

## Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 5 Federation Value - Confidence and Self Esteem

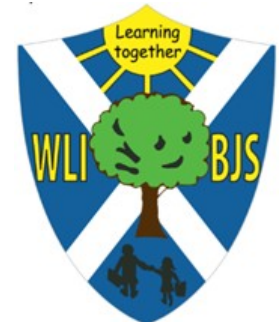
### Well done Year 6

Year 6 have been absolute superstars this week and have now completed SATS week! Even the sunshine came out to celebrate this afternoon!

We are so proud of each and every one of our pupils. Year 6 have lots of exciting things ahead during Term 5 & 6 and we look forward to hearing all about them.



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#### On our website - Links

[West Leigh - Letters to Parents](#)

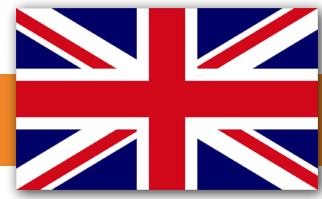
[BJS - Letters to Parents](#)

#### Important Dates - Term 5/6

- Tuesday 16 May: Enrichment at both schools
- Wednesday 17 May: BJS Pentecost service @ St Andrew's Church: 0930. Parents welcome to attend
- Thursday 18 May: BJS Class & Leavers photo day (Tulip Photography)
- 22 - 26 May: BJS Health & Fitness Week
- 24 - 26 May: WL Sports Week
- Friday 26 May: BJS Sports Day (AM)
- Friday 26 May: End of Term 5
- Friday 26 May: Y6 Leavers Cake Sale @ BJS
- Monday 5 June: Inset Day 5 - both schools closed to pupils
- Tuesday 6 June: First day of Term 6
- Thursday 15 June: BJS Summer Music Concert - 1830 start
- Saturday 17 June: PTA Summer Fair
- Thursday 22 June: WL Sports Day @ 9.15am

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## Coronation / Gardening Projects



To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III we decided to take a leaf out of his book and get green-fingered so we chose three areas of the school that need brightening up. The children shared lots of wonderful ideas and the School Council and Miss Hiscocks met to come up with a final plan. It was decided to plant lots of wild flowers and to build bug hotels. Badger Class and Rabbit Class were the first to plant shrubs and flowers in the area outside of Meadowside. That area is almost complete with most of Squirrel Class also having planted something and it is looking wonderful! Badger Class have also been very helpful and have built the bottom layers of the first bug hotel. Next week Miss Hiscocks is hoping to work with Owl Class, Hedgehog Class and Fox Class and in the last week of term, she is hopeful that the bug hotels will also be complete. A huge thank you to all parents who donated materials for our bug hotels. A second huge thank you goes to Cadbury Garden Centre who gave us 10% off our plants.



## Superstar Notice:

Now the weather will hopefully turn to lovely springtime we would like to request that parents wait outside the main entrance by the mural when attending the superstars assembly to help keep it a surprise for the children. If it isn't nice weather you are of course



### **Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Reception – Alice

Year 1 – Nina G

Year 2 – Olivia

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Reception – Alexander, Annie, Ethan

Year 1 – Millie, Rosa

Year 2 – Carter, Ingrid H

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Reception – Amber, Sienna

Year 1 – Jaxon, Fearne, Lincoln

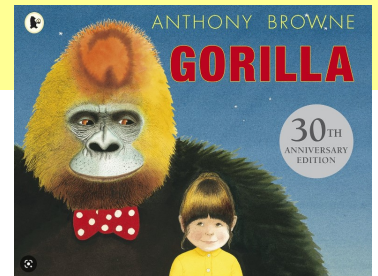
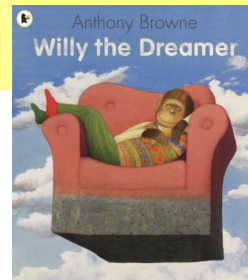
Year 2 – Thomas M, Heath



## Fox Class News

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Fox Class. In English, we have been using books by Anthony Browne to inspire our writing. We have written some fantastic poetry based on Willy the Dreamer and written a diary entry about an adventure with a toy animal that comes to life, based on Gorilla. Here are some pictures of us identifying with the characters in Gorilla.

In Science, we have been learning all about plants. We have carried out an investigation to find out what plants need to grow and stay healthy. We planted cress seeds and put them in different conditions to see how they would grow. Also, we have been looking at the similarities and differences between seeds and bulbs and learnt that even though they look different, they both have the ability to grow into plants.



## Backwell Junior School

### A few important reminders...



- ◆ The school gates are open every morning from 0830 and close again at 0900. Anyone that arrives after the gates are closed will be marked as 'U' which is a late mark and is registered as a half day unauthorised absence (unless previously authorised). Please do try to arrive to school on time, the attendance for your child can be dramatically affected.
- ◆ Please remember to book or cancel your child's school dinner via the Aspens SELECT app before 0830 every morning. We have a number of children who regularly have no lunch booked for them.
- ◆ With the weather (hopefully) warming up for summer, please remember to send your child in to school wearing sunscreen (if required) and with a clearly labelled sun hat. We hope to be able to spend lots of time outside over the rest of Term 5 & 6.
- ◆ On Thursday 18 May, we have Class and Leavers photographs being taken by Tulip photography. If your child usually wears PE kit in to school on a Thursday, please ensure they come to school wearing full school uniform, with their PE in a separate bag.

Many thanks



## BJS—Celebration Award Winners

### Friday 28 April

Year 3 - Eleanor

Year 4 - Hannah C & Sebastian

Year 5 - Arun & Ben

Year 6 - Momore, Harry & Ameley



### Friday 05 May

Year 3 - Rosemary, Alice Ro & Libby

Year 4 - Wren & Brooke

Year 5 - Olivia, Gracie & Roo

Year 6 - May & Farley



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Backwell B' awards include:

**Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible**

## The Unicorn has landed!



### BJS School Council

Our BJS School councillors are very excited to announce that we have taken delivery of our unicorn foal .

We will now be taking some time to decorate our unicorn with the design winners of the recent competition .

We will keep everyone updated on our progress of painting our unicorn and we look forward to unveiling the finished article very soon, before joining the 2023 UNICORNFEST in Bristol.





## Year 6 House Captains—Coronation Flowerbed

Our Year 6 House Captains have been hard at work recently. Not only have they been preparing for their SATs, but last week, they demonstrated their skills as budding horticulturists and alongside Mrs Pearson, created a very special flowerbed to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

There was an array of coloured bedding plants, trowels and muddy hands galore.

The design is of a crown and as the summer continues, the flowerbed will bloom and flourish.

We hope you enjoy the pictures below and enjoy looking at the front of the school and seeing how things develop in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you to Mr Steel for helping us dig the flowerbed (it was rather hard work) and to Mrs Steel, Mrs Pearson and Mr Webster for helping us arrange everything.

Well done to all of our house captains for a right royal job!

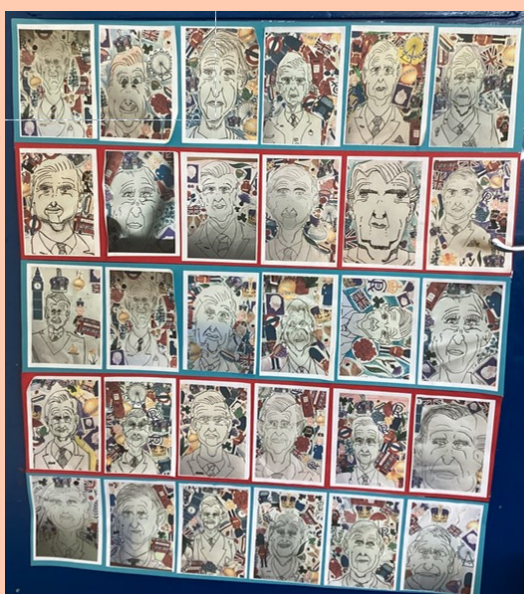
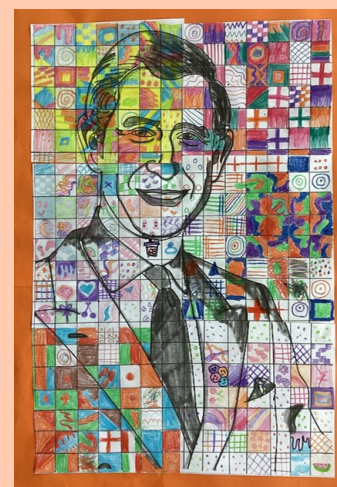
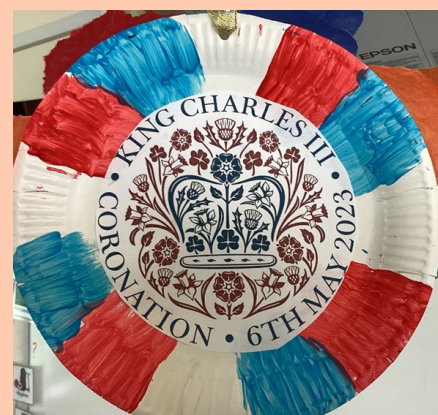
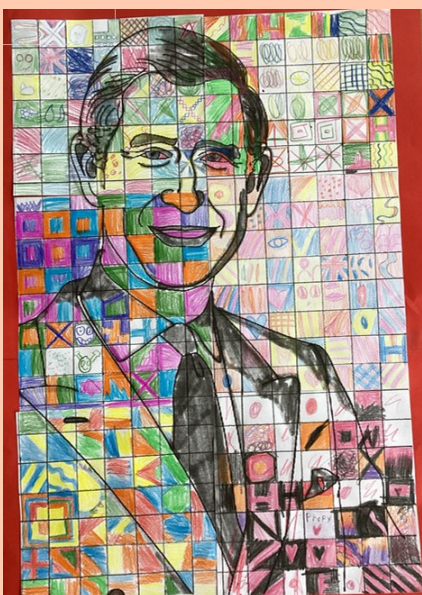


# The Coronation of King Charles III - 06 May 2023



We have all been working hard on different pieces of artwork to add to our school celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III.

We hope you enjoy the pictures below.



# Term 5 Book Corner



## BOOK CORNER

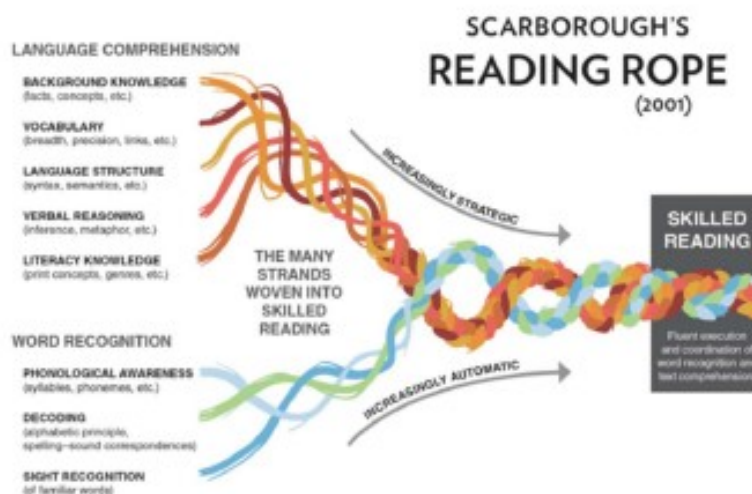


Welcome to our Book Corner where we share everything we love about Reading!

### FLUENCY FOCUS

#### How do we become skilled readers?

Literacy researcher Hollis Scarborough created a metaphor for explaining the complex processes involved in reading. She described reading by comparing it to the "strands of a rope". The diagram shows the rope's different parts and how they work together when one is reading. All of the components, or "strands," together form what Scarborough calls "skilled reading." Skilled reading happens when children are able to read the text fluently while simultaneously comprehending it. In other words, the different parts of the rope work in tandem when a person is able to accurately and automatically read a text and understand it fully.



#### What is Reading Fluency?

'A fluent reader is one who can accurately and automatically decode words. If readers can decode words accurately but have to employ an excessive proportion of their cognitive resources to do so, they have fewer of those resources available for comprehension.' **Education Endowment Foundation**

This diagram outlines the three key areas underpinning reading fluency:

Figure 5: Reading fluency



#### How do we teach Reading Fluency in school?

Once pupils have mastered decoding (using phonics to read individual words), we then move on to developing fluency. This can be through whole-class fluency sessions, where the teacher models the above areas or one-to-one reading sessions with an adult, where if fluency is seen as an area for development, echo-reading (I read a sentence, you read a sentence) is used as a strategy to model and improve fluency skills.

#### How can I support my child with reading fluency at home?

In line with West Leigh, we encourage children who are reading from the first book band levels to re-read the same book at least twice. This helps to develop fluency and ultimately comprehension, once the initial decoding of the words has been mastered.

In addition, one of the most powerful ways of modelling fluency is by reading a bedtime story/ reading out loud to children at home. Modelling intonation (prosody) and accuracy can have a huge impact on children's own fluency.

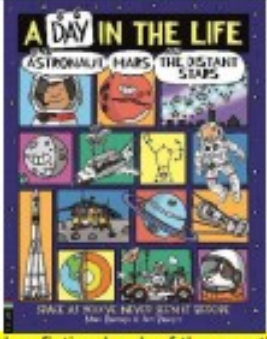
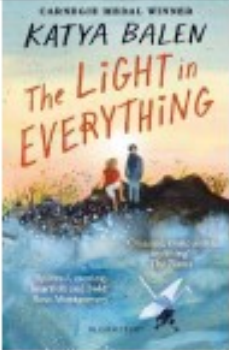
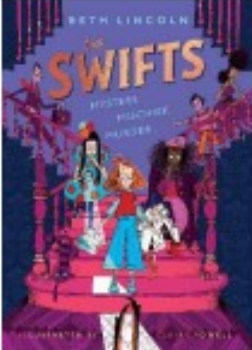
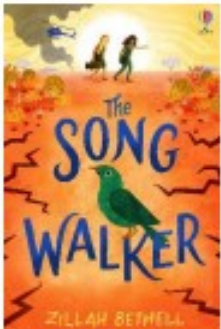
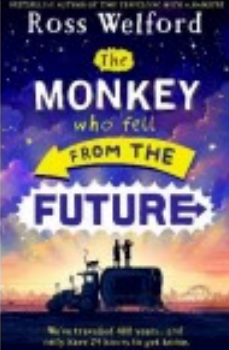
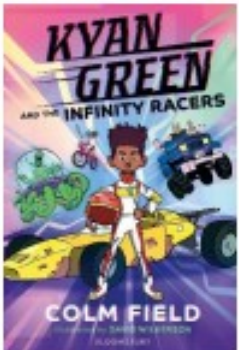
**Watch this space for more input about reading fluency in school and at home in the near future!**

## MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2.

These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library ☺

MAY		
 <p><b>Non-fiction book of the month</b></p>		
<p><b>Interest age: 7+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 8+</b> <i>Take a colourful and comical tour through our galaxy and beyond with this fun new comic collection from Mike Barfield and Jess Bradley. Discover the poisonous clouds of Venus, the rings of Saturn and the raging storm on Jupiter. Venture inside nebulae, black holes, supernovas and far-flung galaxies. Find out about the historic figures who pioneered space travel, the animals who ventured to the stars so humans could follow and the ground-breaking technology that took them there.</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 11+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 11+</b> <i>From the author of October, October, winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022, comes a life-affirming story about blended families and learning to find room in your heart for new life and new love. Tom is still quiet and timid and Zofia has a raging storm that makes her want to fight the whole world until she gets what she wants. And what she wants is for scaredy-cat Tom to get out of her life. Tom hates loud, unpredictable Zofia just as much, but he's moving into Zofia's house...</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 8+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 9+</b> <i>Perfect for fans of Robin Stevens and Lemony Snicket. On the day they are born, each Swift is brought before the sacred Family Dictionary. They are given a name and a definition, and it is assumed they will grow up to match. Unfortunately, Shenanigan Swift has other ideas. So what if her relatives all think she's destined to turn out as a troublemaker, just because of her name? Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants - pirate, explorer or even detective. Which is lucky, really, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunit.</i></p>
 <p><b>Fiction book of the month</b></p>		
<p><b>Interest age: 8+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 9+</b> <i>The Song Walker is an extraordinary new story of friendship, discovery and courage from Zillah Bethell, author of The Shark Caller which won the Wales Book of the Year and the Edward Stanford Children's Travel Book of the Year 2022. When a young girl wakes up in the middle of the desert, she has no idea who she is. She's wearing one shoe, a silky black dress, and she's carrying a strange, heavy case. She meets Tami, who is on a mysterious quest of her own. Together, the two girls trek across the vast and ever-changing Australian Outback in search of answers. Except both are also hiding secrets...</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 8+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 9+</b> <i>The hilarious, moving and adventure-packed new novel for readers of 9 and up from Ross Welford, the bestselling and Costa-shortlisted author of Time Travelling with a Hamster. The year is 2425. Centuries after a catastrophic meteor collision, nature has retaken the earth. In a small town in what was once England, young Ocean Mooney and the monkey-owning Duke Smiff have just dug up a 400 year-old tablet computer.</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 8+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 8+</b> <i>Fans of Danny Wallace, Ben Miller and Rob Biddulph's Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City will race through this epic adventure! Welcome, infinity racers! Prepare for an adventure that's out of this world . and all of the others! When Kyan finds a battered old racing-car game in the loft, he doesn't believe the big claims written on the box. I mean, what kind of 'Infinite Race' only has seven pieces of track? So it comes as a shock when the game really does take him on the journey of a lifetime - through multiple universes!</i></p>



## СВЯТО ВИШИВАНКИ VUSHIVANKA SELEBRATION

**FRI**  
**19 May**  
**7 pm**

Вшануємо заповітне українське мистецтво вишиванки демонстрацією старовинних, сучасних і дизайнерських сорочок, а також суконь-вишиванок. Свято пройде з традиційними співом, танцями та легкими частуванням.

Вхід безкоштовний, вітаються пожертви та донати на підтримку благодійних організацій, що працюють в Україні.

Вшануванням зарплатного українського мистецтва вшівку демонструємо вінтажні, сучасні та дузайнерські сорочки та суконь-вшиванок. Вкучаються традиційні співу, танці та леді частування.

Bezkošтовno, ale vítajúťsa rozhrntu na pldtymku blahodtľnykh organizatsiľ, shcho pratsjuut' v Ukraľni.

Honoring the cherished Ukrainian art of embroidery with displays of vintage, contemporary and designer vushivanka shirts and dresses. Including traditional singing, dancing and light refreshments.

Free entry: Donations welcome to support charities working in Ukraine.



**Holy Trinity Church**  
**Nailsea BS48 4NG**

## Notices

### Your Mobile Library



Visits Backwell weekly on Mondays:

2023		Monday
May		H, H, 15, 22, H
June		5, 12, 19, 26
July		3, 10, 17, 24, 31

H = No service because of public/Bank Holiday  
M = Vehicle off road for scheduled maintenance

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.

We would ask that you consider the following, as part of our ongoing efforts to continue to safeguard our staff, customers and volunteers:

- Be mindful of the number of people on board the vehicle and wait outside if necessary or requested to do so by staff.
- Consider wearing a face mask while on board (unless medically exempt);
- Sanitise your hands before entering vehicle;
- Do not use the service if you have symptoms, have tested positive or have been asked to isolate.

Please note that COVID-19 guidance and requirements may change.

For more information please call 01275 888 884 or email [mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk).

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries)



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## Holiday Camps at Backwell Tennis Club

We have camps during the 'spring bank holiday' for **children aged 4-15** and details are below.

***Red and Orange Ball Camps 9-10.30am Monday 29th May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Backwell Tennis Club:***

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=81a0353a-cc0f-406f-945d-5390601dd817>

***All Abilities Camp 10.30-12noon Monday 29th May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Backwell Tennis Club:***

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=3d0d701e-3716-44aa-a9f5-787524f6c3ed>

We have **three weeks** of **Summer Holiday Camps** and details are below.

***Red and Orange Ball Camps 9-10.30am Backwell Tennis Club:***

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=06d03d49-34e5-40b1-b20e-1ec5016173fa>

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<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=1eaa33e0-60e5-4f7e-b5d6-39a31ee8ebf5>

Please use the links below to book on, our holiday camps are busy and we recommend booking early to secure your place.

We are delighted to be able to offer the **\*New LTA Youth Girls courses** and **LTA Youth Start courses** this summer where children can get **6 weeks coaching and a racket balls and t-shirt** all for **£35**

**LTA Youth Girls Sunday 5-6pm Aged 4-8 years  
Backwell Tennis Club:**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/BookCourse/e160c859-4ee7-459a-a403-aefb9a1caa56>

**LTA Youth Girls Sunday 6-7pm Aged 9-14 years  
Backwell Tennis Club:**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/BookCourse/81beb9b7-1c3d-4418-851b-87d2deb4f9dd>

**LTA Youth Start Thursday 4.45-5.45pm Aged 7-11 years  
Backwell Tennis Club:**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/BookCourse/93a37ad9-5d0a-47ff-aeaa-3216b8f5a240>



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### **Hedgelife Help Out is officially here!**

As part of the Big Help Out, can you help us build a nationwide picture of the health of our hedgerows?

Hedgerows are the vital stitching in the patchwork of our countryside. Not only are they beautiful, with shifting seasonal colours, but they also provide homes and corridors for wildlife. And all the while they help tackle the climate crisis by capturing carbon.

### **How you can get involved**

Hedgelife Help Out is a family-friendly volunteering opportunity and you don't have to travel far to take part! Between now and 31 May, simply find a hedge near you and answer a few questions about it by clicking on the button below.

<https://ca.engagingnetworks.app/page/email/click/21/6373533?email=mwnCXfGP3q75gR65%2BAVixLNGGHB%2BB7HfmZAK81VjEpg=&campid=GpzrvZ9YhmCZkArzVWMSmA==>

### **Your results matter!**

We will use the information you gather to build up a picture of hedgerows around the country. It'll help show how diverse our hedgerows are and how they make countryside and urban places more beautiful.

Did you know that this year National Hedgerow Week takes place 8-14 May? So that's another good reason to get out into your local countryside or green space and show support for our hedgerows!

You can also use our ['A little rough guide around the hedges'](#) to help you identify the different hedgerow plants you might spot.

We look forward to seeing your hedgelife results!

Best wishes,

**Cat Rowland**

Digital Engagement Officer | CPRE The countryside charity

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**MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS**



**Tuesday 30 May - Friday 2 June**  
Nailsea School | Reception - Year 7

**GIRLS GROUP TUESDAY** **STRIKER DAY! Friday 2 June**



9am-3:30pm (Early drop-offs available)  
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**FREE Netball Half Term Holiday Camps**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

For school years 3,4,5,6

A day of netball related games, practices, skills and fun for all abilities, from absolute beginners to netball enthusiasts

Weston @ Worle School 10am - 2.30pm  
Contact: [Michelle.hambley@yahoo.com](mailto:Michelle.hambley@yahoo.com)

Clevedon @ Clevedon School 10am - 2.30pm  
Contact: [Lynnejg1664@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnejg1664@gmail.com)

Portishead @ Gordano School 10am - 2.30pm  
Contact: [Lynnejg1664@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnejg1664@gmail.com)