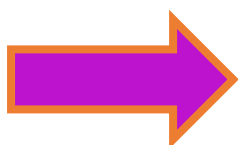


## Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 1

### On our website - Links

West Leigh - Letters to Parents

BJS - Letters to Parents



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

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**



### Important Dates - Term 2

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – BJS PTA Halloween Disco
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – WL Non-Uniform day in exchange for donation to PTA
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – INSET Day
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Children Return to School
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - BJS Year 6 National Measurement Programme
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – BJS Y4 Caerleon Trip
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – BJS 5C Cake Sale
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – BJS SATs and Morfa Bay Evening 6pm School Hall
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – WL Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – BJS Parents Evening
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – WL & BJS Parents' Evening
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – BBC Children in Need
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November – BJS Y4 Church Day
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – BJS Book Fair
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – BJS Non-School Uniform Day
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – BJS 4PB Cake Sale
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – BJS Christmas Fair
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – WL Christmas Fair 1:30 to 4pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – WL Christmas Performance for Reception Parents – 9:30am start
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – WL Christmas Performance for Year Two Parents – 9:30am start
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – WL Christmas Performance for Year One Parents – 9:30am start
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – BJS Carol Service St Andrew's Church 2.15pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – WL Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – WL & BJS Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day & BJS Christmas Dinner Day



## WL Class News - Badgers

Badger class have enjoyed a range of fine and gross motor activities that have helped develop their hand and arm strength in preparation for writing. They have settled brilliantly into school, and are working well independently.



**We are so proud of them.**

## WL PTA – 100 Lottery Results



### **West Leigh Infant School 100 Club Lottery**

The first draw of the 100 club took place today, and the tickets were drawn by children in Owl class. The winning numbers were:

First Prize	- Number 21	- L Thomas
Second Prize	- Number 100	- T Trew
Third Prize	- Number 53	- A Dredge

Well done to all the winners and good luck for next months' draw.



***Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars***

***Thursday 2nd October***

***Badgers – Henry R***

***Hedgehogs – Rosa***

***Owls – Alex***

***Rabbits – Eira***

***Squirrels – Teddy T***

***Thursday 9th October***

***Badgers - Shahan***

***Hedgehogs – Kai***

***Owls – Edward***

***Rabbits – Esther***

***Squirrels – Harrison***

***Thursday 2nd October***

***Badgers – Bodhi***

***Owls – Poppy***

***Squirrels – Beanie***

***Hedgehogs – Thanvik***

***Rabbits – Ciaran***

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When we return after the half term break, children will have the opportunity to buy a poppy for the poppy appeal.

We have a limited number of slap bands, wristbands, reflective Keyrings, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, lanyards and buttonhole tags.

A minimum donation of £1 is suggested for each item\*

\*Excluding the enamel poppy pins, which have a suggested £3 minimum donation value.

You can make donations in cash or by using the QR Code at the top of this page. Your support is valued and appreciated.



# SPARKLE SPECTACULAR

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## SPARKLE SPECTACULAR

**Thursday 6th November**

Bonfire Banger Hot Dogs  
with Sweet Potato Wedges  
and Rainbow Slaw

Or

Quorn Bonfire Banger Hot Dogs  
with Sweet Potato Wedges  
and Rainbow Slaw

And

Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard

## SPARKLE SPECTACULAR

Top 14 Allergen Free Menu

**Thursday 6th November**

### ALLERGY FREE MENU

Bonfire Beef Chilli  
with Sweet Potato Wedges  
and Sweetcorn

Or

Bonfire Veggie Bean Chilli  
with Sweet Potato Wedges  
and Sweetcorn

And

Sparkle Cookies

**If you've already placed an order from the previous advertised menu, it will have been removed.**

**Please make sure your child has a lunch ordered for this day.**

## Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

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

### **Celebration Assembly - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Year 3 - Maxi and Cassian

Year 4 - Tessa

Year 5 - Lily S, Ezra and Monty

Year 6 - Elise and Zara

### **Celebration Assembly - 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Year 3 - Eva

Year 4 - Allegra, Daniel and Fearne H

Year 5 - Brooke and Raya

Year 6 - Dylan F and Libby

### **Celebration Assembly - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Year 3 - Frankie

Year 4 - Rufus

Year 5 - Rafferty

Year 6 - Aisling

### **Celebration Assembly - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Year 3 - Bernie

Year 4 - Raffie and Rosie T

Year 5 - Elsa, Logan and Thomas

Year 6 - Pippa, Beau and Zenara

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Term 1 in Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year, enjoying lots of different subjects and getting fully involved in Year 4 life!

In History, we've been learning about the Romans and their impact on Britain. Life was very different in Britain for the Celts before the Roman's arrived and we've been gathering evidence to help us decide if life improved as a result of the Romans settling.

In Science we've been investigating sound- how it's produced; how we can affect pitch and volume and how distance affects sounds made.

We've also loved getting a bit messy in art with the charcoal! Our unit has been based on the artist Henry Moore, who whilst primarily was a sculptor also worked with charcoal to produce striking portraits and silhouettes.

PE has been all about 'Game Sense' where we've been polishing up our invasion game tactics such as making space, passing accurately and teamwork and communication.

Time has whizzed by and we can't quite believe that we're now at the end of term 1!

Positive changes	Negative changes
• Buildings, temples and amphitheatres	• Gladiator fighting
• Roads	• Slaves
• Toilet system	• Stole precious metals
• Clothing	• Pay taxes

Dear Diary,  
Today was an exciting day in Roman Britain! In the morning, I went to the amphitheatre. It was so cool to look at. For lunch, I ate bread and grapes. It was delicious. After lunch, I went to the bathhouse. The water was so warm. Back at home, I relaxed.

The Romans brought many benefits to Britain. Firstly, they built roads which connected cities and so the army could get around easier. Secondly they built bathhouses which meant people could relax and meet with others. Also, they built aqueducts to transport clean water for drinking and bathing. Finally they built defensive walls to protect settlements from enemies.



### Trip to Bristol Harbourside – The Matthew and M Shed

During our extraordinary trip to Bristol on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October an exciting experience filled the day.

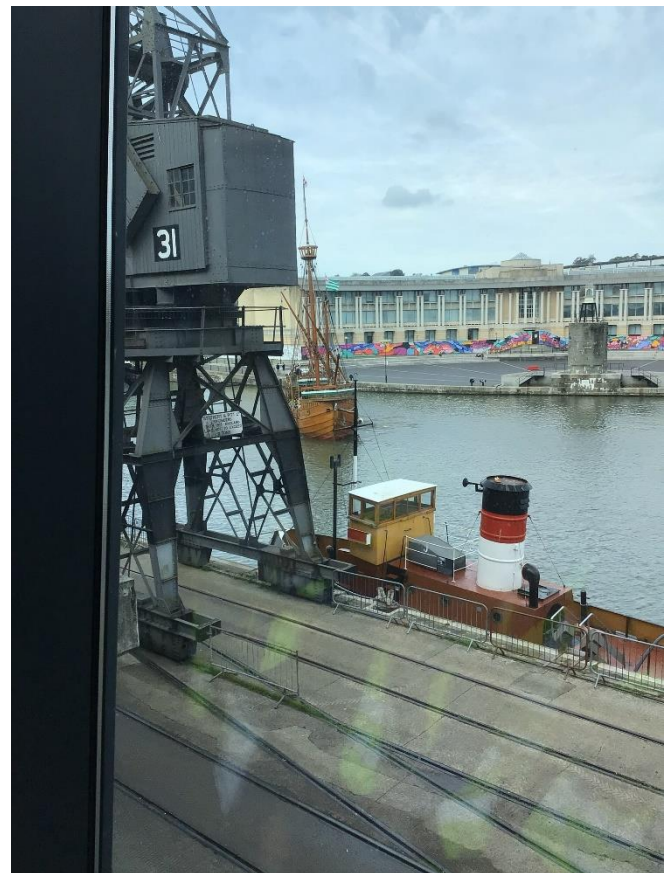
To start the morning, we boarded the Matthew replica and set sail on Bristol waters. It was interesting to hear about how much history this magnificent ship had to offer. We travelled all the way down to the SS Great Britain model and came back up to see the M Shed awaiting us. We left the Matthew having more knowledge than we expected to gather in the little but fascinating time we had.

Immediately after lunch we were eager to explore the M Shed and see what pleasures it could bring to conclude our day.

We took our first glances and an explosion of history blinded us. Welcomed by a massive double decker bus and a map of Bristol printed on the floor, we were bombarded with facts.....

**...IT WAS AMAZING!!!**

As we waded through the sea of knowledge, we stumbled upon the Edward Colston Statue. Sadly we had to leave this amazing experience that made the best start to our year.



## Year 6 Trip to Lifeskills

### **Year 6 Visit to Lifeskills**

Our Year 6 children recently had a fantastic and educational trip to Lifeskills in South Bristol. Lifeskills have created a realistic, interactive village within the Create Centre that helps children learn how to deal with potentially dangerous or difficult situations in a safe and supportive environment.

During their visit, the children experienced a variety of real-life scenarios, including road and railway safety, dealing with hazards in kitchens and living rooms, and learning about electrical safety at a substation. They also practiced making emergency phone calls and were introduced to some basic first aid techniques.

This hands-on learning experience was not only informative but also engaging, and the children thoroughly enjoyed their day. A big thank you to Lifeskills for providing such an important opportunity to help prepare our pupils for the real world.

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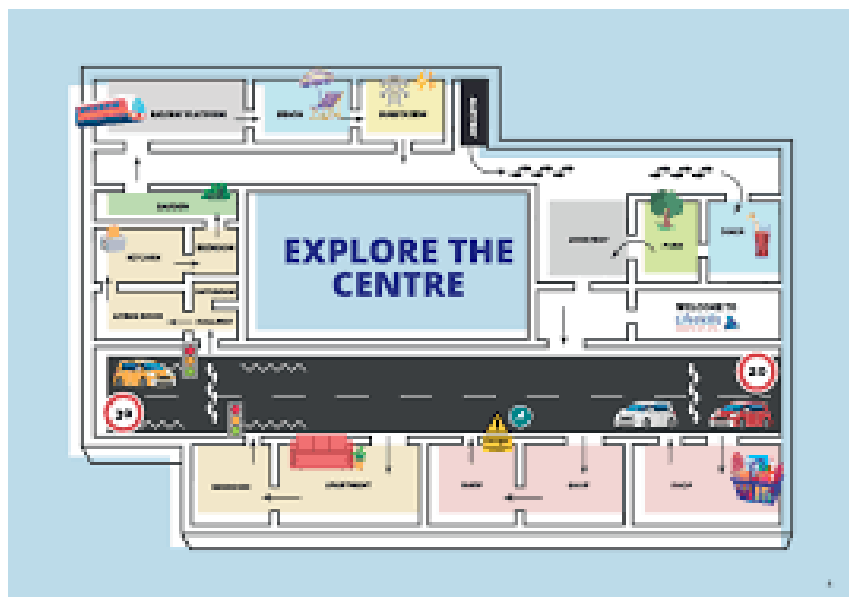
### **Volunteer at Lifeskills**

Lifeskills welcomes over 10,000 children each year, and they are currently looking for volunteers to help guide children through their sessions. Volunteering is flexible, fun, and a brilliant way to build new skills while making a real difference.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact:

☎ 0117 922 4511

✉ [volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk)

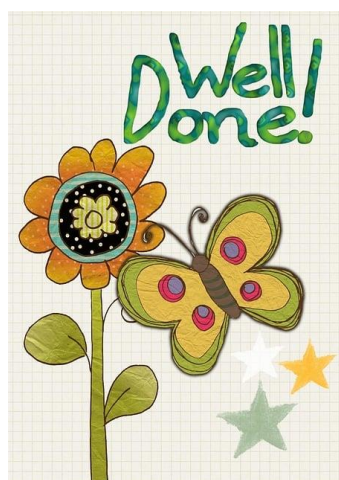


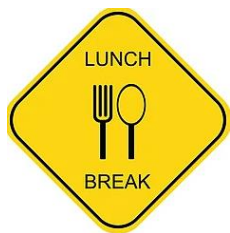
## Girls Football Tournament

Girls Football tournament – 29<sup>th</sup> September

The girls did a fantastic job throughout the morning. Their first match saw them beat Golden Valley 5-0, putting them through to the next round. Their second match against the eventual winners of the competition, St Marks, was tougher with a loss of 2-0. The girls kept their heads up and went on to win their final friendly match 6-0...! This shows incredible grit and determination - well done!

Some great experience for all the girls and a great performance in front of the FA talent scout. She said she was there to find the future England Team and was very impressed with the girls from BJS.





### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@premier-education.com) for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.



# CHILDREN'S CHOIR

A term time choir programme where you'll sing everything from folk to pop!  
All children from school years 1-7 welcome!  
*£5 per session, payable termly, bursaries 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](mailto:admin@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk)

# The Family Support Fayre



Resources and Information for families supporting children 0 - 25 years with additional needs and/or disabilities

12th November 2025

Winter Gardens  
South Parade  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1AJ



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Every Tuesday at 3.45pm - 4.45pm (term time only)

Please note: parents/carers must stay for the whole session

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**FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 3 - 6**

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# OCTOBER FOOTBALL FUNDAYS

BOOTS, ASTROS, SHIN PADS AND PACK LUNCH REQUIRED  
£16 PER PLAYER

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

9am-3pm

The North Somerset Community Stadium, Clevedon, BS21 6TG

- FUN ACTIVITIES
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- SCHOOL YEAR 1-7

**TO BOOK** Email [Laura@nsfootball.co.uk](mailto:Laura@nsfootball.co.uk)

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**MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER**  
2:30PM TO 4PM

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### YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue:	Hannah More & Grove School - Nailsea
Dates:	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Times:	9-3:30 (Extended day booking 8-15-5pm available online)
Price:	£22.75
Ages:	5-11 (4 year-olds can attend half day 9-1pm)
Additional info:	



**PLEASE BRING**  
A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Looking for something exciting this October half-term? Our multi-activity holiday clubs are packed with fun, energy, and variety for children of all ages!

Each day brings something new - from archery and fencing to dodgeball, cricket, and loads more. With a mix of sports, team games, and seasonal crafts, there's never a dull moment.

**Book now** for an unforgettable half-term!

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## Half-Term Holiday Activities: Art Adventures



27–29 October 2025, 10:30–15:30

Take inspiration from Wells Art Contemporary (WAC) installations in the Cathedral this half term with our creative drop-in workshops for families!

### Monday 27 October

#### Branching Out

Explore relationships between humans and trees with 2D and 3D art

### Tuesday 28 October

#### Willow and Windows

Create a willow-framed suncatcher

### Wednesday 29 October

#### Decorate a Deck

Design a deck and create your own mini skateboard model



Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](https://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays)

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 holidays. Please note that children must be accompanied by a ticket. All dogs are only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.



WELLS  
ART



## AI Lab for children

Inspiring the next generation of AI innovators

### October half term AI workshops



In this hands-on half term workshop series, your child will explore how machines learn and take their first steps into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Suitable for ages 8 - 13

<https://codingbug.co.uk/ai-lab/>

#### WHERE

Yatton Library  
BS49 4HJ

#### WHEN

28th & 30th October 2025  
From 10:00am - 12:30pm

[codingbug.co.uk/ai-lab/](https://codingbug.co.uk/ai-lab/)

Email: [info@codingbug.co.uk](mailto:info@codingbug.co.uk) or call 07909226520



[facebook.com/codingbug/](https://facebook.com/codingbug/)

# MatchPointTennis Clubs

We are pleased to be running some holiday coaching camps and match plays this coming Half Term at Backwell Tennis Club and the details are below:

Backwell Tennis Club All Abilities Tennis Camps Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th October 9-12am: :

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=607f0c05-cd47-44f8-b539-f10c7413e0c4>

October Half Term Junior Matchplay Afternoon at Backwell Tennis Club - Wednesday 29th Oct 1-3pm:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TomFowlerCoaching/Coaching/Book/d018913e-2f34-4bcd-920b-4a02182255bf>

Ben Tilling LTA Level 4 Accredited Plus Coach

Tennis Manager for [matchpointtennis](https://www.matchpointtennis.com)





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