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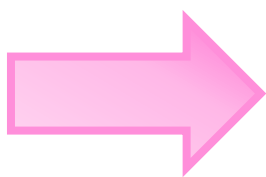
Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 5

On our website - Links

WL - Letters to Parents

BJS - Letters to Parents

Important Dates



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

**Monday 1st
June 2026**

Term 5

- Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – BJS Y6 SATs Week
- Monday 11th May – BJS Y3 Church Day
- Monday 11th May – WL Tulip Photography in to take Class/Year Two Leavers' Photos
- 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 May – Friday 22nd May – WL Sports Week
- Wednesday 20th May – BJS Whole School Church Service 2.15pm
- Friday 22nd May – BJS Sports Day

Term 6

- Wednesday 3rd June – BJS Year 4 Trip to 'We the Curious'
- Thursday 4th June – BJS Year 5 Trip to Bristol Museum
- Friday 5th June – WL PTA Non-Uniform Day in exchange for donation for the Summer Fair
- Tuesday 9th June – WL Sports Day 9:30 – 11am (Weather permitting)
- Wednesday 10th June – BJS 5C Class Assembly
- Thursday 11th June – BJS 3W Class Assembly
- Thursday 11th June – BJS Summer Music Concert 6pm School Hall
- Saturday 13th June – PTA Federation Summer Fair at Backwell Junior School
- 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

WL Class News – Hedgehogs and All of KS1

This term Hedgehog Class have enjoyed being scientists exploring the school grounds for signs of spring and spotting garden and wild flowers.



After learning all about the Great Fire of London in our history lessons, Hedgehogs, Owls and Rabbits created this fantastic scene showing the fire. We practised colour mixing paints to create fire colours, explored using tissue paper to make textured flames and used collage to create the houses.



Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 30th April

Badgers – Charlie

Hedgehogs – Sammy

Owls – Sigourney

Rabbits – Rowan

Squirrels – Henry M



West Leigh Staff demonstrating how to use the new zebra crossing in the style of The Beatles "Abbey Road" album cover!

Thank you to all parents for supporting the new safety measures introduced at the beginning of this term.

We would like to remind everyone that vehicles must not be driven or parked on Westfield Drive during peak school times, which are Monday to Friday, 8:15–9:15am and 2:30–3:30pm.

Your cooperation helps us keep all children safe.



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 :



WEST LEIGH PTA PRESENTS

THE BIG QUIZ

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

WEST LEIGH SCHOOL HALL

Doors open at **7.30pm** to start at 8pm

BAR • PRIZES • RAFFLE

£5 PER PERSON | TEAMS OF 4 - 6
OR FORM A TEAM ON THE NIGHT

BOOK TICKETS VIA PTA EVENTS

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/BACKWELLFEDERATIONPA

Our Backwell B awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible

Celebration Assembly -

1st May 2026

Year 3 - Charlie S and Zach

Year 4 - Dylan H and Seb

Year 5 - Freya M, Ollie C and
Charlie Co

Year 6 - Lucas and Cassia

Celebration Assembly -

8th May 2026

Year 3 - Ethan and Teddy

Year 4 - Joni, Nyla and Freddie J

Year 5 - Archie W

Year 6 - James, Alice Re and Micah



CONGRATULATIONS



BOOK CORNER



The Book Corner is an opportunity to celebrate everything we love about reading here at Backwell Juniors. From book recommendations to reading support/ updates/ events- it can all be found in the Book Corner!

BOOK FAIR- thank you!!

As part of a very busy Term 4, our Spring Book Fair raised a brilliant £475.98,

This has given us just under £200 to spend on books in school and along with the November Book Fair's commission, we are hoping to use this to purchase some whole class sets of books to support the children with reading lessons in school

As always, thank you to both our book fair volunteers and everyone who came along to support the fair ☺



BOOKS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

As a way of introducing some of the newer titles in the reading spine, a number of them have been placed in our reading spotlight below:

<p>Best friends Bumble and Snug are Bugbops – little monsters filled with BIG feelings! In this full-colour graphic novel, join them on a funny, imaginative adventure with some VERY angry pirates, learning about the world outside and inside along the way.</p>	<p>There is not a better smell in the world than Ajee's Cook-up rice. The kitchen fills with the smell of coconut, garlic and spices. Faruq loves his grandmother Ajee, and he loves her cooking. In fact, Faruq would like to cook too – he wants to be a chef, but Ajee says he has to be a doctor like his father.</p>	<p>Explore the most marvellous mouths of the animal kingdom, from the awesome jaws of the great white shark to the tiny teeth of the garden snail. Some animals sport tongues that are longer than their bodies, others have super-sticky spit that can speedily snare an insect snack.</p>
	<p>On the island of Ayrie, everybody knows everyone. When newcomer Albie arrives at the island, Tilda wants to show Ayrie off – Albie wants her to leave him alone. She learns quickly that it'll take more than a tour and some seal viewings to win him around. Then, she remembers stories of the old island just an hour's boat ride away from the shore.</p>	<p>A mysterious island. A strange and mystical power called FLEMBER. A boy-inventor called Dev, who uncovers a long forgotten secret. And a GIANT, RED ROBOT BEAR?! The sleepy village of Eden is about to descend into HILARIOUS chaos - can disastrous Dev save his brand new best friend?</p>

We'd love to hear from you if you read any of the above! Write or type a book review and hand in to either Mrs Bernard or the school office ☺

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.

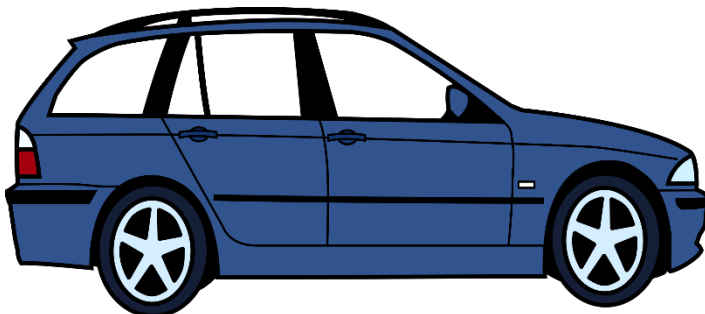
Several children have mentioned that they feel unsafe walking to and from school due to the speed and number of cars on this road and so we politely ask for you to refrain from dropping off in these areas and park on Dark Lane and walk the short distance to school to drop off/pick up. This additional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



PRIORITY FOOTBALL
MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS!
4 DAYS OF FOOTBALL FUN AT NAILSEA SCHOOL
TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH MAY

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

STRIKER DAY IS BACK!
FRIDAY 29TH MAY

PUMA CAMP DAYS
TUES 26TH & FRI 29TH MAY

SCAN HERE TO BOOK



£25 per day | Discounted multi-day tickets | Early drop-offs available

Book online: www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps
Pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004 | Nailsea School



Codingbug

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CODERS & MAKERS

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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BACKWELL SCHOOL

BACKWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

UP, UP & AWAY!


GET READY FOR AN ACTION-PACKED MORNING OF FUN!

THURSDAY 28TH MAY **10:00 AM - 12:30 PM** **FOR CHILDREN IN YEARS 3 - 6**


MESSY CHALLENGES GAMES NERF GUNS PARACHUTE COMPETITION PRIZES AND SO MUCH MORE!

BLAZE

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP, PLEASE USE THE QR CODE!



HOLIDAY CLUBS



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

Venue: Hannah More & Grove School - Nailsea

Dates: Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

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!

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

Join us this May 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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BACKWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO OUR
FAMILY SUNDAY
10TH MAY 10.30AM

CROSSING THE RIVER

GAMES
PRIZES
SONGS
CRAFTS

minister@backwellbaptist.co.uk follow us on  @backwellbaptistchurch



Nailsea Library Code Club

Runs for 10 weeks starting on 28 April

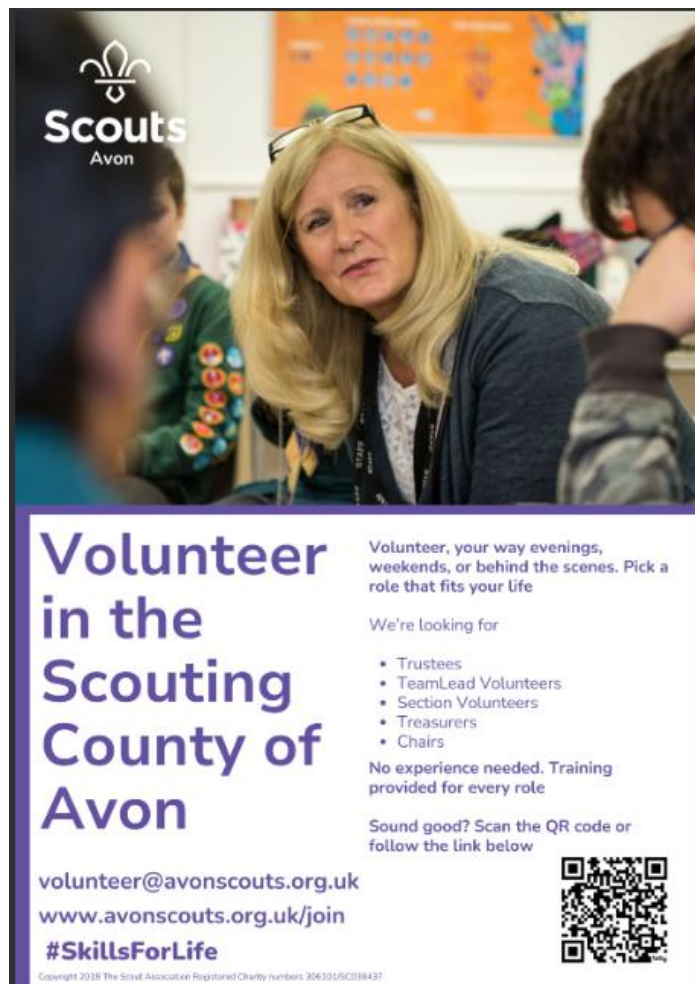
Tuesdays at 3.45pm-5pm
(during term time only)

For ages 8-11

We have a limited number of spaces. To sign up, please speak to library staff who will put you on the list.

Parents/carers must stay with the child attending Code Club at all times.

Please note: this is a weekly commitment and we ask that attendees come to all sessions to get the most benefit from the course.



Scouts Avon

Volunteer in the Scouting County of Avon

Volunteer, your way evenings, weekends, or behind the scenes. Pick a role that fits your life


We're looking for

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- TeamLead Volunteers
- Section Volunteers
- Treasurers
- Chairs

No experience needed. Training provided for every role

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volunteer@avonscouts.org.uk
www.avonscouts.org.uk/join
#SkillsForLife



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Trigger's HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

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

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



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



CREATIVE COURAGE FOR LIFE!

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Singing, dancing and acting classes for 4 - 18 year-olds

Give your children and young people the Creative Courage to stand up on stage for over 21 years

ASK ABOUT OUR 2-WEEK TRIAL

www.stagecoach.co.uk/bristol/southwest
07833643466
info@bristolwest@stagecoach.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

FIND US ONLINE!

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)

LEARN | PLAY | GIG

SCAN HERE FOR FULL DETAILS

www.therockproject.com

Polite Notices



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.