



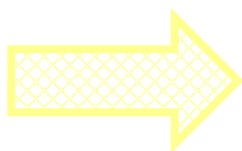
Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 5

On our website - Links

WL - Letters to Parents

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Important Dates



HAPPY EASTER



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

**Monday 1st
June 2026**

- Saturday 18th April – WL PTA Make Do and Mend Cake Sale 2-5pm at Backwell Scout Hut
 - Monday 20th April – First Day of Term 5
 - Wednesday 22nd April – BJS Y3 VR Workshop
 - Friday 24th April – BJS 6S Cake Sale
 - Friday 1st May – BJS 6C Cake Sale
 - Monday 4th May – Early May Bank Holiday
 - Thursday 7th May – WL Badgers and Squirrels School Trip to Lower Stock Farm.
 - Friday 8th May – BJS Y3 Egypt Day
 - Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – BJS Y6 SATs Week
 - Monday 11th May – Y3 Church Day
 - Thursday 14th May – BJS 3W Class Assembly 10.15am School Hall
 - Friday 15th May – WL PTA Quiz Night (arrive 7:30pm for an 8pm start)
 - Monday 18th May – Thursday 21st May – BJS Health & Fitness Week
 - Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd May – WL Health & Fitness Week
 - Friday 22nd May – BJS Sports Day
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- Friday 5th June – WL PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for donation for the Summer Fair
 - Saturday 13th June – PTA Federation Summer Fair at Backwell Junior School
 - Tuesday 9th June – WL Sports Day 9:30 – 11am(Weather permitting)
 - Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th June – BJS Y6 Morfa Bay Residential
 - Monday 22nd June – BJS Y6 Church Day
 - Tuesday 23rd June – WL Reserve Sports Day 9:30 – 11am(Weather permitting)
 - Monday 29th June – BJS School Hall New Year 3 Welcome Evening 6pm
 - Tuesday 30th June – Federation Transition/Move Up Day (further details to follow)
 - Thursday 2nd July – WL PTA Squirrel Class Cake Sale
 - Thursday 9th July – BJS Class and Leaver Photos
 - Thursday 9th July – BJS Y6 Leavers Production 2pm & 6pm School Hall
 - Tuesday 14th July – BJS Prize Giving School Hall 9.15am
 - Wednesday 15th July – BJS End of Year Church Service 2.15pm @ Church
 - Thursday 16th July – WL PTA Year Two Leavers' Disco
 - Wednesday 22nd July – BJS Leavers Assembly 11am School Hall
 - Wednesday 22nd July – Last Day of the School Year

Term 5

Term 6



WL Class News – Squirrels

Squirrel class have enjoyed learning our new text 'My Pet Star'. They thought about how to care for their pet star and wrote sentences to show this. We also talked about how people traditionally make wishes on a shooting star.



The children thought of what they might wish for. A few ideas were 'lots of money' 'to be a fairy/ unicorn' 'to be able to fly' and 'to have a huge playground in their garden'. We have also enjoyed learning about Spring and Easter. The children went on a spring walk and ticked off what they could see. How lovely to have some nice sunny weather recently!

Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 19th March

Badgers – Margot

Hedgehogs – Owen

Owls – Felix T

Rabbits – Isabella

Squirrels – Nancy

Thursday 26th March

Badgers - Chloe

Hedgehogs – Oscar C

Owls – Finley M

Rabbits – Albie

Squirrels – Charlie E

Thursday 2nd April

Badgers – Lorelai

Hedgehogs – Mollie

Owls – Ferudun

Rabbits – Ava-Rose

Squirrels – Romilly K



Sat 18th April 2-5pm - Make Do and Mend Community Event at the Scout Hut
PTA volunteers will be running a cake sale at this event organised by Sustainable Backwell and Backwell Climate Action. Please get in touch with the PTA if you can help on the stall.



Wed 29th April - Badger Class Cake Sale
After school cake sale. Proceeds go to the class teacher to buy something for the class. Please bring containers and change if possible.



Fri 15th May - Parents Quiz Night
Book your babysitter, brush up on your general knowledge and join us at West Leigh for a fun and informal evening on Friday 15th May from 7.30pm (for 8pm start). There will be a bar, snacks, games, prizes for the winners! Tickets will be available to book via PTA events and please book in advance so we know how many people to cater for.



Friday 5th June - Non Uniform Day
Your child can come to school dressed as they like in exchange for a prize donation for the kids' tombola to be held at the Summer Fair.



Saturday 13th June - Summer Fair
The joint West Leigh/BJS Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 13th June. More info to follow. As always, we'll need plenty of volunteers to help run stalls and activities to make it a success so please keep the date free if you can.

**LOVE PARTIES,
HATE WASTE?**
HIRE OUR ECO-FRIENDLY
PARTY KIT!



All the essentials for up to 30 children: plates, bowls, cups, jugs and serving bowls

Just **£5** to hire!
Plus a refundable £20 deposit (when returned clean & undamaged)

**COLLECTION & RETURN:
BACKWELL**

CONTACT: westleighpta@gmail.com

Pre-loved Uniform

West Leigh PTA run a pre-loved uniform shop to raise funds and re-use school uniform.

All items are £1.



Place your order, pay online, then the uniform fairies will 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>

Requests can also be made via the WL Uniform Whatsapp Group - QR Code :





Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind *The Dog House* is making a brand new BBC series about childhood friendship and are looking for kids aged 5 to 8 who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

🔗 Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

Our Backwell B awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible

**Celebration Assembly -
20th March 2026**

Year 3 - Seb A and Blake
Year 4 - Mollie, Ezra and Dylan W
Year 5 - Austin, Nevaeh and
Jessica
Year 6 - Oli R

**Celebration Assembly -
27th March 2026**

Year 3 - Lucas and Connie
Year 4 - Hunter and Thomas
Year 5 - Dougie, Harry and Chester
Year 6 - Aimee, Ruth and Rosemary

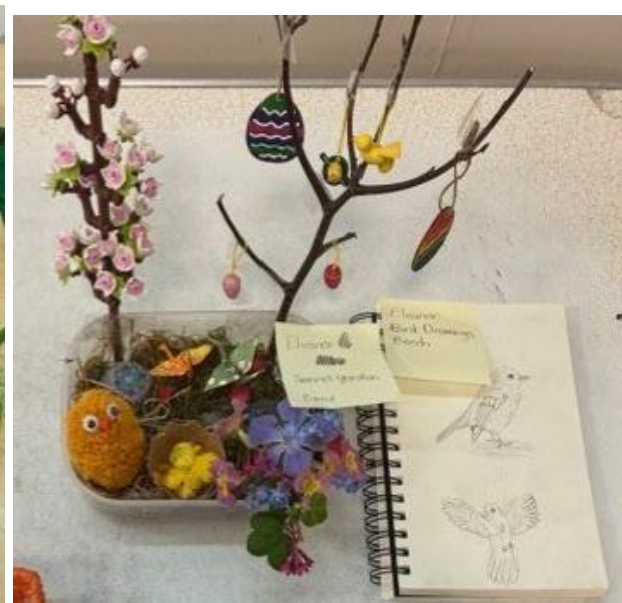


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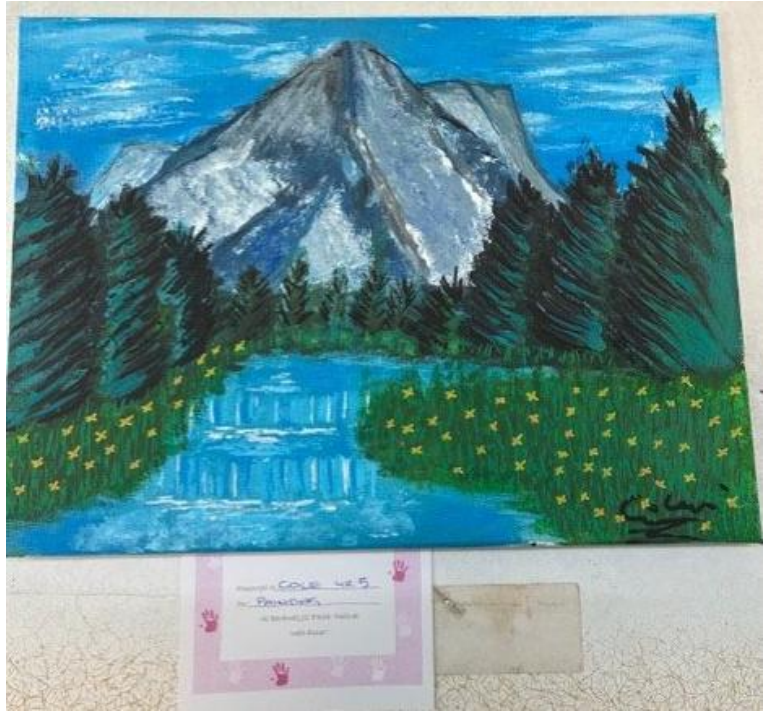
Easter Festival

Every year we are astounded by the talent that your children have! The variety we have seen today has been incredible, musicians, dancing, singing, comedians and the incredible Arts and Crafts we have seen is just another level – each year we think we have peaked and yet here we are - surprised and impressed by the children yet again! The bravery and confidence shown is something to be so proud of – well done to all!

Have a look through just a small selection of some of the fabulous designs.....



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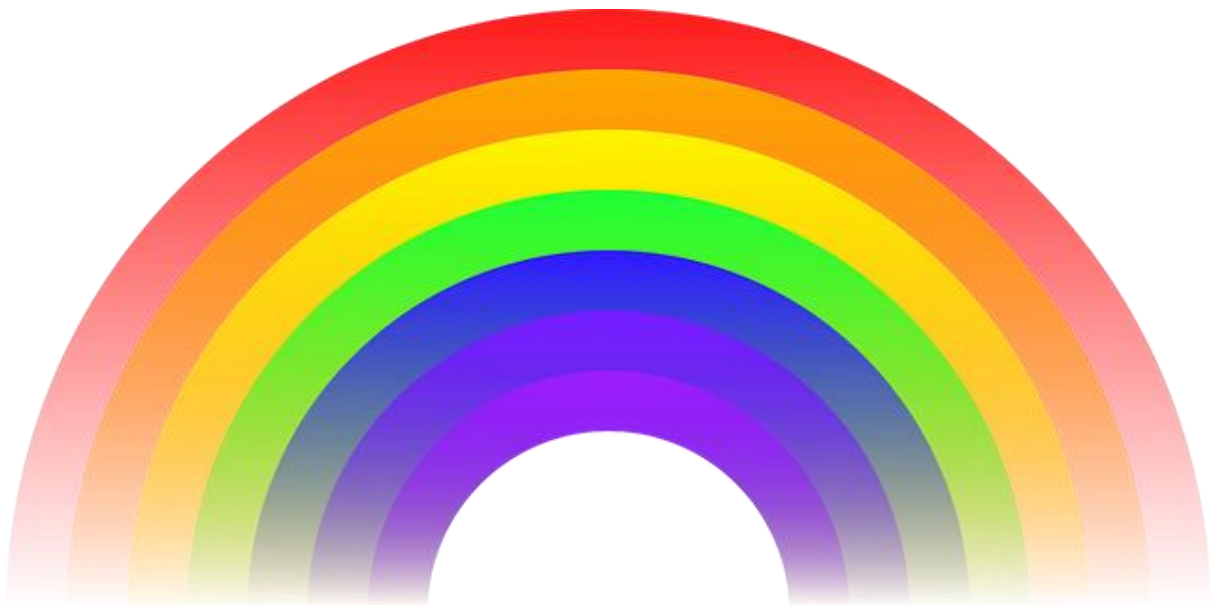
PTA Updates

We were delighted to see the amazing efforts that everyone went to for the PTA Rainbow Hamper Day on Friday last week.

Thank you for all the wonderful donations!

To buy a raffle ticket to win one of these fantastic hampers please follow this link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/coloured-hamper-raffle>



Parking at BJS

The school office have yet again been receiving 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.

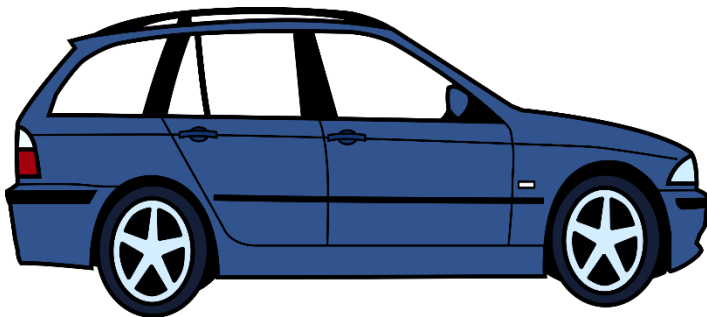
Several children have mentioned that they feel unsafe walking to and from school due to the speed and number of cars on this road and so we politely ask for you to refrain from dropping off in these areas and park on Dark Lane and walk the short distance to school to drop off/pick up. This additional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



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

PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the EASTER BREAK!

BOOK NOW!

Excellent
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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Venue: Hannah More & Grove School - Nailsea

Dates: Tuesday 7th - Friday 17th April (9 Days)

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:



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Easter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

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TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

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Easter Tennis Camps

at Backwell & Nailsea Tennis Clubs!

Backwell Tennis Club

Junior All Ability Camps
Ages 5-14

📅 7th-10th April | 10am-12pm

- ✓ 25% Off Full Week
- ✓ 15% Sibling Discount
- ✓ Book Daily or Weekly

Nailsea Tennis Club

Junior All Ability Camp
Ages 5-14

📅 8th April | 9am-12pm

- ✓ 15% Sibling Discount
- ✓ Fun & Active!



Book Now – Limited Spaces!

👉 **Book now:**

Backwell Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lts.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=a884eeafe-e835-432d-bec8-7f02cb39f963>

Nailsea Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lts.org.uk/BenTillingCoaching/Coaching/Camp?courseID=a14f6f70-4ce0-4a2b-b3ab-ec14d8162853>

🔒 **Spaces are limited – book now to secure your child’s place!**

If you have any questions, contact us on matchpointtennis@live.co.uk





KIDS DANCE

BOOK NOW






🎉 HAVE FUN

10% OFF



dancing



performance skills

🎨 Creative



choreography

An inspiring, screen-free day of dance, movement and art – blending technique, creativity and expression.
Children develop strength, flexibility and confidence while exploring imagination, storytelling and mindful movement.




TUESDAYS- WEDNSDAY 14TH-15TH APRIL 2026
9:00AM- 3:30PM AT NAILSEA METHODIST CHURCH
www.bookwhen.com/ovdadance

Tuesday
Wednesday

APRIL 14 to APRIL 15 2026



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suitable for
ages 5-7 &
8-12

EASTER
SIZZLES

£35 for 1 day or
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PLUS
10% off for second
child.





🎨 Creative

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A thoughtfully designed creative movement experience for children
An inspiring, screen-free day of dance, movement and art – blending technique, creativity and expression.
Children develop strength, flexibility and confidence while exploring imagination, storytelling and mindful movement.
A calm, supportive environment where every child is encouraged to grow and shine.




TUESDAYS- WEDNSDAY 14TH-15TH APRIL 2026
9:00AM- 3:30PM AT NAILSEA METHODIST CHURCH



PORTISHEAD GYMNASTICS HALF TERM CAMPS
 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1 & ABOVE
 PARISH WHARF LEISURE CENTRE
 Harbour Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7DD

ONLY £30 PER SESSION




GYM CLUBS

APRIL HALF TERM WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE TO BOOK

Half Term Dates
Monday 6th April
Wednesday 8th April
Monday 13th April
Wednesday 15th April
 9.30-1.30pm

Any enquiries contact Head Coach Bex on 07967 402061

All prices are inclusive of VAT. VAT Registration No. 404812821

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- Aerials
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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. BOOK NOW AT www.gymclubs.co.uk/workshops



PRIORITY FOOTBALL

PRIORITY FOOTBALL EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS!
 9 DAYS OF FOOTBALL FUN AT NAILSEA SCHOOL
TUESDAY 7 - FRIDAY 17 APRIL

Year 1 - Year 8 (9:00am - 3:30pm) Reception (9:00am - 1:00pm)

STRIKERS VS GOALIES DAY
 FRIDAY 17 APRIL
 Play as a Striker, a Goalkeeper, or both at our NEW Strikers vs Goalies Day! Put your skills to the test and finish the day with an exciting World Cup tournament!



PUMA CAMP DAYS
 TUES 7 | FRI 10 | TUES 14 | FRI 17 APRIL
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Trigger's HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

Holiday Club is back **17 - 21 & 24 - 28 Aug** this summer from:

Trigger's Holiday Club is a two week programme of activities for children aged 5-11, designed to foster creative expression and ignite curiosity and connection with our local Mendip Hills.

Skylark, Blagdon Baptist Chapel, BS40 7RL

Scan the QR code to book your space



triggerstuff.co.uk
 @triggerstuff



Train the micro:bit to play!

Explore machine learning at the AI Lab for children. In this hands-on workshop, children will take their first gentle steps into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and explore how machines learn using the micro:bit.

What they'll learn

- ✔ What is machine learning
- ✔ What an AI model is
- ✔ How to train a model with data
- ✔ How to train the micro:bit
- ✔ Problem solving and teamwork



WHERE

Yatton library
48 High St, Yatton,
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Tuesday 14th April
10:00 – 12:00

FOR AGES

Children aged 8–12 years
For curious beginners and
those up for a fun challenge

HOW TO JOIN

Scan the QR code to join
and book a spot.

Limited spaces available!

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



codingbug.co.uk

info@codingbug.co.uk



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Offer ends 29/03/2026
*Conditions apply

- ▶ Creative Eggs-travaganza
- ▶ Mega Mash-Ups
- ▶ Forest Adventure

FLAX BOURTON

Shine
HOLIDAY CLUBS
MyShine.co.uk

LEGO CLUB

Free drop in Lego club at Nailsea Library

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

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

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THE ROCK PROJECT BRISTOL & NORTH SOMERSET

GIRLS AGED 7-11 REQUIRED TO JOIN

The Rock Project

School of Rock & Pop

FREE 2H TASTER SESSION

THE ROCK PROJECT NAILSEA CURRENTLY HAS AN UNUSUAL IMBALANCE OF BOYS/GIRLS IN OUR GROUP, SO WE'D LIKE TO INVITE GIRLS TO JOIN THE FOUR GIRLS CURRENTLY ATTENDING!

- ▶ **BASS, GUITAR, DRUMS & VOCALS** (one vocal space left)
- ▶ Two-hour weekly sessions (term time)
- ▶ Learn songs in your lesson and perform them as a band!
- ▶ All abilities accepted and instruments can be provided free of charge

Whiteoak Academies, Nailsea
Mondays 4:15pm - 6:15pm (ages 7-11)

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COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO 1;6 MINIMUM
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HIGH JUMP, SPRINTS, HURDLES, LOADS OF RELAYS, THROWS, GAMES & CHALLENGES (INCLUDING LIGHTNING STRIKE, THE ELIMINATOR, RUN THE GAUNTLET, TREASURE HUNT AND MORE!)
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VISIT fundays@nsac.org.uk FOR BOOKING DETAILS
Or Email chrisbtg@blueyonder.co.uk



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.

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