visit

Our Year One children were very excited to welcome Iain McElarney and his interesting pets to West Leigh last week.

Iain introduced the children to some large cockroaches, George the Monitor Lizard, and the pythons Caramel, Peaches and Cookie.



Iain taught us lots of fantastic facts about the reptiles and the children were lucky enough to be able to handle the snakes too!

We were impressed with how calmly the children sat while the pythons were on their laps, and it was wonderful to see how much they could remember about reptiles at the end of the session. Thanks to Iain for volunteering to visit us again this year!

Year One – Reptile and Insect Visit



Year One – Reptile and Insect Visit continued



How to be Sun Safe with Shade Man



Sunscreen must be applied before you go outside in the sun for it to work



Wear sunglasses and don't look directly at the sun



To keep protected you should use all forms of cover including hats, sunglasses, clothing, sunscreen and shade



Wear a hat such as a sun cap like mine to keep your head cool and protected



Don't stay in the sun any longer than 15 minutes without protection



Keep hydrated, especially on very warm days



Always play in the shade



Reapply sunscreen regularly even when using 'once a day' and 'water resistant' sunscreens



For more downloads including a Sun-Safe Activity Pack, go to: www.abreconopies.co.uk/shademan

With Summer on the way, and temperatures on the rise, please ensure you send your child/children in with a sunhat, sunscreen and a full water bottle.

Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

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

Celebration Assembly - 4th July 2025

Year 3 - Felix and Isla

Year 4 - Logashini and Ezra

Year 5 - Ralph and Rose

Year 6 - Seb and Bibi

Celebration Assembly - 11th July 2025

Year 3 - Harriet and Sophie

Year 4 - Loveday and Orla

Year 5 - Tadg, Lara, Zenara, Jacob and Nefe

Year 6 - Harrison and Ethan

CONGRATULATIONS!



Prize Giving at BJS

At the end of each year the teachers have the very difficult decision to select the three children in their class that have represented out Backwell B's for the whole year!

Each child received a certificate and an Amazon voucher but more than that the whole school got to hear how wonderfully fantastic these children have been – we could not be more any more proud to have the most wonderful children in our school!

Be Your Best

Elin J

Dean

Ingrid H

Anais

Nefe

Ben

Bibi

Florence

Be Responsible

Rosie T

Josh

Breccan

Charlie Co

Albie M

Beau

Judah

Amy O'H

Be Kind

Violet

Paloma

Grace D

Theo K

Elise

Lara

Vela

Sam



BJS – Thank you from the PTA

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you—our incredible parent community—for your continued support of the PTA.

This year, together, we've raised an incredible £10,000—a huge achievement that has had a real and lasting impact on our children's school experience.

Thanks to your generosity, time, and fundraising efforts, we've been able to fund:

- An inspiring Author Day that sparked imagination and a love for writing
- A fun-filled Maths Puzzle Day to challenge and engage curious minds
- New table tennis and basketball equipment, giving our children more ways to be active and play together
 - Much-needed reading books to fuel their learning journeys
- New laptops and iPads, helping to enhance their education through technology
- And through our ever-popular cake sales, we've contributed to memorable Wow Days and school trips

These are the kinds of experiences that make primary school so special—and without the PTA, they simply wouldn't happen.

We are truly lucky to be able to play such an active role in our children's early school years. Once they move on to high school, these opportunities to be involved are few and far between—so let's make the most of this time while we can.

To keep this amazing work going, we need your help. We're looking for volunteers to be Class Reps for the next school year—a fantastic way to get involved, meet other parents, and help keep the momentum going.

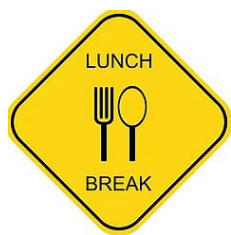
We are also in urgent need of a new PTA Secretary to join the committee. This is a key role that helps keep everything running smoothly. If you're organised, enthusiastic, and can spare a little time, we'd love to welcome you to the team.

If you're able to give your time—big or small—we'd love to hear from you. Let's keep making our school a place full of opportunity, enrichment, and fun for every child.

Wishing you all a happy and restful summer break!

Backwell Junior School Association





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.

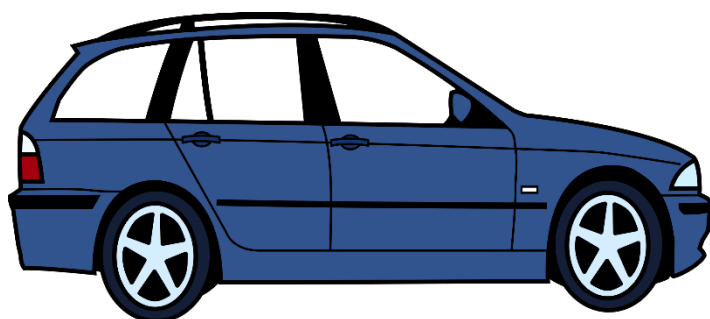
Several children have mentioned that they feel unsafe walking to and from school due to the speed and number of cars on this road and so we politely ask for you to refrain from dropping off in these areas and park on Dark Lane and walk the short distance to school to drop off/pick up. This additional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



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue:	Hannah More & Grove School Nailsea
Dates:	Wednesday 23rd July - Friday 29th August
Times:	9-15:30 (8:15-9:00 & 15:30-17:00 Sessions available)
Price:	£22.75
Ages:	5-11 (4 yr olds can attend until 1pm - half day booking)
Additional info:	Remember to bring hats and sunscreen



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**A term time choir programme
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All children from school years 1-7 welcome!
£4 per session, payable termly, bursaries and free
trial session available.**

**WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BACKWELL**

MEET ALISON

Alison is an Oxford University graduate and an accomplished pianist, violinist and singer. She is the founder of 'du Pre Chamber Choir' which gave distinguished performances in Oxford. She was a member of the University Church Choir, Lincoln College Choir and a soloist at Christ church Choir. She has a PGCE from Cambridge University and since has rehearsed and conducted school shows. Fun fact- she taught the young Ed Sheeran!

Alison is a mum of two children, who both enjoy music and performing in various settings from choirs to Soul Bands! She is excited to meet our members, both old and new!



To sign up contact us at admin@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk



Selling your home? Support your school

Scan here to chat with me on WhatsApp





We're delighted to share that Simon Russell, a parent at the school and local estate agent, has launched a generous fundraising initiative to support our school – including our goal to install solar panels.

Simon has offered to donate a minimum of £200 per property (and up to 5% of his fee) for the first 10 Backwell properties he is instructed to sell.

These donations will be made upon completion of each sale and could raise between £2,000 and £3,500, providing a meaningful contribution toward the school's sustainability projects and wider initiatives.

If you or someone you know in Backwell is thinking of selling and would like to support the school at the same time, please feel free to get in touch with Simon directly.



SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

23 DAYS OF FOOTBALL DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Nailsea School | Reception - Year 8 | From £16 Per Day

WEEK 1	Day 1 Wednesday 23 rd July	Day 2 Thursday 24 th July	Striker Day Friday 25 th July
Day 4 Monday 28 th July	Day 5 Tuesday 29 th July	Day 6 Wednesday 30 th July	Day 7 Thursday 31 st July
Day 9 Monday 4 th August	Day 10 Tuesday 5 th August	Day 11 Wednesday 6 th August	Day 12 Thursday 7 th August
Day 14 Monday 11 th August	Day 15 Tuesday 12 th August	Day 16 Wednesday 13 th August	Day 17 Thursday 14 th August
Day 19 Monday 18 th August	Day 20 Tuesday 19 th August	Day 21 Wednesday 20 th August	Day 22 Thursday 21 st August

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Thursday
Friday

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WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 23-25TH JULY 2025
9:30AM- 3:30PM AT NAILSEA METHODIST CHURCH

JUNIOR SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

BACKWELL TENNIS CLUB

WE ARE RUNNING THREE WEEKS OF ALL ABILITIES CAMPS AGED 4-14 10AM-12NOON WITH THE COACHING TEAM. DETAILS ARE BELOW AND YOU CAN BOOK FULL WEEKS OR SINGLE MORNINGS. WE ALSO OFFER A SIBLING DISCOUNT

WED 23RD JULY - FRIDAY 25TH JULY 10AM-12PM

MONDAY 28TH JULY - FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 10AM-12PM

FOR MORE INFO:
MATCHPOINTTENNIS@LIVE.CO.UK

BACKWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB - WEDNESDAYS 3.30-4.30PM

WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPT - WEDNESDAY 17TH DEC (NO COACHING AT HT)

TENNIS COACHING AT BACKWELL JUNIOR SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 3.30-4.30PM WITH LTA LEVEL 3 ACCREDITED + COACH TOM FOWLER & LTA LEVEL 1&2 ASSISTANT COACHES WHEN NEEDED. IT IS A 14 WEEK COURSE AT £8 PER SESSION. A CHANCE TO DEVELOP RACKET & BALL SKILLS AS WELL AS LEARNING & DEVELOPING ALL THE BASIC TENNIS SHOTS. COACHING TAKES PLACE IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND. ALL RACKETS & BALLS PROVIDED. PLEASE EMAIL TOMFOWLERTENNIS@GMAIL.COM TO SAY HOW YOUR CHILD WILL GO HOME AFTER THE COACHING SESSION. PLEASE NOTE THEIR IS NO COACHING DURING HALF TERM.

BOOK VIA LINK -
HTTPS://CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/BACKWELLTENNISCLUB/COACHING/COURSE/33B0D4A6-ECFB-4076-8A07-4AED8118DD62

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Times: 10.00am - 4.00pm
Additional hours available :8:30am - 5:30pm

Ages: 5-13years

Dates:
21st - 25th July: Cricket
28th July - 1st August: Multi-Sports
4th - 8th August: Tennis
11th - 15th August: Athletics
18th - 22nd August: Football
26th - 29th August: Multi-Sports

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TWO SESSIONS FREE

South West Athletic Club of the year, North Somerset AC, have spaces at some of their sessions, and are looking to fill them with keen young athletes!

Emphasising fun and personal development, the sessions cover all areas of Athletics, whilst incorporating games and fundamental movement skills to ensure maximum enjoyment and improvement. An expectation that anyone joining will be looking to compete in the many and varied opportunities we offer (Prom run, cross-country, quadkids, track & field etc)

Weekly sessions at Clevedon School, and Priory School WSM (School years 3-6)
Sessions for older children (School years 7+) also available

For more information on NSAC, to enquire about a trial; visit www.nsac.org.uk
'like' North Somerset AC on Facebook
Email christbtg@blueyonder.co.uk



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

SUMMER OF PLAYPASS
UNLIMITED ADMISSION
1ST JULY - 31ST AUGUST
£50.00 - Admit 1 child & 1 adult

Keep an eye on dates revealed on our socials

Peppa Pig
Come and meet PEPPA & HER NEW SISTER
COMING SOON

SPECIAL SEN SESSIONS
Monday 28th July | 2:30PM - 4:30PM
Friday 29th August | 9:30AM - 11:30AM

PIRATE TAKEOVER TREASURE HUNT
MEET PERCY
Wed 23 July - Sun 31 Aug

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Summer Holiday Programme 2025



1. Intergenerational Gardening Workshop

Tuesday 29th July – 13:30–15:30

Who? Primary & Secondary (all ages)

These nature-based sessions take place in an allotment alongside older people from Alive Charity, participating together in therapeutic craft activities.

2. Creative Workshop

Thursday 7th August – 10:30–12:30

Who? Primary & Secondary (all ages)

Creative activities in the Barn Terrace followed by a visit to the farm.



3. Intergenerational Gardening Workshop

Monday 11th August – 13:30–15:30

Who? Primary & Secondary (all ages)



4. Cooking & Baking Workshop

Tuesday 12th August – 14:30–17:00

Who? Primary only

Learn cooking and baking skills in a small supportive group followed by a sit-down meal with your creations!



5. Cooking & Baking Workshop

Thursday 14th August – 14:30–17:00

Who? Secondary only



6. Cooking & Baking Workshop

Monday 18th August – 10:00–12:30

Who? Primary & Secondary (all ages)

7. Cooking & Baking Workshop

Thursday 21st August – 14:30–17:00

Who? Primary & Secondary (all ages)



8. Intergenerational Gardening Workshop

Tuesday 26th August – 13:30–15:30

Who? Primary & Secondary (all ages)



9. Creative Workshop

Thursday 28th August – 10:30–12:30

Who? Primary & Secondary (all ages)

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Get in touch for details or request a sign up form by emailing:

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