



Backwell C of E Junior School in partnership with West Leigh Infant School



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End of year Newsletter

Our Federation values this term are: Celebration

Federation News

Wishing all of our pupils, their families and our staff a very happy, healthy and fun summer break.

*We look forward to welcoming everyone back on
Monday 6th September 2021.*

We will welcome our Year 2 leavers to BJS as our new Year 3 and we will be saying hello to our new reception intake. We are very excited to meet everyone.

Wishing our Year 6 leavers an incredible summer break and a fabulous start at their new schools in September.

We will miss you all, but know you all have fabulous futures ahead of you.

Best wishes from all the Backwell Federation staff



West Leigh Infant School



Well done to our Superstars

Reception - Imogen, Chester,
Year 1 - Elise, Benjamin, Eliza-Mai P
Year 2 - Hannah, Wren, Evie, Zara

Hedgehog Class

On Wednesday 30th June, we went on a school trip to the Bristol Aerospace Museum. This was the first trip we've been able to go on since the COVID-19 pandemic began and we all had an amazing time!

When we arrived, we went straight into the Concorde hangar and as we saw Concorde standing in the middle of the hangar, our jaws dropped. We quickly made our way upstairs and met Greg who taught us lots of things about Concorde. Then it was our turn to step aboard! The cockpit was full of buttons and most of us really liked the toilets. However, it was surprisingly small inside.

After we visited Concorde, we went into a lecture hall for a science show and some of us got to fire rockets (they were only foam rockets). Our final part of the day was to visit the main exhibition and we really enjoyed playing with all the interactive games.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who helped us on the trip and we hope Mrs Morrell had a brilliant birthday!



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Year 2 Disco

On Thursday 15th July, Hedgehogs and Foxes had their end of Year 2 Disco! Everyone had a lot of fun and made lots of fantastic memories. Our DJ, DJ Kool Kids, kept us entertained for the whole time and we played lots of games and had a limbo competition, and created a huge conga line! Miss H-D, Mr Webster and Miss Hiscocks even had their own competition and Miss Hiscocks was very proud to have been voted the winner! Thank you to the PTA for organising such a fun event for the Year 2s.



Priority Football Camps

25 days packed with football fun this summer, suitable for all abilities and experience levels.

Dates: 5 weeks, starting Monday 26 July

Location: Nailsea School, BS48 2HN

Prices: From £17 per day

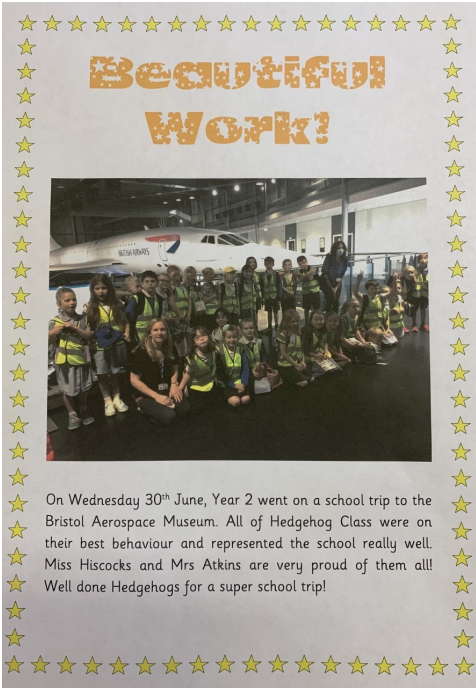
Ages: Reception - Year 7

To book: www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps

Contact: pete@priorityfootball.co.uk 01275 261 004

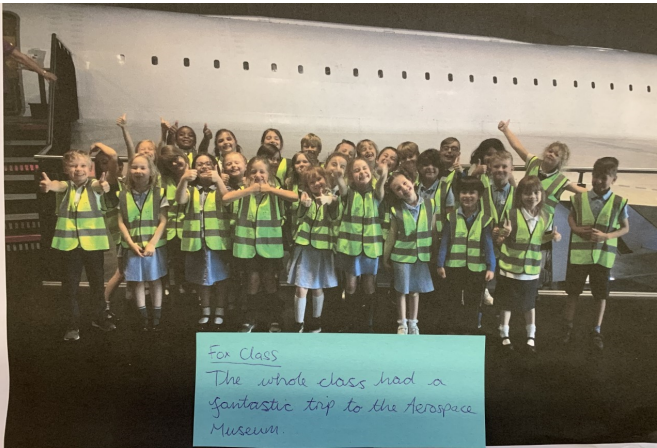
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Beautiful Work Gallery - From Thursday 1st July



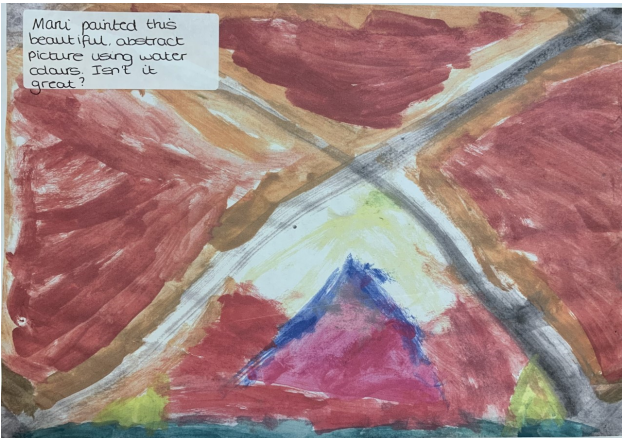
On Wednesday 30th June, Year 2 went on a school trip to the Bristol Aerospace Museum. All of Hedgehog Class were on their best behaviour and represented the school really well. Miss Hiscocks and Mrs Atkins are very proud of them all! Well done Hedgehogs for a super school trip!

Hedgehog Class Y2



Fox Class
The whole class had a fantastic trip to the Aerospace Museum.

Fox Class Y2



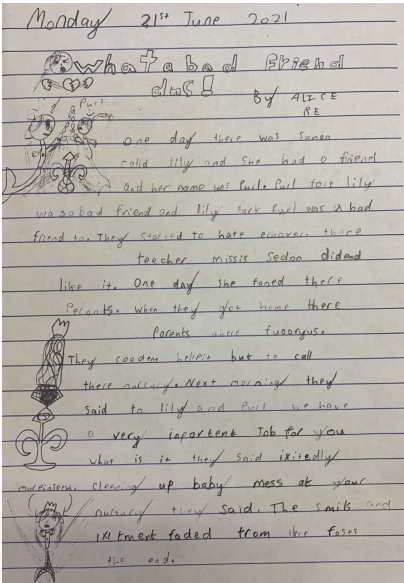
Mani painted this beautiful abstract picture using water colours. Isn't it great?

Mani YR

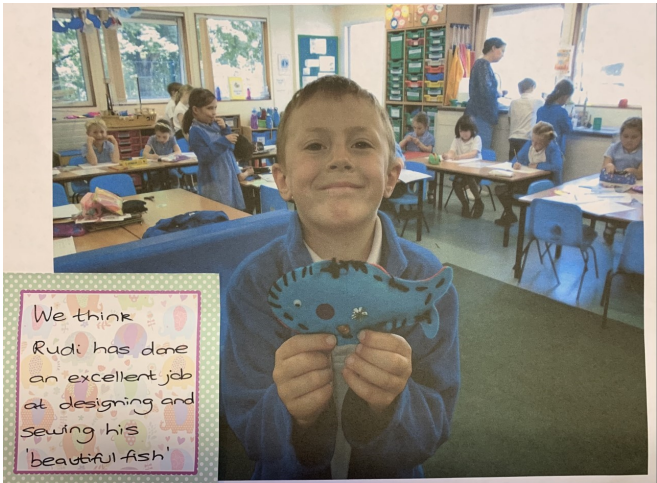


Wow Carter, you spent time making your jellyfish look colourful and happy. Well done!

Carter YR



Alice Y1

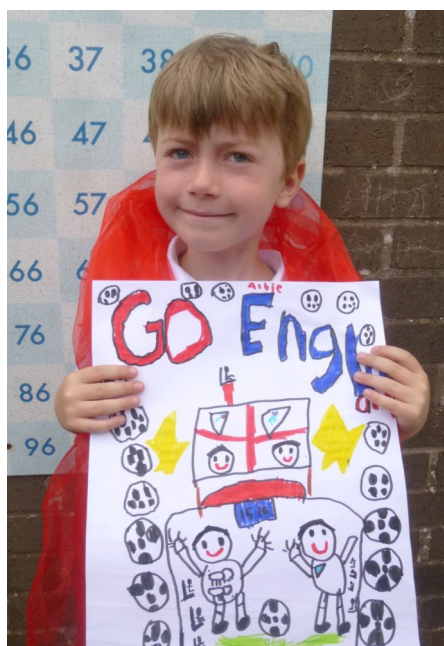


We think Rudi has done an excellent job at designing and sewing his 'beautiful fish'.

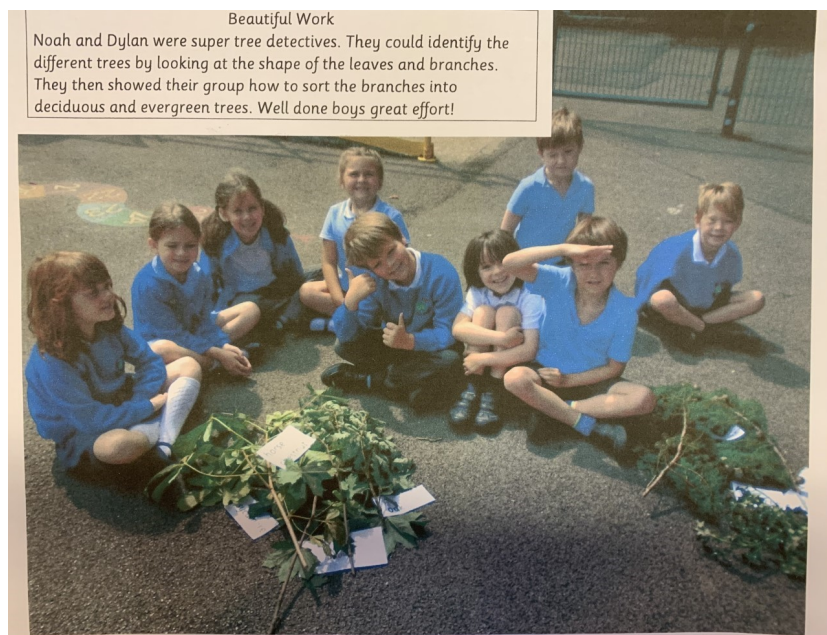
Rudi Y1

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Beautiful Work Gallery - From Thursday 8th July



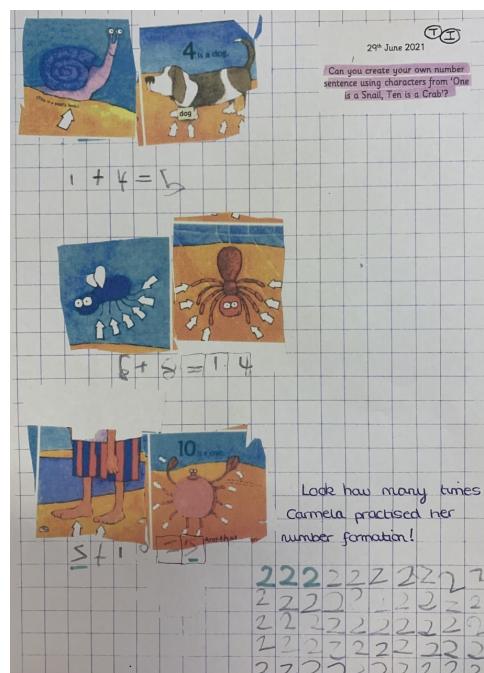
Albie Y1



Noah & Dylan Y1



Naomi YR



Carmela YR

Great Work
Well Done

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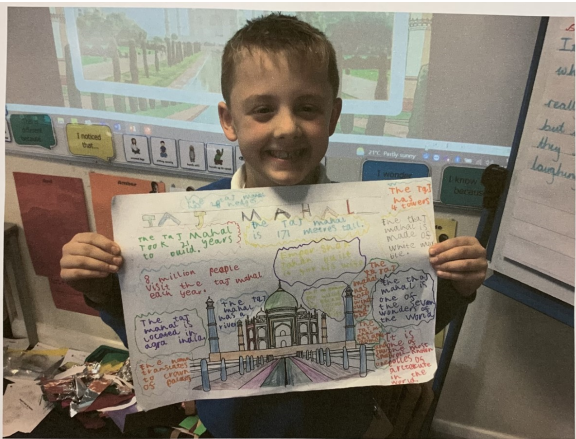
Wow Charlie C look at your peacock!
You spent a long time sponging,
printing, painting, gluing and
glittering to make a beautiful bird.
Well done!

Charlie C YR



Look at Mimi's collage of a tiger habitat!
She thought carefully about using different materials,
to show the tiger partially hidden among the jungle plants.

Mimi Y1

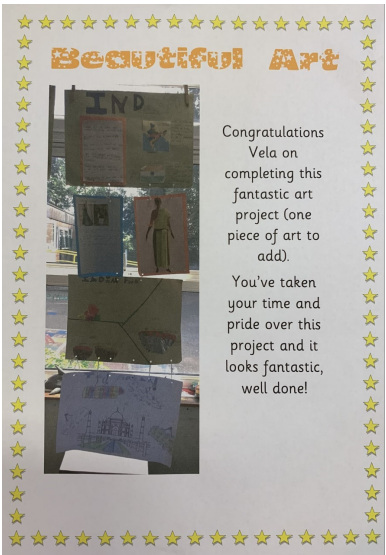


Lex has wowed Miss H-D and the rest of Fox Class with his outstanding knowledge about India. During Arts Week, he has included extra facts in all of his work and completed this fantastic piece on the Taj Mahal. Well done Lex! ☺

Lex Y2



Beautiful Work
There has been some brilliant work going on in Rabbit Class this week so Mrs Chaffe and Mrs Wilson have struggled to choose just 1 person for beautiful work. These people have worked really hard to produce some super pieces of art work linked to India.



Congratulations
Vela on
completing this
fantastic art
project (one
piece of art to
add).
You've taken
your time and
pride over this
project and it
looks fantastic,
well done!

Y1 Mimi, Eliza

C, Juliet, Annabel, Henry, Phoebe



What a fantastic
peacock made by Grace
from Squirrel class!

West Leigh Infant School



Wow, what a school year it's been! We have been completely blown away by everyone's support, and want to say a huge THANK YOU to all parents/carers & families, staff, and to the children.

You have helped us to raise a projected total of over £13,500! Which is just incredible in such a difficult year for everyone, and without a school fair in sight!

Current events

- Project Tea Towel - looks to have raised over £750 and we hope to receive match funding for some of this total too! We hope you have enjoyed seeing all the little self portraits!
- Year 2 Leavers - we hope you enjoyed your disco! The hoodies are on the way and we look forward to seeing you all wearing them around the village. We wish you all the very best for your move to BJS - have fun!

And... The circus came to visit us on Tuesday, 20 July!

Successes this year include

Virtual Christmas Fair & Raffle
Nativity Photos & DVDs
Christmas Secret Shop
Class Sponsored Events
Project Tea Towel
Online funding/payment methods

PTA spend this year

With the help of local businesses, we have been able to fund a fantastic new KS1 playground - and we are aiming to add some more fun features over the summer, and fund new raised beds in both playgrounds. We have also been able to pay for new reading schemes, 6 new iPads, an interactive whiteboard, toys for the new playground, actor visits for WOW days, sand for the Reception playground, funding for arts week, a virtual panto with popcorn and virtual shows to make things more fun for the children during lockdown.

Next year

If you would like to get involved, on the committee or as a class rep, we would love to hear from you: westleightpta@gmail.com

We look forward to hopefully being able to see more of everyone from September - have a great summer!

BACKWELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Backwell B' awards include: **Be your Best**, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**
 Congratulations to the recipients of our annual Prize Giving Award Assembly

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BE KIND</u>	<u>BE RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>BE YOUR BEST</u>
3JB	Sonny	Lizzie	Kai
3H	Logan	Leah	Finley
4JC	Tommy	May	Oli H
4W	Meredith	Hannah J	Tor
5PB	Flynn	Ava	Catherine
5T	Josh	Grace	Annie
6B	Stella	Maisie	Pearl
6M	Neve	Sylvie	Joe H

A HUGE thank you from the PTA

We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, carers and friends of Backwell Juniors for their phenomenal support this year. In a year that has brought so much disruption and uncertainty for everyone, we have raised a staggering amount, with every penny going towards enriching our children's school experience.

In the early part of the year, we focused on replacing the play equipment - we needed a huge £36k and at times, we weren't sure it was achievable, but with the support of you all plus some local businesses and organisations, we exceeded that. Raising just over £38k. The remainder will be used for other outdoor equipment such as benches or towards a shaded area.

Through other events such as raffles, break the rules day and matched giving from Lloyds Banking Group, we've also been able to support the purchase of 5 new laptops and spend £2k to replace a significant number of the books the children use.

We hope to return to more 'normal' fundraising efforts next year - fayres, cake sales etc with our focus being on upgrading the technology the children use - if you'd like to get involved, any help is very grateful received. You can contact us on bjpta@backwellfederation.co.uk

As we look to the new school year, it's just a quick reminder that there is currently second hand uniform available, run by Katie Markkanen (07865 074158) and the PTA also receives donations from any money spent at www.nametags.com using school code 20199

Thank you once again. We wish you a happy, healthy and restful summer.

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Class Spotlight

Year 6 have been celebrating and remembering their time at Backwell Junior School recently in preparation for their leavers' book. Some of the memories were our Victorian classroom at the start of Year 6; we found it scary but funny at the same time!

From Year 3 we remember our Egyptian day when we found out how the brains were taken out of a mummies head as part of the mummification process.

A popular memory from Year 4 was Harry T getting his finger stuck up the leg of a chair and Mr Meredith had to bring soap and water to get it unstuck!

In Year 5, Miss Taylor wore odd shoes to the swimming gala which caused great hilarity.

We have lots of happy and funny memories and we will miss everyone at BJS. Thank you for everything.

Year 7, here we come!



GOODBYE YEAR 6

WE WILL MISS
YOU

YOU ARE ALL
FABULOUS



Mrs Gardner's Big Summer Head Shave

I have now completed the first stages of my fundraiser for Cancer Research UK

I have had rainbow hair for a few days and last night I braved the shave and shaved all of my hair off!

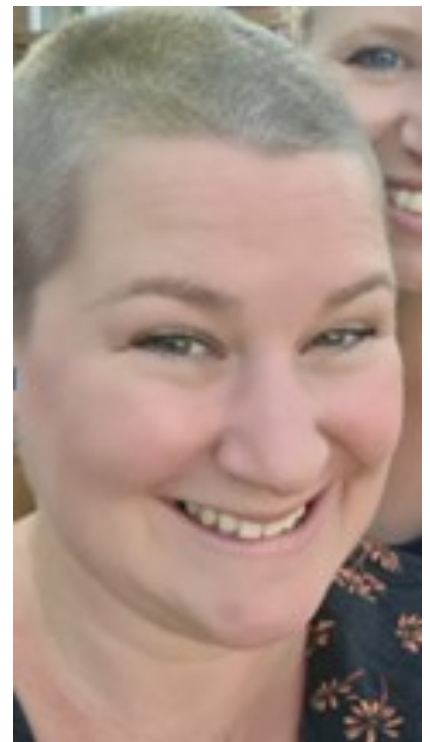
I hope you enjoy the photographs below.

The second half of my fundraiser is to walk at least 20,000 steps a day/10 miles a day for every day of the summer holidays. This should mean that I walk at least 840,000 steps in 6 weeks (makes me tired just thinking about it). According to my Fitbit, this should be approximately 400 - 420 miles over the holidays! I will be posting daily updates on my step count.

Please see the link below to my JustGiving page. I have smashed my original fundraising target of £1000.00 and now hope to make £3000.00, so if you are able to make a donation, no matter how small, they will all be gratefully received and going to a good cause. Many thanks to those parents who have seen my fundraiser already and sent a donation. I am so incredibly grateful.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Clair-Gardner2

Mrs Gardner's Summer Head Shave Fundraiser



Your Mobile Library



Visits **Backwell** weekly on **Mondays**:

2021	Monday
August	M, 9, 16, 23, H
September	6, 13, 20, 27
October	4, 11, 18, M

H – public holiday = vehicle off road M – maintenance = vehicle off road

Stops at:		
Backwell	Rodney Road car park	2:15-4:15pm

Please note that stops and timings may be subject to change during the currency of this timetable.

From Monday 12th April, customers will be able to board the mobile library to collect reservations and choose their own books. In order to keep customers and staff safe we will be adhering to COVID-19 guidance and will:

- Limit the number of customers on board at any time; limited to one person or family group. You may need to queue before boarding;
- Ask customers to provide details for Track & Trace services;
- Ask all customers to wear a face mask while on board (unless medically exempt);
- Ask all customers to sanitise their hands before entering vehicle.

For more information please call 01275 888 864 or email mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk.
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries



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FUN FRENCH CLUB STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

**FRENCH CLUB TO INSPIRE
CHILDREN'S LOVE OF LANGUAGES
AND BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE
THROUGH STORY-TELLING,
GAMES, SONGS, CRAFT & FUN
ACTIVITIES**



**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:
CONTACT ANNA-KATE ON
AK@CLUBS4KIDS.COM**

Year 1 & 2 lunchtime club:
£5.50/session
classes will be kept in their bubbles



The Meeting Point Free Summer Holiday Activities



We have had a lonely time

It would be lovely to get together again



Try something new



**Tuesdays
In Backwell Parish Hall**



Be creative



Meet up

Yay!



July 27th

am 10 - 12

Open as usual*

Drop in for coffee & cake, learn more about what is coming up and book your children into the different sessions

*This week (26-30th July 2021) "Sing to be Happy and Sing to be Strong" A summer school for children aged from 6-11 years at St Andrew's Church at a cost of £65. Contact revdrkatvovamen@gmail.com for more information

am (10 - 11 or 11.30 - 12.30)

Noah's Ark Farm Zoo

Animal Meet and Greet

Get close up with a reptile or hiss at a huge bug

August 3rd

August 10th

Juggle in the morning
Create with mud in the afternoon

am (10-12) Circus skills

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Hubble, bubble, toil & learn something very interesting

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August 31st

Children attending must be in the charge of an adult, who remains responsible for them throughout the session

As always at The Meeting Point, there will be Fairtrade real coffee and tea, along with home-made cake.

For more details and to book places...
at The Meeting Point on any Tuesday,
by email at backwell.life@gmail.com
or text 07851 438530

The Meeting Point is an outreach of Backwell Life (Reg Charity No 1155047)

The children's summer program is greatly assisted by a generous grant from Backwell Parish Council

All sessions are free.

But please book a place in advance.

(We are constrained on numbers).

More details about the different sessions can be found on our website
<http://www.themeetingpointbackwell.co.uk/>

Photographs may be taken at each session for publicity purposes. If you are concerned about this, talk to the person with the camera.

The target audience is 5 - 11 years
St. Andrew's Church

Free School Meals

There are two schemes for free school meals:

Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school

Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should **still apply** for free school meals so as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits: income support

- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

How to apply

Free school meals entitlement is for the child, not the family, so you will need to apply for each child when they start school.

If your child is starting school in September, you should apply during the summer holidays as we cannot deal with your application earlier. Applying too early could result in your application being removed.

If you are moving into North Somerset from another area you will need to apply. You will need your National insurance number to apply.

When to reapply

Due to the roll out of Universal Credit, all pupils that are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the school stage they are in on 31 March 2022.

This means if your child is receiving free school meals at primary school in March 2022, you won't need to reapply for them until they start secondary school.

Children do not receive free school meals in college.

If your child changes school or address before 31 March 2022, email fsm@n-somerset.gov.uk so we can update your free school meals record.

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Holiday camps, LTA Youth Start offers **& Adult coaching sessions**

We have limited places left on our **holiday camps**:

Mini Tennis Aged 4-8 booking link: Backwell Tennis Club: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=ed64cb43-1ae9-4c93-94b7-2f65dcbecf77>

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All Abilities Aged 8-13 Booking Link: Backwell Tennis Club: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=04dff9ac-0e99-4042-bf95-248f4e3840eb>

We also have two further courses of the **LTA youth start coaching** starting in **September**

- **An enthusiastic coach who has attended a specific LTA Youth Start training course**
 - **An LTA Youth Start racket, ball-set, and branded t-shirt delivered right to your door**
- **Book on via the LTA for just £29.99**

Saturday 10.30-11.30am Backwell Tennis Club: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/BookCourse/6cd1c872-7cfc-4860-afc9-1199f86aa634>

&

Sunday 5-6pm Backwell Tennis Club: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/BookCourse/52ba4a3d-4920-4ea0-bc53-a9a646a86611>

We also have a **NEW Adult Beginner Coaching** session for **14 weeks** on **Thursdays 2-3pm** for any parent's keen to start tennis this Autumn term.

Adult Beginners Class Thursday 2-3pm:

Backwell Tennis Club: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/BookCourse/4437365f-cce3-4d19-8db7-1b3cf9fa9cd6>

Ben Tilling

Tennis Manager & Head Club Coach @ Backwell Tennis Club

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