



# Festive Mail



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Bi-weekly Newsletter

Dates for your diary

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding year, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our families. This term has been a real whirlwind, with productions, performances, the Christmas fair, parents evening and the curriculum showcase. As I write this, we are preparing for our Christingle sing-a-long, a lovely way to come together before we head into the Christmas holidays.

I know how much of a commitment it is for parents and carers to come to events, help with costumes, practise lines, and fit everything in around busy family lives. It is a big ask, and it really is appreciated. Your support helps the children feel confident, encouraged, and proud of what they achieve.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our staff, who have worked tirelessly to make this all possible, on top of the day-to-day work of teaching and supporting the children. Their dedication, creativity, and care shine through in everything they do.

What has meant the most this term is the strong sense of community we share. Thank you for working with us and for being part of such a supportive school community. I wish you all a restful and happy Christmas break.

*Bethan Scriven*



## Application Deadline for Reception intake September 2026

The closing date for September 2026 intake is **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Applications can be submitted online via the South Gloucestershire Council website [Citizen Portal](#). Submitting applications after the deadline greatly reduces the chances of being offered a place at the preferred school(s) therefore please submit an application **before midnight on 15 January 2026. Attendance at an adjoining pre-school or having a sibling in attendance does not guarantee an offer.**

## BLONDE ANGEL

**Thank you** for the generous donations received while we were singing in the shopping centre and following the KS1 nativity. We are delighted to share that we have raised **£355.42** for the **Blonde Angels** charity.

Key Stage 1 are very proud to have made a meaningful difference in supporting people who do not have a home. The money has been collected by Sean and will be used to purchase new underwear and socks for homeless individuals.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support.

### January

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of term 3
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Young Voices

### February

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Book fair
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### May

Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 4 Greatwood
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 SATS

**Well done** to the following students who have received a certificate in the last few weeks.

Arthur W, Thomas C, Ralphie G, Isla W, Whole class, All of Apple, Elodie, Frank B, All of Pear, Oscar C, Jonah, Archie B, Blue-Ivy, All of Beech, Artemia, Max Ru, Martha D, Wes B, Christopher, Isla T, Michael C, Tayton, Rio, Freddie P, Skye, Arthur S, Winnie, Amber M, Finley, H, Elena, Gia, Poppy B, Ezmae, George Wi, Daniel L, Theo, Charlie W, Margo, Noah R, Emerson, Dakota, Livie, Solly, Tayton and Daryna



### Christmas Fair Total

We are very proud that due to all the hard work, effort and support from The Friends, parents, children and staff, our Christmas Fair raised

**THANK YOU!**

### Term Dates

#### Term 3

**Start:** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan  
**End:** Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### Term 4

**Start:** Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb  
**End:** Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr  
**Inset:** Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar

#### Term 5

**Start:** Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Apr  
**End:** Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May

#### Term 6

**Start:** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jun  
**End:** Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jul  
**Inset:** Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jul  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jul



# Noticeboard



**Free Children's Activities  
at Yate Library**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10.30am-12pm  
Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.30-11.30am  
Christmas Surprise LEGO Challenge

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am -12pm  
Winter Wonderland Crafts

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30-11.30am  
Winter Woods LEGO Challenge

Craft Bags available from 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Craft activities most suitable for 4+, LEGO sessions are for ages 4+ only.  
All sessions are free and drop in so no need to book.

**QEII, Yate proudly presents  
junior parkrun**

With thanks to

**Take part in a fun, free 2K event (kids 4-14)**  
All abilities welcome - run, walk, jog, hop, or skip!

**Give us your loudest cheer**  
Come along and clap and cheer everyone to the finish!

**Volunteer - be a high-viz hero**  
Help make the event happen - there's a role for everyone!

QEII Playing Fields,  
Yate BS37 8SY

Sundays at 9AM  
(Coming Soon)

Want to volunteer at QEII junior parkrun?  
Scan the QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/jprqe2](https://tinyurl.com/jprqe2)

Yate Heritage Centre presents  
**THE  
HOLIDAY**

From fireworks to feasts - party all  
year long, with our latest exhibition  
on community celebrations.

**3 Dec 25 - 31 Jan 26**

Yate Heritage Centre presents  
**STAY  
& PLAY**

Visit us this Christmas holidays -  
we'll have lots of free crafts for you  
to enjoy at YHC

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10am - 4pm  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am - 1pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am - 1pm

Normal opening hours resume from  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Tue/Wed/Thurs 10am - 4pm  
Saturdays 10am - 1pm