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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we finish the school year in the middle of next week, this will be the final newsletter of the 2024/25 academic year. What a year it has been—full of hard work, memorable moments, and community spirit. Next week, we will be saying a fond farewell not only to our wonderful Year 6 leavers, but also to two much-loved members of staff: Miss Day and Miss Bentley.

On behalf of the whole Stogursey community, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Miss Day for the incredible contribution she has made since joining the school back in 2014. Her enthusiasm and warmth, her brilliant leadership in improving reading, and her passion for Art and Music have left a lasting impact. She has been a significant part of our school family for over a decade, and we wish her every success in her new role—you will be greatly missed!

We also say goodbye to Miss Bentley, who moves on to an exciting new role as Assistant Headteacher. Although she has only been with us for a year, her impact has been truly tremendous. She brought a fresh pair of eyes, delivered excellent outcomes, and made a difference right across the school. We thank her for her dedication and wish her all the very best for the future.

We will be marking all of our leavers—children and staff—with speeches and celebrations next week, and we warmly invite you to join us for our end-of-year service at church on Wednesday at 2pm.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. This year has brought with it the challenges of the reorganisation process, but thanks to the strength of our school community, it has remained a positive and purposeful year for our children.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4th September for the start of a brand new year.

Warm regards,

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

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Beacon

Well, what to say for the final words of the year...

First, a huge thank you to all of you, the parent community, for giving me such wonderful children to work with this year. They have worked hard, made enormous amounts of progress and made me smile. They are each such individual characters and together form such a terrific cohort that I will always remember. We have certainly all grown and made memories this year that will shape our futures.

To the Year Five class of 2025, I wish you all the very best for your final year at Primary School. I believe in every single one of you and know that you will have a good and productive year with Ms Wilkins.

To the Year Six class of 2025, Secondary School is ready and waiting for you all to go grasp the opportunities with both hands. You've got this!

It is with a full (but heavy) heart that I bid farewell to Stogursey, but know that it has definitely captured a piece of me - I hope we meet again.

Miss Bentley



Alfoxton

Although we've all been super busy rehearsing for the school play, we've been ploughing through our class reader, Planet Omar - Accidental Trouble Magnet, because we love the story so much that we really want to finish the book before the end of term! We'd love to read more books by the author, Zanib Mian. She wrote a whole series so we hope to get them for our school library!

In the story, Omar (the one telling the story) and his family are fasting through Ramadan. We learned that in the evenings, they break their fast (once the sun sets and Maghrib Adhan, the call to prayer, has been said). This meal is called Iftar. We decided to design our own Iftar meal dinner plates with our favourite foods. Have a look at the photos to see what we'd choose to eat!



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Triscombe

As we reach the end of the term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. It has been an incredible journey, and I feel so lucky to have shared it with such a wonderful group of children (and families!).

The children have worked incredibly hard and should feel very proud of everything they've achieved. From creative projects to enthusiastic discussions and hands-on learning, they've thrown themselves into every opportunity with energy, curiosity, and joy.

This year, we've explored some fascinating topics—starting with the world of **dinosaurs**, diving into the mysteries of **space**, and ending with the magic and history of **castles and royalty**. Each topic sparked fantastic questions, imaginative writing, and brilliant artwork. It has been a real pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence and knowledge.

Personally, I have really enjoyed this year. It's been full of laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories. Thank you again for your kindness and encouragement—it makes such a difference.

Wishing you all a restful and happy summer break!



Preschool

The last week of term for preschool and we have been doing lots in preparation for our children who will be starting school in September and practicing our Graduation walk! It is always a mixed feelings week, when saying goodbye to our school leavers - sad that they are ready to leave us but also happy knowing that they are ready to start their educational journey in Reception. We will miss them all.

Myself, Ashley and Jodie hope that you all have a lovely and restful Summer and we look forward to seeing our pre-schoolers in September.



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Young Leaders Charity Fun Afternoon

Last week, we proudly hosted our Young Leaders Charity Fun Afternoon—a joyful and inspiring event that marked the culmination of months of hard work by Beacon Class as part of their Courageous Advocacy and leadership learning.

Throughout the year, the children have explored how different faiths work to bring about positive change in their communities. Rooted in a Christian ethos, the Young Leaders programme gave them the opportunity to think about what leadership means, how they could make a difference, and how change can be led with compassion, purpose, and unity.

As a result, they decided to organise a fun-filled afternoon on the playground, raising money for their seven chosen charities. Despite the 30-degree heat, the community turned out in force to support the event. There were cake stalls, splat the rat, a quiz, and even a scooter time trial, all organised and run by the children themselves. Their energy, teamwork and commitment were nothing short of brilliant.

In just one hour, they raised a remarkable £215.86! A special mention must go to Rupert, Alfie, and Michael's group, who raised money for the Royal British Legion—and were joined on the day by veterans Steve and Ray, whose presence clearly made a big impact as the group raised the most money overall.

The children are now completing their coursework and will receive their certificates and badges during our Leavers' Service at church on Wednesday.

We couldn't be prouder of their efforts. The event was not only a great success in fundraising terms, but a powerful example of young people learning what it means to lead, serve, and make a difference.

Here are the amounts raised for each charity:

Royal British Legion: £53.85

Fire Fighters: £29.57

Cancer Research: £30.66

West Somerset Railway: 18.77

Blue Cross: £42.52

YMCA: £30.47

Bristol Cats and Dogs Home: £10.00

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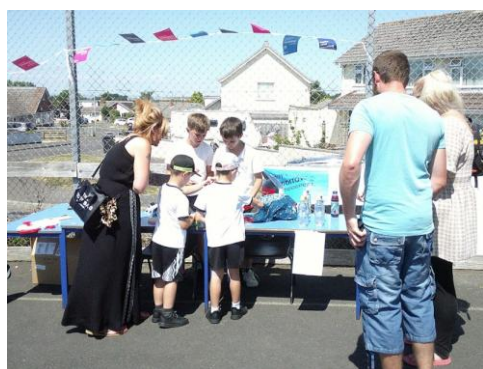
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Photos from the event are below!



St Andrews Church Holiday Club

St Andrews Church will be running a free holiday club on Tuesday 12th August, Wednesday 13th August and Thursday 14th August. It will start at 9.30am-1.30pm everyday and this this include lunch. Booking forms will be going out on Monday 21st July in your child's book bag. More details to follow next week.

National and Local Events that are important to you

We would appreciate your feedback on this. Ms Dunwood (our events coordinator next year) is going to planning a schedule of events for the year ahead to include National and Local events and so please give your thoughts on this here- <https://forms.office.com/e/BT7mHEkYE9>

Important Dates

Monday 21st July:

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Wednesday 23rd July:

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Thursday 4th September:

Wednesday 24th September:

School Production at 2.00pm Village Hall

School Production at 6.00pm Village Hall

Leavers Service at the Church at 2.00pm

Last day of Term

First Day Back

Inset Day

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