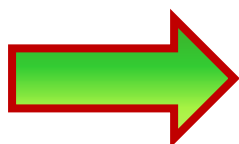


Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 2

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Our next INSET days will be on:

Friday 16th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Important Dates – Terms 2 and 3

Term 2

- Friday 19th December – WL Non School Uniform & Christmas Jumper & BJS Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumpers with Uniform

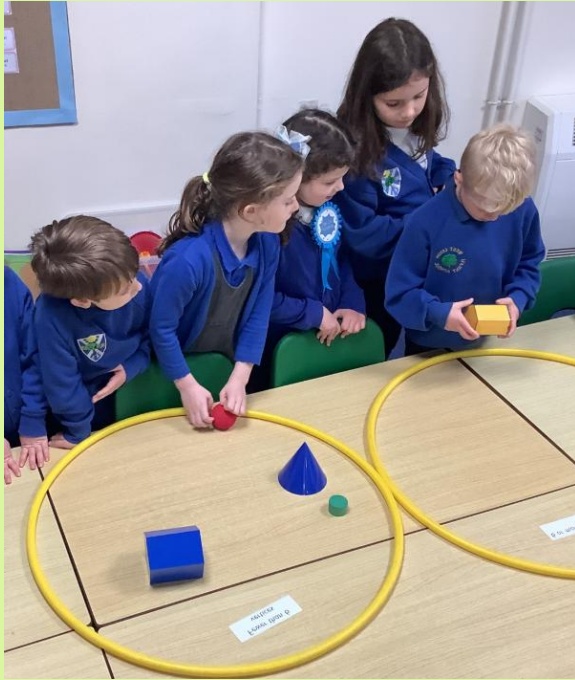
- Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

- Monday 5th January – Start of Term 3
- Monday 12th – Thursday 15th January – BJS Y6 Mock SATs
- Friday 16th January – Inset Day 4
- Tuesday 20th January – BJS Y5 Virtual Space Workshop AM
- Tuesday 20th January – BJS Whole School Pantomime PM
- Friday 23rd January – BJS 3J Cake Sale
- Wednesday 28th January – National Height, Weight and Vision Checks for Reception Children
- Monday 2nd to Friday 6th February – WL Scholastic Book Fair
- Thursday 12th February – Last day of Term 3 (for Children)
- Friday 13th February – Inset Day
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – HALF TERM
- Friday 6th March – BJS 4W Cake Sale
- Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March – BJS Parents Evening
- Monday 16th March – BJS Y5 Church Day
- Tuesday 17th March – BJS Swimming Gala
- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th March – BJS Book Fair
- Friday 27th March – 6S Cake Sale
- Wednesday 1st April – BJS Easter Service 2.15pm
- Thursday 2nd April – BJS Easter Festival
- Thursday 2nd April – Last Day of Term

WL Class News – Hedgehogs

We have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes in maths these last few weeks and Hedgehog Class enjoyed showcasing all they have learnt during a practical shape sorting task. They had to sort and group both 2-D and 3-D shapes according to simple properties, including type, size and colour, as well as more formal properties, such as number of sides, faces or vertices.



The children were able to explain in detail what they noticed about groups of shapes, and considered whether they could have been sorted another way.



Hedgehog Class have also been looking ahead to the festive season through our English lessons, based on the story "Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present" by John Burningham.

First, we acted out Father Christmas's conversations with all the people who helped him deliver the missing present he found in his sack for Harvey.

Then we thought about what could be inside the present, writing our own question, exclamation and command sentences.

We have even thought of our own modes of transport that Father Christmas could have used for his long journey home, writing sentences in the past and past progressive tenses.

We have also been really busy learning the songs and rehearsing our lines ready for our nativity performance. We can't wait to share it with you!

Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 27th November

Badgers – Nora

Hedgehogs – Max

Owls – Elvina

Rabbits – Ruby

Squirrels – Edie

Thursday 4th December

Badgers - Spencer

Hedgehogs – Ray

Owls – Charlotte

Rabbits – Alice

Squirrels – Isla

Thursday 18th December

Badgers – Erin

Owls – Ivy

Squirrels – Feride

Hedgehogs – Maya

Rabbits – Autumn

Christmas Fair

What an amazing day! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the festivities, and an extra-big shout-out to our brilliant volunteers – we simply couldn't do it without you. Thanks to your support, the fair and raffle raised over **£2700**, all of which will go directly towards resources and activities for the children.

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Party Box

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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 costs £5, plus £20 refundable deposit when returned clean and undamaged.

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

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 and re-use school uniform. All items are £1. You can place your order and pay for it online, then the uniform fairies will collate and place the items on your child's peg within a week or so. Please order via this link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/wlsecondhanduniform/home?authuser=2>

If you'd like to pass on any uniform that your child has outgrown please get in touch - we are short of trousers in sizes 6yrs and older, plus jumpers/cardigans size 7-8yrs.

Recycle your Christmas/Greeting Cards

Please recycle your Christmas and Greetings Cards* in the collection boxes in the school offices at Backwell Junior and West Leigh Infant School to [Help the Christie](#) and [Help the Planet](#).



The
Christie
Charity



Your used cards are gratefully received and turned into new Christmas and Greeting Cards, which are sold to raise funds for cancer patients at the Christie Hospital.

Thank you for your support

* Any greeting cards accepted, all year round.

Our Backwell B awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible

**Celebration Assembly -
28th November 2025**

Year 3 - Callista, Annie & Hugo

Year 4 - Paloma and Harriet

Year 5 - William and Grace W

Year 6 - Ayla and Mimi

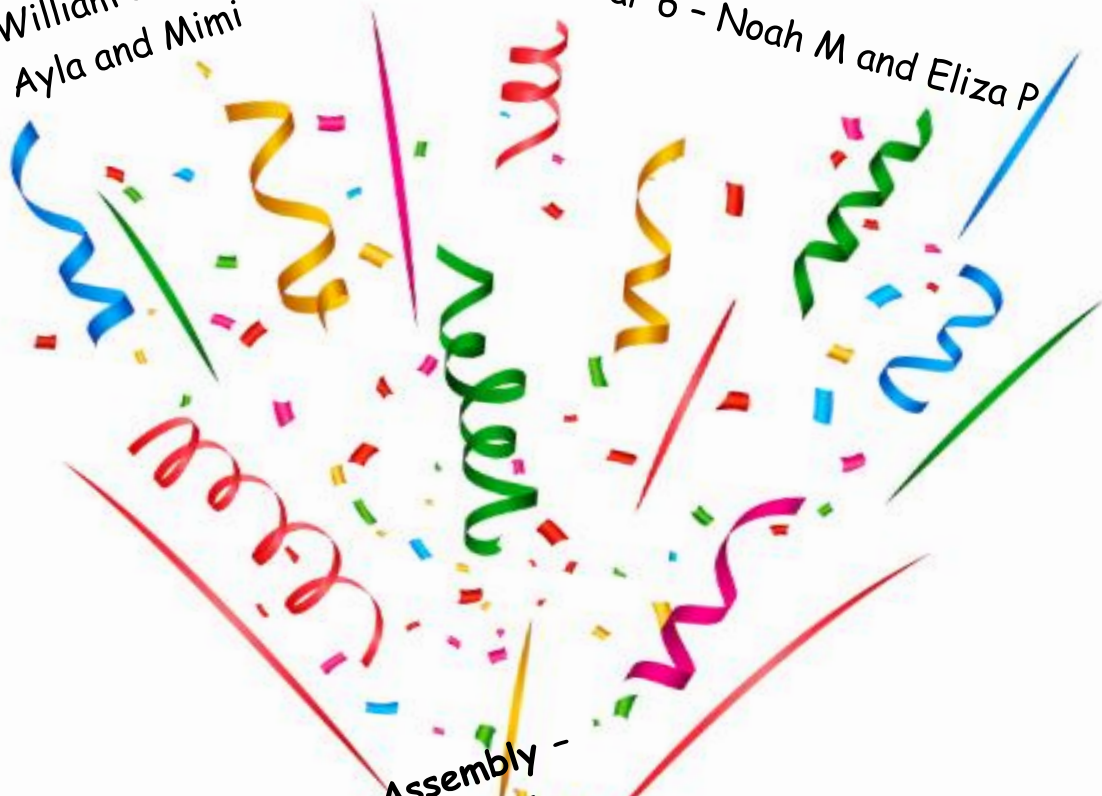
**Celebration Assembly -
5th December 2025**

Year 3 - Finley, Matty and Evangeline

Year 4 - Lucille and Millie

Year 5 - Nell

Year 6 - Noah M and Eliza P



**Celebration Assembly -
12th December 2025**

Year 3 - Theo and Arabelle

Year 4 - Matthew

Year 5 - Asa and Arthur

Year 6 - Lily and Phoebe

CONGRATULATIONS

5C Drama Lesson written by Monty

At the start of December, our class had a go at a bit of drama (in pairs). One person was the news reader and the other one was a space correspondent. We talked about the Mars rover 'Curiosity' and its story. After the rehearsals, every pair got to act in front of the whole class - in front of a very fancy news station background!





THANK YOU!

What an amazing evening our Christmas Fair turned out to be!! Despite the terrible weather we had a wonderful turn out! Lots of prizes were won and the festive spirit was incredible! We raised an incredible...

£2700

It may seem like a long time away but we ask you to save the date for our much-loved Summer Fair! The joint WL and BJS Summer Fair will be held at BJS on the school field on...

Saturday 13th June



COMING SOON!

20th January – M&M Production of Snow White

23rd January – 3J Cake Sale

12th February – Break the Rules Day

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA for all their hard work and dedication in organising events that the children love and value so much! Their tireless enthusiasm is all for the benefit of your children and all funds raised provide resources and activities that very tight school budgets just cannot provide – giving the children these opportunities is priceless!

If you have a little spare time and feel you can offer to help in any way, please email the lovely team at BJSPTA@backwellfederation.co.uk

Wellbeing Support - New SilverCloud CBT Service for Children and Young People

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire have launched a new online CBT service for local children and young people.

SilverCloud, offers supports for children and young people experiencing low mood and anxiety. Children aged 12-plus can self-refer to the service at feelingmixedup.uk

Support is also available for parents of children aged five-plus.

The service is part of a range of a range of wellbeing support for children and young people that also includes Kooth and Off The Record.

You can find out more about these services in the directory of Mental Health and Wellbeing Services for Children and Young People for your Area, available on the local NHS website at:

<https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing/>



Community Notices

Nativity service!

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Festive Refreshments!

Dress up as a Nativity character if you like!



**21st December 11am
Everyone is welcome!**

**Backwell Sixth
Form Centre**



**Hillside
CHURCH**





Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for the 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.

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Bookings can be made here: <https://eequ.org/northsomerset/haf>

Community Notices



PRIORITY FOOTBALL

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP!


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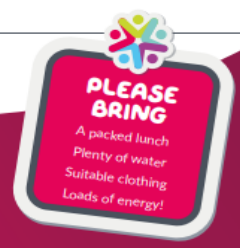
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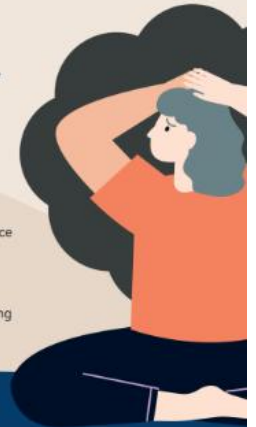
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So far, we have four houses sold and waiting to complete, which means once they all go through, I'll be donating £1,000 from my fee and hard work directly towards the school's solar fund.

We're well on our way, but we still need around six more Backwell homes to reach the target – and at this rate, we should be able to raise around £2,500 in total.

If you're thinking about selling – either now or in the new year – please get in touch and let's make this happen together for the school and our community.