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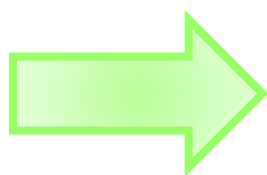
Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 5

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WL - Letters to Parents

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Important Dates



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

**Monday 1st
June 2026**

Term 5

- Friday 22nd May – BJS Sports Day

Term 6

- Monday 1st June – INSET DAY
- Wednesday 3rd June 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)
- Friday 26th June – BJS Y3 Trip to Noah's Ark
- 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
- Wednesday 8th July – WL KS1 Trip to Clevedon Seafront (further details to follow)
- Thursday 9th July – WL KS1 Trip to Clevedon Seafront (further details to follow)
- Thursday 9th July – BJS Class and Leavers 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 – WL Leavers Assembly 9:15am School Hall
- Wednesday 22nd July – BJS Leavers Assembly 11am School Hall
- Wednesday 22nd July – Last Day of the School Year

WL Class News – Owls

During our Computing lessons, we have been using the Scratch Jnr app to experiment with programming. Our Year 2 experts have been great at explaining the features of Scratch to the Year 1s and Mrs BG has been really impressed with how confidently all the children have been following and creating algorithms. We will finish the term off with the children designing and programming their own rocket ship race - we can't wait to see which rocket wins!



We have been working on our racket and stick skills in our tennis and hockey PE lessons. The class have had opportunities to demonstrate moving balls around with control, both inside the hall and on the playground. They have practised rallying with a partner in tennis and dribbling and pushing the ball in hockey. The children have worked really hard to try and remember how to hold the racket/stick correctly and it's been great to see their confidence growing each week. Fantastic effort Owls!



WL Class News – Owls continued...



At the end of last term, the children in KS1 enjoyed our art unit on the Great Fire of London. We experimented with using chalks, paints and tissue paper collage to create flames and we also used pen and sugar paper to decorate Tudor style houses. All of our work was put together to create a Great Fire of London collage display and the children have loved finding their own pieces of work in the picture:



WL Class News – Owls continued...



Finally, this term the Owls have enjoyed opportunities to be nature detectives and work outside during our science lessons. We have searched for signs of spring, identified and found different examples of garden and wild plants and looked at the structure of flowering plants and trees.





Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 14th May

Badgers – Jinora

Hedgehogs – Ada

Owls – Jude

Rabbits – Iggy



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

Thank you to the parents who are helping us implement the new safety measures that were 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. When using Westfield Road, please

do not park where there are double yellow lines
Your cooperation helps us keep all children safe.

This sign is situated at the junction of Westfield Road and Westfield Drive.



PTA - Upcoming events

Friday 5th June – Non-Uniform Day = Tombola Treasure Day!

In exchange for wearing non-uniform, please send your child in with a prize donation for our ever-popular tombola at the Summer Fair. Anything child-friendly and in new or nearly-new condition. (If it would make a child gasp “NO WAY!” it’s probably perfect.)

Saturday 13th June - Summer Fair 11:30am – 3:00pm

Alongside all your favourite stalls and activities, we’ve got some exciting new games, community visitors, and surprises lined up this year. Every penny spent at the fair helps support both schools — funding extra classroom resources, exciting projects, and enriching experiences for all our children. So yes, technically buying raffle tickets is educational.

Volunteers Needed – Be a Summer Fair Hero!

The Summer Fair only happens thanks to our amazing volunteers, and we’d love your help On the day. Even one short slot makes a huge difference! We’re looking for help with the bar, games and kid’s tombola. Please sign up here: [Summer Fair Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Choose a slot, add your details... done!


If you have any issues accessing or editing the Google sheet, please contact your class rep or PTA and we can add you.

RAFFLE-TASTIC!

Our raffle is back and, thanks to the incredible generosity of local businesses, the prizes are absolutely fantastic this year.

Just a few highlights include:

- Overnight stay for 2 with breakfast at the Clayton Hotel
- £100 voucher for The Rising Sun
- Family ticket to Wookey Hole
- David Lloyd family pass
- West Country Water Park voucher
- Smyths Toys voucher
- Noah’s Ark Zoo Farm tickets
- Mendip Activity Centre family disc golf
- Unlimited rides at WSM Pier
- Cases of cider, flowers, hampers, coffees, vouchers, trampolining, swimming, tennis... and loads more!

 Tickets are just £1 each - To save a few trees and to simplify running the Raffle, we are not selling paper raffle tickets this year. All ticket sales are online (you can buy them now!), but cash payments can be taken on the day and converted into online entries for you.

The draw takes place at 2:30pm on the playground with Mr Webster and the PTA.

Grab your tickets here and please do share with friends and family to help us raise as much as possible: Buy Summer Fair Raffle Tickets

Got a Gazebo?

British summer weather likes to keep us guessing. Sun? Rain? All four seasons before lunchtime?

If you have a gazebo we could borrow for the fair, we’d be hugely grateful. Please get in touch with the PTA if you can help shelter our stalls — and possibly our sanity.

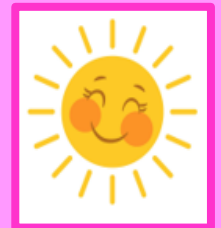
We can’t wait to celebrate another fantastic school year with you all. Thank you, as always, for your support, generosity, and enthusiasm — it’s what makes our school community so special.

Thursday 2nd July - Squirrel 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.

Thursday 16th July - Year 2 Leavers Disco

Action-packed disco for Year 2 pupils with games and dancing to celebrate the end of the year and their time at West Leigh. More details to follow.



PTA - Quiz Night Update

WEST LEIGH QUIZ NIGHT

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the quiz night, it was lovely to see some familiar faces coming from BJS too. Congratulations to the winning team "Cheese Puffs" (below) and special thanks to Shona who did a brilliant job as quiz master - it was a fabulous evening!



PTA – 100 Club Update

Our 100 club, which is our school lottery, is still continuing with the May draw having been done this week and then 2 further draws in June and July.

There are still 33 tickets available if you'd like to buy a ticket you can join for just £4 for the remaining 2 draws. Joining the 100 club means you buy a set number which is entered into a draw each month and you have the chance to win a cash prize of £50, £20 or £10. You can purchase your ticket via <https://pta.events/100-club>

The numbers still available are: 30, 34, 36-40, 47, 49, 51, 54, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62-65, 68, 69, 71, 73, 78, 84, 86, 87, 89, 92-96.

If you'd like more information, please email the PTA.

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 :



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COLLECTION & RETURN:
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CONTACT: westleighpta@gmail.com

Our Backwell B awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible

Celebration Assembly -

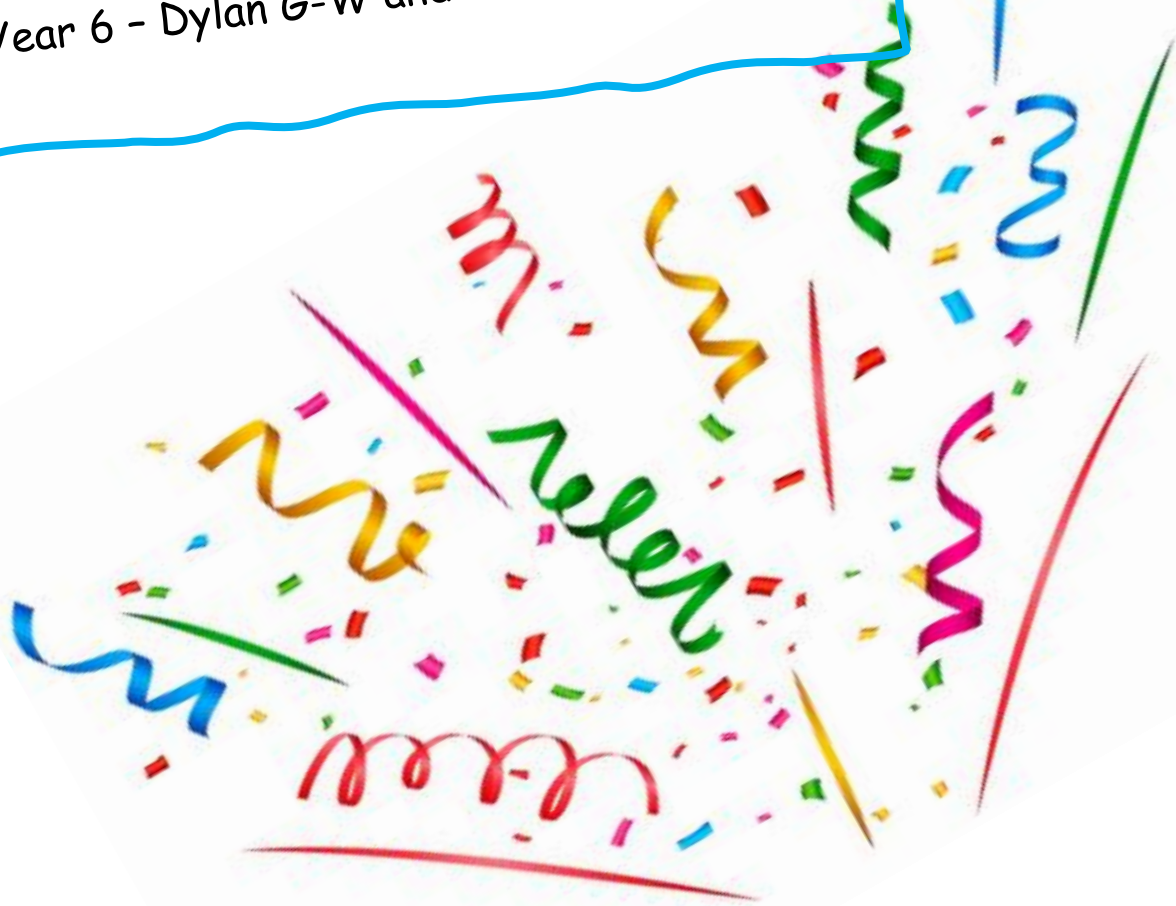
15th May 2026

Year 3 - Eva and Reuben

Year 4 - Gruff, George and Rosa

Year 5 - Molly, Charlie M and Charlie Ca

Year 6 - Dylan G-W and Gabe



CONGRATULATIONS

Health & Fitness Week



6C SATs



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.

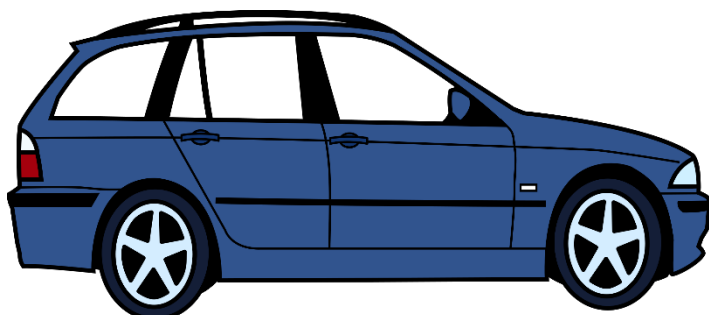
Several children have mentioned that they feel unsafe walking to and from school due to the speed and number of cars on this road and so we politely ask for you to refrain from dropping off in these areas and park on Dark Lane and walk the short distance to school to drop off/pick up. This additional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

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



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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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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.



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

- Trustees
- TeamLead Volunteers
- Section Volunteers
- Treasurers
- Chairs

No experience needed. Training provided for every role

Sound good? Scan the QR code or follow the link below

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](https://twitter.com/triggerstuff)

BBC

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



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)**

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FOR FULL DETAILS

www.therockproject.com



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PROCOACHING SUMMER HOLIDAY 2026 CAMPS THE DOWNS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Enjoy a summer of sport with expert-led coaching across a variety of sport specific weeks, stay active, and have fun in a supportive environment. Includes a lunch time swim Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays!

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

Ages: 5-14 years

Dates:
20 - 24 July: Cricket
27 - 31 July: Multi-Sports
3 - 7 August: Tennis
10 - 14 August: Athletics
17 - 21 August: Football
24 - 28 August: Multi-Sports

BOOK ONLINE @ WWW.PRO-COACHING.CO.UK






ACTIVITIES

Half Term Holiday Activities: Bugs, Bats & Butterflies

Investigate some of the winged wonders that visit Wells Cathedral, and try fun-filled family activities that can help support biodiversity at home.



Bat Trail
Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May, 9am–4.30pm
Follow our bat trail and contribute to our growing bat roost tree.



Beautiful Butterflies
Tuesday 26 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Learn about pollinators and make a butterfly feeder or try paper butterfly crafts.



Brilliant Bats
Wednesday 27 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Find out about the bats that visit the Cathedral with a fun, interactive talk, and make a flapping bat toy.



Beds for Bugs
Thursday 28 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Help us give our bug hotel a makeover, and make your own mini version to hang at home.

Admission included with entry to Wells Cathedral. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at wells cathedral.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 Half Term Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

Registered Charity No. 1207269





HAF NORTH SOMERSET
Holiday Activities & Food

#HAF2026

SAVE THE DATE

Bookings go live **Friday 12th June at 9am**

Young people who receive benefits related free school meals are invited to book onto our free HAF Summer Activities.





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For more information about HAF please visit: [About the HAF programme](#) | [North Somerset Council](#)



**Backwell Tennis Club Tuesday 26th May 9-12am
All Abilities Camp Aged 5-15**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=98fc4305-66cb-4b5f-a078-1817902abbd7>

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**Nailsea Tennis Club on Wednesday 27th May 9-12am
All Abilities Camp Aged 5-15**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BenTillingCoaching/Coaching/Camp?courseID=a0256fc1-075c-445f-a503-97769b131d38>

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.