Worlebury St Paul's Church School

A Courageous Community built on Love, Care, Joy and Peace

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1.9

9.11.26

Looking Back on a Great First Term!

Now that we're well into Term 2, we'd like to take a moment to look back on some of the highlights from last term and thank our families for their continued support.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection. Your generous donations were delivered to the local food bank and will help support families in our community. A special mention goes to Daniel, who proudly donated a pumpkin he had grown himself. What a fantastic example of generosity, perseverance and community spirit.

One of the highlights of the term was our lovely Harvest Service at St Paul's Church, led by Rev Gail and supported by the children from Moles and Hedgehogs classes. The children represented the school brilliantly and helped make the service a warm and joyful celebration of thankfulness and community (thank you to all the parent/carers who helped us walk back)!

We are also delighted with how well our Reception children have settled into school life. They have embraced new routines, friendships and learning with enthusiasm and already feel very much part of the Worlebury family.

There were plenty of memorable moments across the school too. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions in Worlebury Woods, building dens and developing their teamwork skills. Some of the dens were so impressive that we briefly wondered whether a few pupils might prefer a woodland postcode! Meanwhile, Year 5 stepped back in time for their Victorian WOW Day. The children fully embraced the experience and displayed such impeccable manners that staff briefly considered introducing Victorian rules permanently. Thankfully for the children, the idea didn't get very far!

Thank you to our pupils, staff and families for making Term 1 such a positive start to the year. We are looking forward to all that Term 2 has in store.









Christian Value of the Term: Community



This term, our Christian value is **Community**. Through collective worship, classroom discussions and our daily interactions, we will be exploring what it means to be a good neighbour, show respect for others and serve those around us. As we prepare for Christmas and reflect on God's unexpected gift to the world, pupils will consider how acts of kindness, inclusion and service help us build a strong and caring community where everyone can flourish. Our linked Christian values this term are Respect and Service.

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Mark 12:31

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At Worlebury St Paul's Church School, we want every child to flourish, and one of the most important factors in helping children succeed is regular attendance. Every day in school matters, not just for learning, but for building friendships, confidence and a sense of belonging. Our message is simple: **every day counts... all day, every day, on time.**

Please Aim to Arrive from 8:35am

The school gates open from **8:35am** and we strongly encourage children to arrive during this time. The first 20 minutes of the day are incredibly valuable. Children have the opportunity to spend time with friends, settle into the classroom and start the day in a calm, positive and

relaxed way. Staff are also available to welcome children, check in with them and ensure they are ready for a successful day ahead.

For our newer families, this "meet and greet" time is an important part of school life. It helps children feel safe, connected and ready to learn before lessons begin.

The Register is Taken at 8:45am

A reminder that the morning register is taken promptly at **8:45am**. Children should be in class and ready to learn by this time. Regular lateness, even by a few minutes, can mean children miss important teaching, key instructions and valuable opportunities to settle into the school day.

Our Approach to Attendance

As part of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust, we take a supportive approach to attendance whilst maintaining high expectations for every child. We know that excellent attendance is achieved through strong partnerships between school and home, early communication and timely support where needed. Our aim is always to identify concerns early, understand any barriers to attendance and work positively with families to ensure every child can attend regularly and thrive.

We understand that children will sometimes be absent due to genuine illness, and we would never expect a child to attend school when they are unwell. However, we also know that regular attendance is one of the biggest factors in helping children succeed, so we monitor attendance carefully and work with families when concerns begin to emerge.

To help families understand our approach:

- **98% and above** is considered excellent attendance and gives children the best opportunity to benefit from school.
- If attendance falls below **95%**, we will usually write to parents to make them aware and offer support if needed.
- If attendance falls below **93%**, we are likely to make more direct contact with families and may invite parents to meet with us to discuss any barriers to attendance and how we can help.
- Attendance below **90%** is classed nationally as **persistent absence**. At this stage, a more structured attendance support process is likely to be put in place, including regular communication, meetings and agreed actions to improve attendance.

In most cases, attendance concerns can be resolved through early communication and partnership working between home and school. Our focus will always be on understanding the reasons behind reduced attendance and providing support wherever possible. However,

where attendance does not improve despite support, schools are required to follow local authority procedures.

Thank you for your support in helping every child arrive on time and attend regularly. Working together, we can ensure all children benefit from every opportunity that school has to offer.

Currently, 141 out of 169 students (83%) have attendance above 95% for the academic year 2026-2027 to date!

Understanding Sensory Processing Difficulties

Many parents at Worlebury St Paul's Church School talk about their children experiencing sensory sensitivities, whether that is finding busy environments overwhelming, being particularly sensitive to noise, touch or clothing, seeking movement, or finding it difficult to regulate emotions when sensory demands become too much. These experiences are common and can have a significant impact on a child's daily life, learning and wellbeing.

We would like to highlight an excellent free resource from North Somerset Parent Carer Working Together (NSPCWT). The **Sensory Processing Difficulties** video, presented by Occupational Therapist Debbie Meintjes, explains how sensory processing works and provides practical strategies that parents can use at home to better understand and support their child. The video covers a range of sensory needs, including auditory, visual, tactile, vestibular and proprioceptive differences, and is highly recommended for any parent who feels sensory sensitivities may be affecting their child.

We encourage families to take a look at this valuable resource, which can help build understanding and provide practical ideas to support children both at home and in school.

Sensory Processing Difficulties Video[1]

[1] https://www.nspcwt.org/spd

Weston-super-Mare Carnival Programme


Weston-super-Mare Carnival
Lighting Up Our Town
TRADITION • COMMUNITY • SPECTACLE
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026
CARNIVAL MARSHAL
Weston-super-Mare Carnival
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME £2
2026
PURCHASE A CARNIVAL PROGRAMME FROM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL
SUGGESTED DONATION OF £2
ALL PROFITS FROM THE CARNIVAL ARE DONATED TO LOCAL CAUSES.
Help the carnival be part of the annual calendar for years to come.
WESTON'S LARGEST VOLUNTEER RUN EVENT
SUPPORT THE CARNIVAL
PART OF GROWING UP IN THE SOUTH WEST
PEOPLE • FLOATS • COMMUNITY • OUR CARNIVAL

The Weston-super-Mare Carnival returns on **Friday 13 November 2026**, and official carnival programmes are now available to purchase from the school office for just £2.

All proceeds support the carnival and help ensure this much-loved community event can continue for years to come, with profits donated to local causes. If you would like a programme, please send your child to the office with £2 or pop in and purchase one directly.

Thank you for supporting this fantastic local tradition! 🎭✨

Let's Move! Fun for the Whole Family!

We're delighted to share a new initiative called **Let's Move!**, which encourages children and families to enjoy being active together in simple, fun ways. The programme is all about having a go, trying something new and making movement part of everyday family life.

There is no need for specialist equipment or sporting expertise. The activities are designed to be easy, enjoyable and accessible for everyone. Children can take part in games, movement challenges and active storytelling, then continue the fun at home with their families.

To help families get involved, a Let's Move! New Moves Club Activity Sheet will be sent home. The sheet includes six fun family challenges, with children earning badges as they complete each activity. Families who complete all six challenges can collect a certificate from school.

As the darker evenings arrive, this is a wonderful opportunity to find enjoyable ways to stay active, spend quality time together and support children's physical and emotional wellbeing.

We look forward to sharing more information and activities with you soon. In the meantime, why not challenge your family to try something new this week and get moving together? 😊

Because getting active isn't about being the best - it's about having a go and having fun together.

FREE Street Cricket Sessions

🏏 **Fancy trying cricket?**

Somerset Cricket Foundation is running **FREE Street Cricket sessions** for boys and girls aged **8-12 years (ignore that poster states 9-12)!**

✅ Fun games and activities

✅ Build confidence and skills

✅ Make new friends

✅ Open to all abilities

✅ No previous cricket experience needed

📍 Weston College Health and Active Living Skills Centre, Loxton Road, Weston-super-Mare

🗓️ Thursdays

⏰ 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Places are limited, so families are encouraged to register early. Further details and registration information are available from Somerset Cricket Foundation.

👉 **Register here**

Weston College[2]



[2] https://chancetoshine.my.site.com/s/street-registration-form?language=en_GB&qrc=0018e0000088mnE

Royals Junior Netball Club - New Minis Sessions

ROYALS

JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

NEW MINIS NETBALL SESSIONS

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2s UPWARDS.



FUN GAMES

BALL SKILLS

NETBALL RELATED ACTIVITIES

Run by experienced, engaging and enthusiastic, fully DBS'd young coaches.

SESSIONS AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES LAUNCHING AFTER HALF TERM.

TUESDAYS
5-6pm
at Clevedon School

THURSDAYS
5-6pm
at Backwell School

1st SESSION FREE

SPACES ARE LIMITED IN EACH SESSION SO GET IN CONTACT QUICKLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

To register please WhatsApp Lynne on

07967 112986



ROYALS JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB

Looking for a fun and active club for your child? Royals Junior Netball Club is launching brand-new Minis Netball Sessions for children in Year 2 and above after half term.

Sessions focus on fun games, ball skills and netball activities, led by experienced, enthusiastic young coaches. Sessions run from 5.00pm to 6.00pm on Tuesdays at Clevedon School and Thursdays at Backwell School. Best of all, the first session is free!

Places are limited, so if your child would like to give netball a try, contact Lynne on 07967 112986 to register. 🏐✨

Anti-Bullying Week 2026



Anti-Bullying Week takes place from Monday 16 November, and this year's theme encourages us all to think about the positive difference we can make through our words and actions.

To launch the week, pupils are invited to take part in **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November.** By wearing odd socks, children can celebrate what makes each of us unique and help spread an important message that differences should be valued and respected.

Throughout the week, classes will explore friendship, kindness, respect and inclusion through assemblies, discussions and learning activities. As a school, we are committed to creating a culture where everyone feels safe, valued and able to flourish. Anti-Bullying Week provides an opportunity for us all to reflect on how we can support one another and ensure that our community remains a place where every child belongs.

Monday 19 November: Don't forget to wear your odd socks! 🎶💙

Parent & Carer Coffee Morning: Understanding Emotions; Tools to Thrive - Monday 23rd November

Monday 23rd November, 9 - 10am

Is your child struggling with big emotions? Would you like to learn some tools to support them in managing difficult feelings?

Come along to this free session with Maya from the Mental Health Support Team to learn about the function of emotions, what can impact children's ability to manage emotions, and gain some tools you can use to support your child at home.

Register here[3]

New Gravel Area at the Front of School

You may have noticed the new gravel area that has recently been created near the front gate. This has been installed to help manage bramble growth and improve the long-term maintenance of this area of the school grounds.

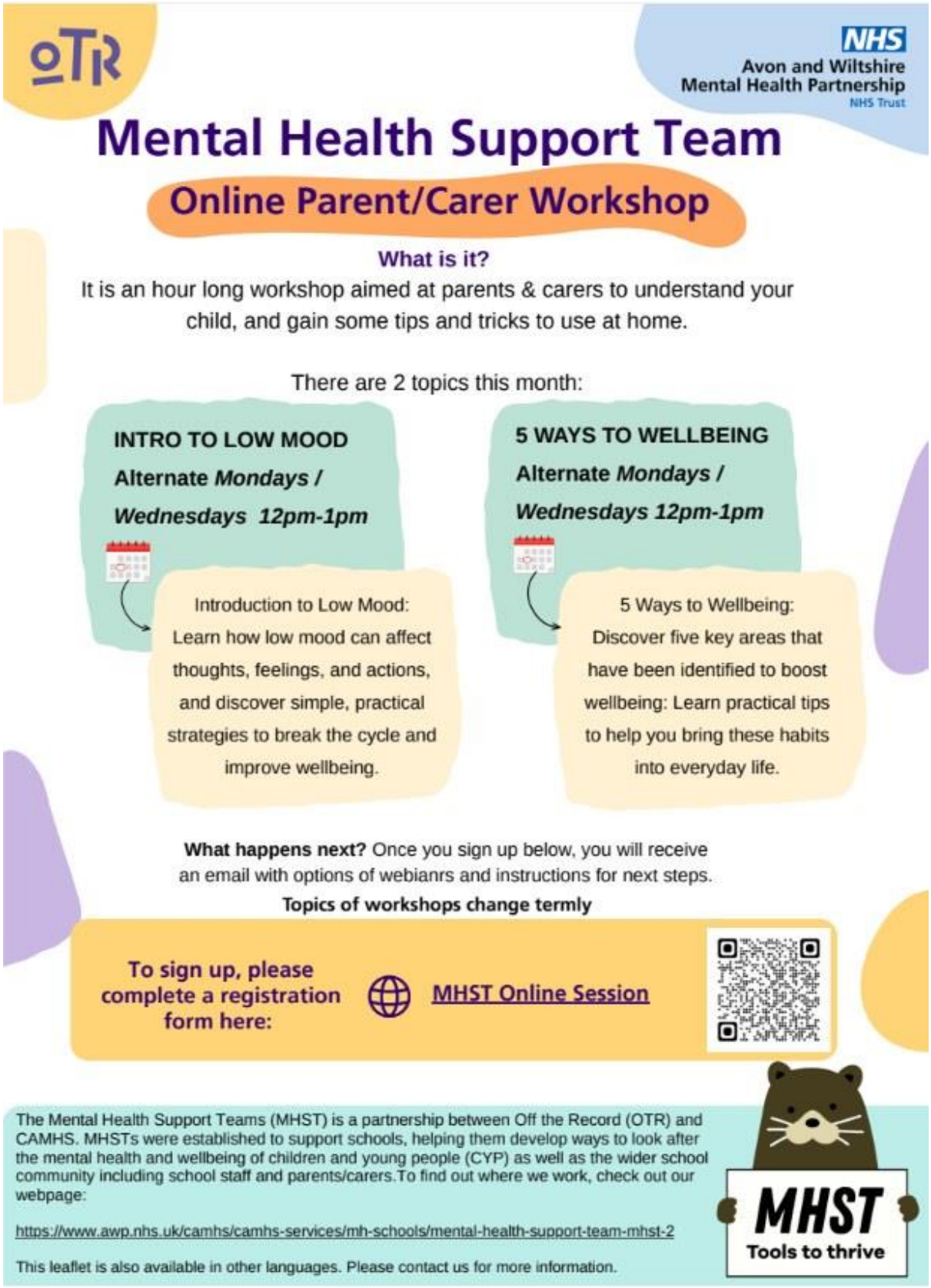
We would be grateful if parents and children could avoid walking on the gravel and encourage children not to kick or move the stones onto the pathways. This will help keep the area effective and reduce the number of loose stones around the school entrance.

Whilst we will do our best to keep pathways clear, we cannot guarantee that there will never be stones on the paths. We therefore ask everyone to take particular care when using scooters, bicycles, pushchairs and wheelchairs, as loose stones may occasionally cause wheels to slip or catch.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the school grounds safe and well maintained for all.

[3] https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/VX00egypTG

Mental Health Support Team Parent Workshops



Parents and carers are invited to join free online workshops delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). Each one-hour session offers practical advice and strategies to

support your child's emotional wellbeing at home. This month's topics are **Introduction to Low Mood** and **5 Ways to Wellbeing**. After registering, parents will receive details of available webinar dates and joining instructions.

Mental Health Support for Children, Young People and Families

A range of free support services are available for children, young people and families:

- Soluna [4](formerly Kooth) provides free online mental health and wellbeing support for young people
- Qwell [5]offers free online mental health support for parents and carers
- ChatHealth [6]is a confidential text messaging service run by the School Nursing Team, enabling young people to seek health advice directly
- **NSPCC Building Connections**[7] supports young people experiencing loneliness
- Wellspring Counselling [8]offers a free listening service for young people aged 11-18

If you are concerned about your child's emotional wellbeing or would like further advice about any of these services, please speak to Mrs Bamford / Mrs Garland and we will be happy to help.

General Notices



- ***PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING IS LABELLED, ESPECIALLY PRE-LOVED UNIFORM.***

[4]https://solunaapp.com/
[5]https://www.qwell.io/
[6]https://www.betterhealthns.co.uk/tools/chat-health/
[7]https://www.campaigntoendloneliness.org/building-connections-an-nspcc-support-service-for-young-people/
[8]https://wellspringcounselling.org.uk/

- ***Field Shoes:*** *all children MUST have a spare pair of shoes or wellies in school. In wet weather, only children who have spare shoes will be permitted to use the field.*

- ***Volunteering in School****: We are delighted that we are able to invite volunteers in to support our pupils and the school. Children (all year groups including KS2) benefit from adults reading with them frequently. If you are interested in volunteering in school, whether that be supporting a school trip or helping hearing readers, please email the school office stating what you would be able to volunteer with, when you would be available and how often. All volunteers will need to complete a volunteer application form, have references called for and be enhanced DBS checked.*

- ***Worlebury Tots Praise:*** *Tots Praise is held every Thursday during term time in the school hall. It runs from 10am-11.30am and everyone is welcome.*

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Calendar



10.11.26: Parents Evening

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12.11.26: Remembrance Service led by KS2 (during normal Family Worship time)

13.11.26: World Kindess Day

19.11.26 Odd socks day in support of Anti-bullying week

26.11.26: Bible Story Worship - Squirrel's Class

08.12.26: Hedgehog's Nativity, 9am

10.12.26: Moles' Nativity, 9am

11.12.26: Year 5 Christmas in a Box at St Paul's Church - children to be dropped off at church for 8.40am

16.12.26: Christmas Dinner and Party Day

17.12.26: KS2 Christmas Show (Family Worship time as usual)

04.01.27: INSET DAY - school closed to children

08.01.27: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

11.01.27: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

21.01.27: Bible Story Worship - Badgers Class

09.03.27: Parents Evening

10.03.27: Parents Evening

11.03.27: Bible Story Worship - Foxes Class

17.03.27 - 19.03.27: Y4 Residential Trip to Mendip

22.03.27: Y4 Easter in a Box at St Paul's Church - children to be dropped off at church for 8.40am

25.03.27: Easter Service led by Badgers Class

16.04.27: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

19.04.27: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

30.04.27: Y3 Parables in a Box at St Paul's Church - children to be dropped off at church for 8.40am

01.05.27: Bible Story Worship - Moles Class

10.05.27: Y6 SATs week

13.05.27: Pentecost Family Worship

07.06.27: INSET DAY - school closed to children

24.06.27: Bible Story Worship - Hedgehogs Class

28.06.27: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

02.07.27: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

08.07.27: INSET DAY - school closed to children

15.07.27: Communion led by Rev Gail

16.07.27: Reports home

23.07.27: Y6 Leaver's Worship

Contact Us

School contacts:

General enquiries: enquiries@worlebury.bwmat.org[9]

Questions / concerns regarding your child: classteachers as first contact either face to face or via Class Dojo.

Special educational needs or wellbeing concerns: Classteacher and / or Mrs Bamford (SENDCO), Mrs Garland (Assistant SENDCO / Learning Mentor).

Safeguarding Concerns: Mrs Bamford (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Gifford or Mrs Garland (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads)

[9] mailto:enquiries@worlebury.bwmat.org