St Mary's CEVC Primary School Newsletter

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had our Parents' meetings this week and it was so good to see so many of you either in person or online. We are always wanting to serve our families in the best way possible and this was the first year where we had more demand for face to face appointments than we did for online ones. So with this in mind, and looking forwards to the Spring Parent Meetings, please can you just quickly fill in the Microsoft Form below so that we can ensure that we have the right amount of capacity for each class.

Preferences for the Spring Parent's Meetings 2027 – Fill in form

Also, we had feedback that the 2pm opening time of the School Cloud booking system was awkward for you, so even though we will be increasing capacity for the Spring meetings so it shouldn't even be an issue next time, we will be opening the booking at 6pm so that more of our working parents will be able to get online to make their appointments.

I have been unbelievably impressed with our amazing Year 6 children who carried out tours for prospective new parents at last week's Open Mornings, and again this week for families who were unable to attend last week. There are even some more booked in for next week. The children demonstrated not only all of our school values, but also incredibly mature and strong Oracy. They went into great detail about what it is like to be a pupil here at St Mary's and we had hugely positive feedback from the families who were astonished at the tour guides confidence and passion for their school.

We have Open Classrooms on the first day back after half term – that is Tuesday 3rd November. This is an opportunity for you to come into your child's class and see the work that they have done so far this year. The classrooms will all be open from 3.15pm – 3.45pm and then again from 5.00pm – 5.30pm, for those of you picking up from SMARTYS. Don't forget that we break up next Friday, 23rd October, for half term and we are closed on Monday 2nd November for an INSET day.

Kind regards,

Morwenna Dunstan
Headteacher

Family First magazine

We have been asked to share the latest edition of Family First magazine with you all.
Click on the link below:

Issuu Reader

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Girls' Football



Our Year 6 girls' football team took part in the Somerset County Qualifiers on Thursday 15th October at Bridgwater College. The teams were placed into two league groups and played against each other team in their group. The team finished third in their half of the draw, just missing out on a semi-final and a county spot by one place. The girls played some excellent football and represented the school incredibly well with their fair play and their positive attitudes in each game, whether they won or lost. Well done to all of our footballers!

Somerset Council's School-Age Childcare Survey

Have your say on childcare for primary-aged children in Somerset

Somerset Council would like to hear from parents and carers about their use of before-school, after-school and holiday childcare.

Whether you currently use childcare or not, we would like to hear your views. Your feedback will help Somerset Council understand what is working well, what challenges families face, and where childcare may be needed in the future.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete.

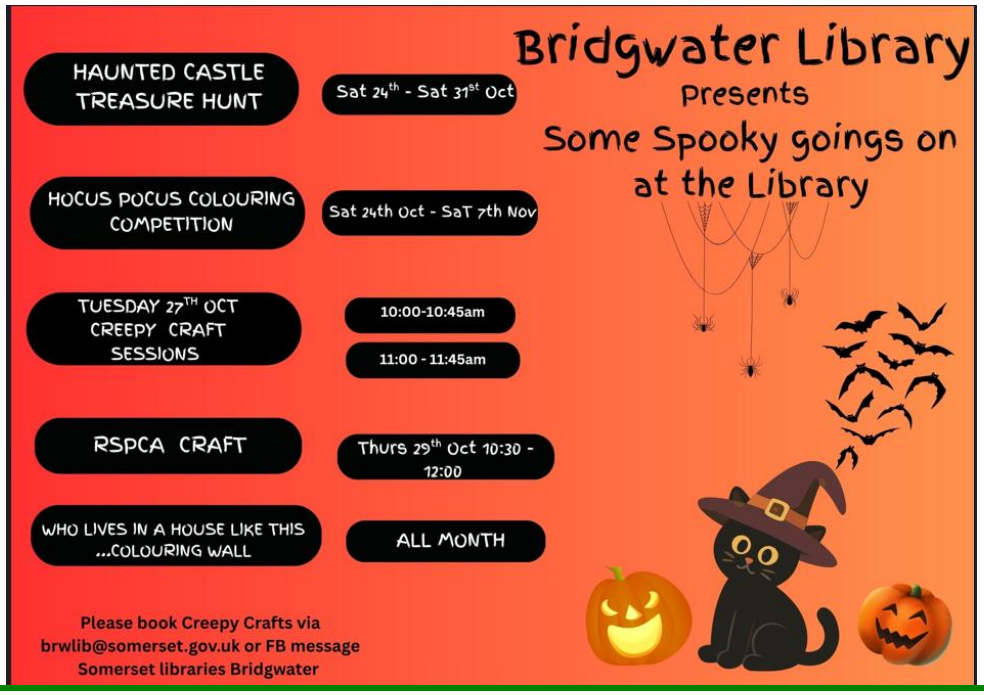
Complete the survey here: Parent Carer School-age Childcare in Somerset Survey, Autumn 2026 - Somerset Council - Citizen Space

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

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Half Term at Bridgwater Library

There is lots going on at Bridgwater Library over the half term break. There are printed copies of the colouring competition sheet in the School Office if you would like to pick one up.
See our Dojo post from Monday for more information, or look at the Somerset Libraries Bridgwater Facebook page.



Key Dates

October 2026	
Wed 21st	Cross Country Yr 3 and Yr 5 Brymore – 3.45pm
Thurs 22nd	Cross Country Yr 4 and Yr 6 Brymore – 3.45pm
Thurs 22nd	Tuning Into Kids – Week 5 – 6pm-8pm
Fri 23rd	Last day of Autumn 1
Mon 26th – Fri 30th	HALF TERM
November 2026	
Mon 2nd	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tues 3rd	School reopens for Autumn 2
Tues 3rd	Open Classrooms – all classes 3.15pm – 3.45pm and 5.00pm – 5.30pm
Thurs 5th	Sportshall Athletics Yr 5 & 6 - all day
Thurs 5th	Tuning Into Kids – Week 6 – 6pm-8pm
Wed 11th	Rugby festival Yr 5 & 6 - 1.00pm
Fri 13th	Children In Need – Non-uniform day £1 suggested donation
Fri 13th	Yr 4 to cinema
Wed 18th	Bookwagon Book Sale in hall 1.30pm – 4.30pm
Fri 20th	Yr 1 to cinema

We will endeavour to stick to the proposed dates and times. However, there could be times when events/dates will need to be changed. If this does happen, we will give you as much notice as possible.

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Term Dates for 2027-2028

Somerset Council

Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2027/2028 Academic Year

September 2027						
M			6	13	20	27
T			7	14	21	28
W		1	8	15	22	29
Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		3	10	17	24	
Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		5	12	19	26	

October 2027						
Mo			4	11	18	25
Tu			5	12	19	26
We			6	13	20	27
Th			7	14	21	28
Fr		1	8	15	22	29
Sa		2	9	16	23	30
Su		3	10	17	24	31

November 2027						
M		1	8	15	22	29
T		2	9	16	23	30
W		3	10	17	24	
Th		4	11	18	25	
F		5	12	19	26	
S		6	13	20	27	
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December 2027						
M			6	13	20	27
Tu			7	14	21	28
W		1	8	15	22	29
Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		3	10	17	24	31
Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		5	12	19	26	

January 2028						
M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		5	12	19	26	
Th		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	

February 2028						
M			7	14	21	28
Tu		1	8	15	22	29
W		2	9	16	23	
Th		3	10	17	24	
F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		6	13	20	27	

March 2028						
M			6	13	20	27
Tu			7	14	21	28
W		1	8	15	22	29
Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		3	10	17	24	31
Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		5	12	19	26	

April 2028						
M			3	10	17	24
Tu			4	11	18	25
W			5	12	19	26
Th			6	13	20	27
F			7	14	21	28
Sa		1	8	15	22	29
Su		2	9	16	23	30

May 2028						
M		1	8	15	22	29
Tu		2	9	16	23	30
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Th		4	11	18	25	
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June 2028						
M			5	12	19	26
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Su		4	11	18	25	

July 2028						
M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		5	12	19	26	
Th		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su	2	9	16	23	30	

August 2028						
M			7	14	21	28
Tu		1	8	15	22	29
W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		3	10	17	24	31
F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		6	13	20	27	

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 01 September – 22 October 2027 (38 days)
Term 2: 01 November – 17 December 2027 (35 days)
Term 3: 04 January – 11 February 2028 (29 days)
Term 4: 21 February – 31 March 2028 (30 days)
Term 5: 18 April – 26 May 2028 (28 days)
Term 6: 05 June – 21 July 2027 (35 days) **TOTAL = 195**

Bank and public holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2027*	Easter Monday	17 April 2028
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2027*	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2028
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2028*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2028
Good Friday	14 April 2028	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2028

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holiday falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

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Thank you for continued help and support.

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Recipient of the 2025-26 SHWF Award

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