



## Staffing in September

At the end of last term we appointed Laura Dowling to the role of Key Stage 1 classteacher for September. Mrs Dowling is a very experienced and enthusiastic teacher and we are delighted to be welcoming her to our staff team. Mrs Dowling will be working alongside Mrs Frampton, Mrs Huckman, Mrs Payne and Mrs Davis in our Reception/Year1/Year 2 unit. She will primarily be teaching Year 1 and Year 2. Further information about the classing structure for Key Stage 1 has been sent to parents today. Mrs Oates and Mrs Newman will continue to be the teachers for Seal Class along with support from Miss Baker and Mrs Straffon. The Dolphin Class structure will also remain the same with Mrs Mathieson, Mrs Telling and Mrs Sheppard

## Year 5 and 6 Football League Match

On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 football team played a match against Kilmersdon. We are so proud of how they kept their heads up and kept going following an adjustment to numbers on the pitch following an early lead to Farrington of 8-0. Well done team!



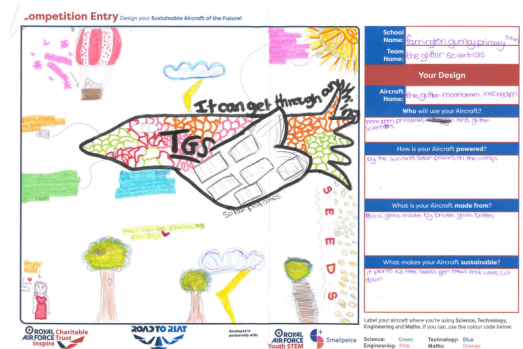
## Toys and Squishies

Toys, fiddle toys and squishies are not allowed to be brought into school unless this is part of a plan for a child that has been agreed with the classteacher. This is to avoid issues of belongings being damaged, swapped or making others feel pressure to keep up with their peers. The steady increase in these has proven to be a significant distraction in class. There may be occasions when classes are invited to bring in something from home for a special event or as part of a wellness day, and this will be communicated ahead of time to parents by classteachers. We have spoken to the children about this and appreciate your support.

## STEM Competition Winners

It has been a very exciting couple of weeks as we have found out that we submitted the regional winning entry for the Road to RIAT competition that Dolphin Class entered back in November after their day-long workshop. The children had to design a mode of transport with sustainable features, thinking about how it would be powered and what it would be made from. As a school, we have won: £100 to spend on STEM equipment, 1 Lego education computer science set and an AI kit. The winning entry was designed by Charlotte, Bea and Ella.

A huge well done as well to Ralph for being a regional winner in the Primary Engineer competition - there were only two winners in this category in the South West region. Ralph had to design a solution to an everyday problem and explain his design in writing to the judging panel. Thank you very much to Mrs Mathieson for providing and facilitating these opportunities for the children.



## Miners Welfare Trust

We were delighted this week to welcome a new addition to our young sensory garden. The Somerset District Miners Welfare Trust has donated a small metal miner to the school to remind us of the coal mines of the area.

**Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull**





### Friends News

The PTA are running a Fathers Day Gift Sale show appreciation for the special men in their life, see below;



### Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - Please book by the Thursday night deadline for the following week.
- **Clubs** - All clubs are running as expected next week.
- **Dinners** - Please remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week. There will be a small increase in the cost of school meals from September to £2.90.
- **Dolphin Class Performance** - Tickets are now available on Arbor for the end of term performance.
- **Parent Survey** - the deadline to return the survey emailed last week is midnight on Friday 19th June. Thank you to those who have already completed it.
- **School Class Photographs** - Class & Year 6 photographs were taken today and the proofs for ordering will arrive next week (from the day they are distributed there will be a 10 day window to place your orders).
- **Summer Holiday Soccer Camps** - Fliers from Active Development can be collected from the office for those who are interested.
- **Skills Connect** - offer free personalised careers coaching and support for adults. We can support people wherever they are in their careers journey- employed, self-employed or employed. Our support can include, but isn't limited to: - Career planning - CVs, applications & interviews - Researching training routes & funding - Building confidence. Find out more here: <https://www.skillsconnect.org.uk/bath-north-east-somerset/>
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 6 Residential 2027** - All details have now been loaded to Arbor for next year's trip and ready to accept the deposit.



## Diary Dates

### June


Tue 16th	Dolphin Class Quadkids Athletics (details to follow)
	New Intake Parent Meeting 4-5pm
Thur 18th	Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition 12.30-3 (details to follow - small group attending)
Fri 19th	<b>Parent Survey Deadline</b>
Mon 22nd	Year 3/4 Tennis tournament 1-3 (details to follow - small group attending)
Wed 24th	Leavers Moving Up Celebration at Wells Cathedral (please consent on Arbor)
Thur 25th	Teddy Bears Picnic on the Field for New Intake 12-1pm
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly
Tues 30th	Y4, 5 & 6 Bristol Beacon Trip (please consent on Arbor)

### July

Thur 2nd	New Intake Stay & Play Session 9:30-11am and Shuffle Up day
Fri 3rd	Whole School Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Tue 7th	Dolphin Class Matinee Performance 1.30-3pm (details to follow re tickets)
Wed 8th	School Sports Day
	Seal Class Quadkids Athletics after school (details to follow)
Thur 9th	Dolphin Class Evening Performance 5-7pm (details to follow re tickets)
Friday 10th	Last Celebration Assembly for this academic year
Tue 14th	Last swimming session for KS1.
Wed 15th	Y6 Pilgrimage to Paulton AM (details to follow)
Friday 17th	Leavers Service at the Church 9-10am
	Year 6 Final Farewell under the tree on the sports pitch 2:30-3:15pm
	End of Term 6



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## SOCCER CAMPS

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### FOOTBALL ALL DAY EVERY DAY!

**Summer Soccer Camps**

Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd July  
 Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th July  
 Tuesday 4th – Thursday 6th August

Summer Early Bird Discount Prices  
 Online bookings received by Tuesday 30th June  
 Individual Days: £23 Full Week (3 Day Week): £63

Standard Summer Prices  
 Bookings made after Tuesday 30th June  
 Individual Days: £27 Full Week (3 Day Week): £73  
 Full Week Sibling Discount details available on website  
 Soccer camps are aimed at boys and girls aged 7-11

**Course Times: 9:30 – 3:15**  
(can arrive from 8:45)

**Example of Our Day Plan**

8:45 - 9:30	Sign in / Arrival Games
9:30	Welcome / AD Rules
9:45	Fun football activity
10:45	Snack break
11:00	World Cup Style Football Tournament
12:30	Lunch
1:15	Tournament continued
2:45	Daily Awards
3:00 - 3:15	Sign Out

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**HAF SPACES AVAILABLE**

Children with an eligible HAF code are able to book on free of charge

Please follow the link below for more information.

**EXTENDED DAY ACTIVITIES**  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WEEK 1		
TUESDAY 28th JULY	WEDNESDAY 29th JULY	THURSDAY 30th JULY
GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL	SILENT DISCO PARTY	PIZZA MAKING WORKSHOP
WEEK 2		
TUESDAY 4th AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST	THURSDAY 6th AUGUST
LASER TAG CHALLENGE	WATER GUN BATTLES	NERF GUN BATTLES
WEEK 3		
TUESDAY 11th AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST	THURSDAY 13th AUGUST
ARTS & CRAFTS MANIA	BANKING WORKSHOP	WORLD CUP FOOTBALL
TUESDAY 18th AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST	THURSDAY 20th AUGUST
MOVIES & KITCHEN NIGHT	SUMMER OLYMPICS	END OF CAMP PARTY

**PRICES AND TIMINGS**

STANDARD DAY 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM <b>£25</b>	EXTENDED DAY 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM <b>£30</b>
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09:00 - 15:30  **Years R-6**

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School

1

Mon 20th July Gymnastics

Tues 21st July Summer Sports

Wed 22nd July Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery

Thurs 23rd July Dance OR Football

Fri 24th July Musical Theatre



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Mon 27th July Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football

Tues 28th July Summer Sports

Wed 29th July Dance OR Multi-Sports

Thurs 30th July Musical Theatre OR Multi-Sports

Fri 31st July Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football



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Mon 3rd Aug Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery

Tues 4th Aug Summer Sports

Wed 5th Aug Football

Thurs 6th Aug Dance OR Multi-Sports



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Mon 10th Aug Football

Tues 11th Aug Summer Sports

Wed 12th Aug Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery

Fri 14th Aug Dance



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Mon 17th Aug Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football

Fri 21st Aug Dance



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Mon 24th Aug Nerf, Dodgeball & Archery

Tues 25th Aug Summer Sports

Friday 28th Aug Football

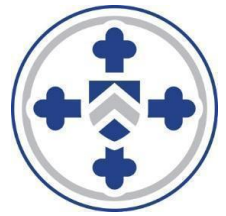


Tues 1st Sept Nerf, Dodgeball, Archery & Football

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### **Thought of the Week**

**“...And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)**



'Queen Esther' - Bernard Lee (2021)

If you don't know the story of Queen Esther from the Bible, I strongly recommend reading it. Firstly, it's not very long (only 10 short chapters) and secondly it is an easy read, with quite a conventional setup. There's two heroes (Mordecai and Esther) and there's even a baddie (Haman). The story is so much like a lot of our modern good over evil stories, that I even saw it performed as a pantomime!

I don't want to give too much away, but Haman, the baddie, is keen to get rid of Mordecai and all his people (the Jews) just because Mordecai won't bow to him. Mordecai explains that he will only bow to his God and his king.

Unfortunately, Haman is very angry about him not bowing and he is on good speaking terms with the king. Haman tricks Xerxes into signing a decree agreeing that 'a people' (the Jews) who do not follow the king's laws are to all be killed in a few months' time.

Xerxes doesn't realise who he is agreeing to have killed and by this point in the story, not only has Mordecai saved him from a plot to kill him, but the king is now married to Esther, who is Mordecai's cousin and also a Jew.

When Mordecai finds out about Haman's plan, he realises that Esther is the only one that can talk to the king about this, as she is his Queen. Unfortunately, Esther knows that anyone, including the Queen, who goes to see the king without being invited, could be killed. She is in fear of her life, but Mordecai encourages her to approach the king, adding that her appointment to her royal position may have been 'for such a time as this'.

I won't tell you what happens in the end, but it is worth reading it through to find out. You can even watch [this short BBC video](#) to give you an updated overview of the story.

Like Esther, we can sometimes be asked to do something that we don't want to do. This might be something to do with our family or maybe our job. Sometimes, we are so desperate not to do that one thing, that all we want to do is get out. But like Esther, sometimes it is important that we stick around and do the thing we really don't want to do. Maybe someone else could do it instead of you, but like Mordecai says in the story, you may have been put in this position especially for this reason.

So before you drop everything and run, pause for a moment. Maybe that thing you don't want anything to do with is the one thing you have to have everything to do with. It may be tough, but with help from God and/or others, you can get through it.

