



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

24.09.26

Newsletter 1: 24th September 2026

A very warm welcome to all our children, families and staff as we settle into another exciting year at Worlebury St Paul's.

Although the new term is already well underway, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a special welcome to all of our new starters and families who have joined our school community this year. We hope your first few weeks have been positive and that you are already beginning to feel part of the caring, supportive and ambitious environment that makes Worlebury St Paul's such a special place.

We are also delighted to welcome Mr Alex Barker to our team. Over the past few weeks, he has already become a valued member of our school community and we look forward to the many ways his skills, enthusiasm and experience will benefit our children.

As we continue through this academic year, we do so with high aspirations for every child. We want all of our pupils to flourish, achieve their very best and embrace every opportunity that comes their way. Through kindness, perseverance and a love of learning, we will continue to work together to make this a successful, happy and memorable year for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these first few weeks of term. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead.

Here's to a wonderful year at Worlebury St Paul's!

Christian Value of the Term



This term, our school community will be focusing on the Christian value of **Love**.

Through our collective worship programme, children will explore what it means to love others as God loves us. Worship themes include **loving our neighbours, giving generously, caring for creation, giving our time to others, and trusting God**. Children will engage with Bible stories, prayer, reflection, singing and discussion as they consider how love can be demonstrated through everyday actions.

The value of Love will also be woven throughout our curriculum. In RE, PSHE and wider learning opportunities, pupils will explore kindness, compassion, generosity and respect. Our Harvest celebrations will provide opportunities to think about giving to others, while our diversity workshops will help children appreciate and value people from different faiths, cultures and backgrounds.

By placing Love at the heart of school life this term, we hope to encourage all children to make a positive difference through their words, actions and relationships with others.

A Special Invitation to Our New Starters' Families

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all parents and carers of children who are new to Worlebury St Paul's to join us for our weekly **Family Worship**, held every Thursday from **8:55am to 9:15am**. Family Worship is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community, share in reflection and celebration, and experience first-hand the values that underpin life at our school. We would be delighted to welcome you and hope you are able to join us during the term.

Mode Shift Month



Further information

Visit www.modeshiftmonth.org.uk
where you will find a range of ideas
and resources available to download.



This Term, our school is taking part in Mode Shift Month (albeit over term 1) - encouraging healthier, safer journeys to school.

As part of this, pupils will take part in a Travel Trail, turning their journey into a fun scavenger hunt by spotting things along the way.

How you can help

- Walk, wheel, cycle, or try a 'park and stride' where possible
- Encourage your child to complete their Travel Trail on the journey (sheets sent home)
- Talk to your child about your school journey and what you enjoyed the most.

Even small changes can help children become more active, confident, and make journeys safer for everyone.

Thank you for your support—please get in touch if you have any questions.

Mental Health Support for Children and Young People

Mental Health North Somerset

North Somerset Council

Need help?

Mental health support for children and young people
Call NHS 111 and choose option 2 for urgent help

Are you feeling...

- angry?
- worried?
- stressed?
- sad?
- not quite yourself?

**It's okay to ask for help.
Find the right service for you**

[Betterhealthns.co.uk](https://www.betterhealthns.co.uk) BetterHealthNS

Did you know that North Somerset now has an online directory to help children, young people, parents, carers and professionals find the right mental health support when they need it? The resource provides guidance for a range of needs, from general wellbeing advice through to specialist and urgent support services. It also helps families understand what support may be appropriate at different stages.

If your child is feeling worried, stressed, sad, angry, or simply not quite themselves, support is available. You can explore local services and find the right help by visiting the new online directory:

<https://www.betterhealthns.co.uk/mental-wellbeing/children-and-young-people-mental-health-support-in-north-somerset/>

Remember: it's okay to ask for help, and support is available for children, young people and families when they need it.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



Our school works in partnership with the **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**, who provide early support for children experiencing anxiety, low mood and other wellbeing challenges. Education Mental Health Practitioners can work with pupils individually or in small groups using evidence-based approaches.

If you feel your child may benefit from additional support, there are two ways to access the service:

- Speak to a member of school staff, who can make a referral
- Use the **self-referral option** via the MHST website or QR code¹

The MHST is not a crisis service, but they will always help guide families towards the most appropriate support if needed.

Importantly, the MHST team will continue to review referrals and offer support over the summer period, ensuring families can still access advice and guidance if needed.

Supporting Speech, Language and Communication at Home



Communication skills are a key part of every child's learning, confidence and wellbeing. To help parents and carers support language development at home, the School Aged Speech and Language Therapy Team has created a series of short, practical training videos.

Two videos are already available, with more being added throughout the year. The videos offer helpful advice, strategies and ideas that families can use in everyday situations to develop children's speech, language and communication skills.

► Watch the parent training playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKUdUuPyBB5kz3Ode_IRI3aCWq9rYZ3Is



Featured video: *Supporting Language and Communication at Home*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSCtGcJlmrs>

We encourage all parents and carers to take a look, particularly if you would like practical ideas for developing communication skills through everyday conversations and activities at home.

¹<https://otrnorthsomeset.org.uk/what-we-do/mhst/>

The North Somerset Team have some amazing partners joining them for the Parenting Village in the next couple months, that might be of interest to families in our school:

Education & Virtual School (Adopted or previously Looked After Children) – “Would you like to know more about your child's transition to secondary school? Do you have any questions about the process? Come along and meet Katie Bray Virtual School Extended duties lead and Laura Pfister Re-integration officer, from North Somerset Council.”

Send & you - Providing information, advice and support about SEND to children, young people and their parents and carers. Home - SEND and You³.

Castle Batch Family Hub (*First Friday of each month 09:30 - 11:00*)

- **October (02/10/2026) – NSPCWT, Send & You, Education & Virtual School, Educational Psychologist, School Nursing**
- **November (06/11/2026) – NSPCWT, School Nursing**
- **December (04/12/2026) - NSPCWT, School Nursing**

- **October (19/10/2026) – NSPCWT, School Nursing**
- **November (16/11/2026) – NSPCWT, School Nursing, Educational Psychologist**
- **December – No parenting village - CHRISTMAS**

The drop-in is a relaxed and friendly place where parents and professionals from a range of services are on hand to offer support, a listening ear, advice and signposting. Parents can

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sendandyou.org.uk%2F&data=05|02||38ad7dcb60284ca5dbc908df0e63c7ff|912786cd1df04ebe8f3f5f44c5f47805|0|0|639245493898627778|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiwlLjAuMDAwMCIslIAlOiJXaW4zMlilsIkFOljoiTWFpbCIsIlldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=wfMguMFKvsCvjV2IdjkhIOXF19Qd03%2FKFbPt4mIVxS8%3D&reserved=0>

also find further information about the Advanced Parenting Groups ⁴and how these might help to support them. Parents of children all ages welcome, Free refreshments. Free to attend.

Free School Meals & Arbor Update by 30th September

As part of our preparations for the Autumn Census, we would be grateful if all families could take a few moments to check that their child's information on Arbor is up to date.

Free School Meals (FSM)

You may be eligible for Free School Meals based on your household circumstances, even if your child currently receives Universal Infant Free School Meals. Registering can also help the school secure additional funding to support children's learning.

A quick and easy way to check your eligibility is by using the online checker here:

Check Free School Meal Eligibility⁵

If you complete the check through this website, the school will be notified automatically if your child is eligible.

Please Check Arbor

Please log in to Arbor and check that your child's details are accurate and up to date. In particular, we would like parents to review the language information recorded. If your child speaks, understands or is regularly exposed to another language at home, please ensure this is added to Arbor, even if English is their first language. We would also be grateful if you could check contact details and any other information held by the school.

Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and up to date. Your support makes a real difference.

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fn-somerset.gov.uk%2Fmy-services%2Fchildren-young-people-families%2Ffamily-hubs-north-somerset%2Fadvanced-parenting-groups&data=05|02||38ad7dcb60284ca5dbc908df0e63c7ff|912786cd1df04ebe8f3f5f44c5f47805|0|0|639245493898651722|Unknown|TWFPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUuIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIiIAiOiJXaW4zMlIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbiClIdUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=bc3wVsyyRn%2BAJDGNQLQo7R1r1o1bcNimWR%2FYuum%2Fq%2Bw%3D&reserved=0>

⁵<https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

General Notices



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- **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



01.10.26: Bible Story Worship - Owls Class

15.10.26: Hedgehog and Moles' Harvest Worship at St Paul's Church, 9am (Further information to follow)

12.10.26: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

16.10.26: SEND Children Personal Learning Plan meetings

10.11.26: Parents Evening

11.11.26: Parents Evening

26.11.26: Bible Story Worship - Squirrel's Class

12.11.26: Remembrance Service (Family Worship time as usual)

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.org⁶

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)

⁶<mailto:enquiries@worlebury.bwmat.org>