

St. Mary's Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2026

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Our reception children have now started full time, and it has been lovely to see them growing in confidence as they get to know their classrooms, teachers and friends. Across the school, children are settling into their routines and enjoying their learning.

We are enjoying exploring our new value of Love: "I have worth and so do you." In collective worship, we have been thinking about how each of us is made in an amazing and wonderful way. Children are bringing this to life when they welcome someone into a game, offer help or show kindness. By recognising what is wonderful in themselves and others, they are helping one another become all they were created to be.

Bethan Scriven

APDR parents meeting

SEND Learning Plan Meetings – Wednesday 14th October
Parents and carers of children with identified SEND will have the opportunity to meet with school staff to review their child's APDR / Learning Plan, discuss progress and agree priorities and targets for the term ahead. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 14th October between 3:20pm and 4:30pm**, with each appointment lasting approximately 10 minutes. If this applies to your child, we will be in touch next week with details of how to book a time slot.

Parent governor Vacancy

Yesterday, we emailed parents and carers about our parent governor vacancy. If you're interested in finding out more or applying, please see that email for full details. The Deadline for applications is **9am on Monday 5th October**.

Meeting AGM

We warmly welcome all parents/carers to come along to our Annual General Meeting which will take place on **Thursday 1st October at 7:30pm at The Lawns Yate**.



School attendance

Regular attendance helps children make the most of their learning, friendships and school life. Please make sure your child arrives on time each day and let the school office know as soon as possible if they are unable to attend. If your family is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please speak to us so we can work together to support you. Further information is available in our school attendance policy on the website.

October

Thurs 1 st	School Census Day
Thurs 1 st	Parent session 8:45am
Mon 5 th	Individual Photos
Weds 7 th	2027 intake tours 5pm
Mon 12 th -Fri 16 th	Book Fair
Weds 14 th	APDR parents meeting
Thurs 22 nd &Fri 23 rd	Inset Days

November

Fri 13 th	Children in Need
Weds 18 th	2027 intake tour 9:30am

December

Fri 4 th	2027 intake tour 1:30pm
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Well done to the following students who have received a certificate in the last few weeks

Elijah, Isla, Freddie P, Sophie B, Declan L, Winnie-Mae, Mateo, Gabi, Sophie M, Miles, Naomi, Stella, Alfie G, Rose, Summer B-C, Adrian, Amelia E, Florence P, Lica B, Florence C, Genie, Toby, Bonnie, Everleigh, Kyanne, Kasey, Eddie, Jack T, Jacob, River-Rose, Cassidy, Archie B, Amber S, Florrie, Cherahleigh, Tino, Esme E, Tilly, Leonie, and Bella G

Census day -Thursday 1st October

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, please consider ordering a school lunch on Census Day. All children in these year groups are entitled to a free school lunch, and the number of children who have one on Census Day helps determine the funding our school receives. This funding helps us provide free infant meals and support out pupils throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

Church Car Park – Bollard information

Please remember that the **church car park bollards are in place from 8:30-9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm each school day**.

These are there to keep **children, parents & staff safe** during busy drop-off and collection times. Please do not drive into or out of the car park while the bollards are in place. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

2026/2027 Term Dates

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Start 1 st September End 23 rd October INSET 1 st September	Start 2 nd November End 18 th December INSET 22 nd October INSET 23 rd October	Start 4 th January End 12 th February	Start 22 nd February End 25 th March	Start 12 th April End 28 th May	Start 7 th June End 21 st July INSET 25 th June INSET 28 th June



The Busy Bee

Deanfield Exclusive

In the second week of term, Year 6 were at Deanfield Camp. During the week, we were split into groups to do some fun activities which were really cool. These activities included: high ropes, zip line, Leap of Faith and the climbing wall. We also did canoeing, tunnels, stream studies and problem-solving. On the first night, we did a night walk, we played Bingo and there was a tuck shop. The Bingo winner was Oliver H, who got a prize from the tuck shop.

Everyone shared their rooms with their friends, and we had some delicious food like hot dogs, sausage rolls and pasta. We all had a great time, and the teachers had fun doing the activities too.

By Indy

Interview with Ria by Elizabeth
Ria shared all about her exciting adventure! Her favourite activities were the Leap of Faith, tunneling, team challenges, and kayaking. The food was excellent, the cabin had plenty to choose from, and the beds were super comfy. And the campfire was a cozy highlight, especially with delicious s'mores!



Interview with Declan by Oliver

Oliver: What was your favourite activity?
Declan: Tunnelling, because there's a slide into a ball pit. SPIDER ALERT!
Oliver: What was your favourite food?
Declan: The cod and chicken nuggets!
Oliver: What's your rating—1/10?
Declan: 9/10! The beds were uncomfortable.



Interview with Darby by Benny

- Favorite Activity: High challenges
- Favorite Food: Chicken nuggets and chips

Expectations:

- 9/10
- 10/10
- 10/10



Interview with Bobby by Indy

- How would you rate the food? 10/10
- What was your favorite activity? The high ropes.
- Was the room satisfactory? No.
- What was your favorite food? Chicken nuggets.
- Were you on the top bunk? Yes.
- Did you enjoy Dean Field? Yes.





EXPLORE, ENJOY,
EXCEL
BE AMAZING!

Working together
for brighter tomorrows

PARENT SESSION

Thursday 1st October

from 8:45am – 10:15am

Practical strategies for parents and carers

Ali Little from Inclusion & Behaviour Support will be joining us to deliver a friendly and informal 60-minute workshop for parents and carers.

Would you like some practical ideas to make everyday family life a little easier?

The session will explore what may be happening behind children's behaviour and share simple, realistic strategies you can use at home.

There will also be opportunities to reflect, ask questions and take away ideas that you can start using straight away.

 Small changes make a big difference

We'll look at:



Helping children manage big emotions



Reducing conflict



Encouraging cooperation without constant rewards or bribes



Setting clear and consistent boundaries



Using connection to support positive behaviour



Refreshments & Mingle
8:45am – 9:15am

Enjoy a hot drink and a treat, and take the chance to chat with other parents and carers straight from drop off time.



Parent Workshop
9:15am – 10:15am

Ali will run a friendly and informal 60-minute session full of practical ideas and strategies.



Location
St Mary's
Primary School

Everyone welcome!



Please let us know you're coming

To help us with numbers, please contact the school office to inform us if you will be attending.





@ YATE PARISH



FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS & SERVICES EVERY WEEK

INTRODUCING **Xplore!** CHURCH

*It's church in Yate done in a new way, to help lots of us find faith,
hope, joy, wisdom for living and God's wonderful love!*

SUNDAYS IN OCT (St Marys & St Nix)

NUMBER 1 SUNDAY

4TH Oct 10.00am @ St Mary's

MESSY CHURCH

11th Oct 4.00pm @ St Nix

TEA-TIME WORSHIP

18th Oct 4.00pm @ St Mary's

WORSHIP for EVERYONE

25th Oct 10.00am @ St Nix

These services are set up especially to welcome children, young people, families, friends and those new to church or exploring Christian faith... and basically anyone who would like to be part of a new, open, contemporary church community! All with refreshments, songs, prayers, bible stories and lots of fun and activities

ON MONDAYS (term-times) @ **St MARY'S**

PRAISE & PLAY

Mondays @ St Mary's

2.00-3.00pm

A fun worship time full of music, movement and craft for parents and toddlers, with refreshments

AFTER-SCHOOL FAMILY TIME

Mondays @ St Mary's

3.15-4.15pm

A free drop in space for families of all ages (children accompanied by adults), with games, crafts, snacks, drinks, with bible story theme and songs

STARTS MON 12th OCT – Just drop in!

ST MARY'S CHURCH, Church Road, Yate, BS37 5AB

ST NIX CHURCH & FAMILY CENTRE, Chargrove, Yate, BS37 4LG

Contact Rev Peter Huxtable – 07823 479491, Rev Regan Meares - 07769 704270

Please view the video on www.yateparish.org.uk for more info



INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

Instrumental and vocal lessons at school are provided by teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA)

LESSON OPTIONS

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£253
20 minutes individual x 10 lessons	£169
30 minutes paired x 10 lessons	£124
Group x 10 lessons	£85



Inquire within school about possible remissions if your child is registered as receiving income-based Pupil Premium funding. Tick the box on the WEMA sign-up page if eligible. WEMA will then contact you to discuss final arrangements.



INSTRUMENT HIRE

Instruments are not provided by the school. However, there are a wide range of instruments that can be hired from WEMA music hub. These are free to hire for students receiving Pupil Premium. Contact WEMA directly by adding hire to your application or emailing: create@wema.org.uk

For more details go to:
wema.org.uk/learn-to-play



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BRISTOL FLYERS COMMUNITY HUB SESSIONS

VENUE: Yate Academy, BS37 4DX
DAY: Thursday
TIME: 5pm - 6pm & 6pm - 7pm
FOR: Primary and secondary students

**Delivered by expert coaches. All abilities welcome.
Basketball focusing on developing skills, game play and fun.**



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Free Junior Badminton Roadshow!

Dive into a sport that's
fast, friendly, and full of
joy

Thornbury Leisure Centre,
Bristol
Wednesday 30th September
4:30pm – 6:30pm

Limited spaces, register now

bookwhen.com/nb-roadshows





SOUTHWOLD SWIMMING CLUB

JOIN US TODAY!

@ YATE LESUIRE CENTRE

**IF YOUR CHILD IS READY TO GROW THEIR SKILLS &
CONFIDENCE IN THE WATER,
WE'D LOVE TO WELCOME THEM!**

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR.....

- ✓ ENJOY SWIMMING & WANT TO IMPROVE
- ✓ SWIMMERS AGED 6 & OVER
- ✓ ABLE TO SWIM 25 METRES
- ✓ WANT TO SWIM COMPETITIVELY
- ✓ WANT TO BE PART OF A SUPPORTIVE TEAM

SCAN HERE



INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH!

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