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Primary School has been Ofsted rated Good in all areas.





Monday started with several children from Year 4 and 5 taking part in a Cross country event at Downside Abbey. All did a fantastic job and a special mention to Henry who came 4th out of all competitors.





On Thursday morning, Cherry, Maple and Willow Class received a road safety assembly where they were introduced to Kerby (a giant road traffic cone!) who along with his friends at the road safety team in BANES taught the children all about how to cross the road safely. We were super impressed with some of the children's knowledge about road signs including Rory who recognised the no left turn sign!

Thank you on behalf of the PTFA for all your donations for the class Christmas hampers. Raffle tickets will be on sale shortly. The children enjoyed being allowed to wear their own clothes today whilst helping the environment at the same time. Thank you to our Eco team for organising the event.

Finally, we have received our OFSTED report following the inspection at the end of Term 1, which has been emailed out to all parents today. We are extremely pleased with how the report reads and although it is relatively short due to the nature of it being an ungraded inspection, it does reflect the hard work and effort from all of our wonderful children and staff. You will be able to read about how polite, courteous and respectful the inspector found the pupils as well as how ambitious the school is in regard to the curriculum. As with any Ofsted report, we do have an action point to work on, which is already underway. However, we are continuing to strengthen the school in all areas, something that the inspection concurred with.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull

A plea from The Eco Team. They are asking for donations of adult tights in good condition (no holes please) for a draft excluder project. If you have any to donate then please bring them into school. Thank you.

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Outdoor Fun at Lunchtimes

We just wanted to show you some great examples of the children enjoying their lunchtimes recently. Lots of outdoor fun being had! Big favourites at the moment are suitcases, booster seats, large cardboard boxes, tyres, constructing 'roller coasters' from the large construction blocks and as always the fancy dress.

If you are having a clear out before Christmas, putting anything in the skip or taking it to the tip, then please consider if it would be fun to play with and we'll gladly take it off your hands for the play pod. We also have use for unused colouring books/puzzle books/activity books for quiet play. Thank you to Mrs Clarke-Hall for the big bath box this week which went down a storm.



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Notices

- **Appropriate clothing** As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please can you ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school and wears a coat.
- Christmas Lunch Please can we ask that everyone goes into Parent Pay and check that their booking for Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December is booked as you expect. The catering team has been having some technical issues with the ordering system and would like to double check that none of the orders have disappeared from the system. If you see that your order is no longer showing then please order again.
- **Clubs** Just to clarify that Multi Sports, Sewing Club and Art Club finish at 4.15pm. All other clubs finish at 4pm. Cross country club is for children in Year 3 and 4 this term.
- **Pantomime 5th December Consent** Please complete the google form linked below to give consent for your child to attend the pantomime. <u>Pantomime consent</u>
- School Day Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates close at 8.50am each morning.
- School Dinners The Christmas Menu for 13th December will be added by Catering for you to book.
- **School Pick up** Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.
- Please do not allow your child to climb on the school wall, fence or gates. Thank you.

	Diary Dates
	November
Monday 27th	Sportshall Athletics @ Wellsway
Tuesday 28th	Football Match Vs St Julian's & Farrington @NH
Thursday 30th	Sycamore Class trip to Roman Baths
Thursday 30th	Rowan Class learning exhibition to parents at 2.30pm
	December
Saturday 2nd	PTFA Christmas Fayre @ school 11am - 2pm
Tuesday 5th	KS1 nativity - 9.30am
	Pantomime @ Farrington Gurney - 1.30pm
Wednesday 6th	KS1 nativity- 2.15pm
Monday 11th	Cherry Class nativity 9.30
Wednesday 13th	Christmas lunch
Tuesday 12th	KS2 Carol service 9.30am
Monday 18th	Carols by candlelight 4.30pm
Tuesday 19th	LAST DAY OF TERM

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Certificates of the week

Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to Roman, Darcy, Esther, Max, Joseph and Freddie for receiving the Head Teachers Award this week.

Doodle Maths

Top for Doodles this week are:

Doodle Maths - Ida, Maddie, Imogen, Oscar, Joshua, Keira and Molly.

Doodle Tables - Livie, Oscar, Alfie, Rosa and Max.



Other Achievements

The Year 4 and 5 pupils who took part in the Primary Schools Cross Country event at Downside School this week received their certificates today in assembly. Sophie and Erin brought in their gymnastics medals to show today. Pippa her swimming certificate. Finally Charlie, Harrison and Finley showed their trophies for the taekwondo competition they competed in on the weekend.







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Community News

Miss Hodgkinson (Chestnut Class teacher) plays violin in The Mid-Somerset orchestra, who are performing a concert on Saturday 25th November at 3pm at Strode Theatre in Street. The music includes Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, a symphonic fairy tale with the instruments of the orchestra representing the characters in the story. It is a wonderful introduction to the orchestra and enjoyable for all ages.

Tickets are free up to the age of 18, and adult tickets are available on the Strode Theatre website by searching 'Peter and the Wolf Family Matinee Concert'.









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We would like to invite you to our

Advent Family Service

Date – Sunday 3rd December Place - St Barnabas Church Temple Cloud. Time – 10.15 am



craft, carols, music, readings, refreshments

Everyone welcome





We would like to invite you to our

Family Carol Service

Date – Wednesday 13th December Place - St Barnabas Church Temple Cloud. Time – 6pm



carols, music, readings, refreshments

Everyone welcome

If you and you are planning to attend and your child would like to do a reading, please let us know at school as soon as possible so that the readings can be allocated.