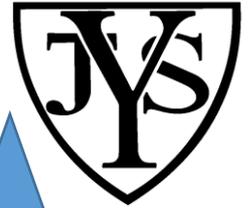




# Yatton Schools Newsletter

Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference



**26 September 2025**

Don't forget -  
INSET DAY  
MON  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
NOVEMBER!

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to say that all of our pupils have settled quickly into their new year groups and classrooms. They are already showing great Yatton Learner skills and a strong sense of community. Our staff have been equally enthusiastic in supporting the children, helping them to establish routines and creating a welcoming environment where every child can thrive. We have been watching the progress of the new school with excitement and we look forward to discussing plans for the opening with you soon. The Junior School is looking very smart with the new practical areas, the children and staff are enjoying using them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another successful year ahead and to celebrating the many achievements of our children together.

With warm regards,  
Mrs Howard and Mrs Clarke

## Staff changes

We hope you have had the opportunity to welcome our two new teachers, Caz Matyjasik in Year 6 and Lily Bartlett in EYFS. We also have some new LSA staff, Jen Bishop, Em Smith and Charlotte Thomas. Welcome to Yatton Schools!

## Yatton Infant School Rebuild

Work is continuing a-pace and remains on target so far. We are delighted with the progress that has been made. We are looking forward to moving Years 1 & 2 out of their temporary classrooms and into the new school over the October half term. The Co-op entrance will re-open at the start of the new term.

We will celebrate the opening with the children during the day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> is an INSET day). Parents are welcome to come in and look around after school.

Once the building work has been completed, Phase 2 will be to remove the temporary buildings from the school field and return it to grass (with the exception of the Astro turf area which will be retained to allow the opportunity for outdoor play in the Winter months). This phase is expected to take up until December 2025, so we hope that we will be able to start using the school field again in 2026, subject to the grass re-growing.





### Junior practical areas

These three areas were refurbished over the Summer break with funding raised by the PTA.

We are very grateful for the support the PTA provide, as without it, we would not have been able to do this project. The areas are looking fabulous - so much fresher, more spacious and a nice environment for the children to learn in.

The next project we are looking to collaborate on is the replacement of the trim trail equipment in the Junior playground which you will notice has been cordoned off due to it being unsafe. We hope to be able to progress this over the coming months.

## BBC 500 Word Competition



This week, Junior children were told all about the BBC's 500 word competition. You can find all details following the link below, including rules, prizes and how to enter.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zytbqyc>

Happy writing!

## Mini Marathon

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> all of the Junior children went to Hangstones to complete this years' mini marathon. The children impressed us with their sporting attitude to the event; not only did they all try their very best they all cheered each other on in great Yatton School spirit.

## Important Update – School Car Park Permits and Safety

Please be reminded that the school car park is for staff and visitor use only (including the Midwife Centre).

We noticed towards the end of last year and the beginning of this year, our school car park was becoming busier and quite unsafe. To keep everyone safe and ensure the space is used fairly, we have reviewed our parking permits and introduced a new system.

Key points to note:

- **Blue Badge holders** do **not** require a school permit, as the Blue Badge itself is valid.
- Permits have been issued to all parents and carers who requested one and met the approval criteria.
- Anyone without a valid permit or Blue Badge must not drive through or park in the school car park at any time.

- Please use **designated bays only** – do not double park, park on kerbs, hatched areas, or emergency access routes.
- A permit or blue badge does not guarantee you a space as there are only a limited number of disabled bays.

These measures are in place to maintain a safe environment for all adults and children who use the car park. We kindly ask for your full support in following these rules so that drop-off and pick-up times remain safe and efficient for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep our school community safe.

### ParentPay – childcare vouchers

If you pay your Breakfast Club and/or After School Club fee by childcare vouchers, these are received into a separate bank account which is reconciled at the end of each month.

Any payments made during that month are then posted to your ParentPay account (this will show as “Other adjustment”) at the start of the following month. We ask that you try to keep your ParentPay accounts in credit if possible, thank you.

### Census Day – Thursday 2 October

A reminder of the special menu for next week’s census day – good luck in the competition!

**LUCKY POT RODEO LUNCH**  
2 October 2025

**Mains**  
Macaroni Cheese with optional toppings  
Chosen from  
Pulled Chicken, Crispy Onions or BBQ Sauce

Cowboy Pie  
(Sausage & Baked Bean pie topped with Mash Potato)

Spaghetti & Texan Sauce with optional toppings  
Chosen from  
Pulled Chicken or Crispy Chick Pea  
(Allergens free)

**Sides**  
Crudités  
Garlic Bread Slice  
Salad Bar

**Dessert**  
Funfetti Cookie  
Fresh Fruit

**WIN**  
2 lucky pots in each year group win a seat at the VIP Table!  
All winners are entered into a Grand Prize Draw across the Trust to win a BRAND NEW BIKE!

### Attendance Update:

#### Every Day Counts!

Regular attendance at school is vital for your child’s learning, progress, and social development. At Yatton Schools, we aim for all pupils to attend school every day unless they are unwell. Even a low level of absence can affect your child’s learning and make it harder for them to keep up with their peers.

**Punctuality matters** – arriving on time helps children start the day positively and ensures they don’t miss key learning activities.

**Communication is important** – please inform the school promptly if your child is unwell or unable to attend.

Let’s work together to make every day count! Your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly helps them achieve their best and builds positive routines that will benefit them for years to come.

### Important dates coming up:

Nasal flu immunisations	30 <sup>th</sup> September
Census Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Online safety talks Year 1 – 6	6 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 4 Caerleon School trip	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 5 trip to SS Great Britain	9 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 5 Science Day	21 <sup>st</sup> October
Half Term	Wb 27 <sup>th</sup> October

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# YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following learners for the weeks beginning the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Well done to you all!

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Eli Ralph Nathaniel Archie Poppy Zara Milton Poppy Freddie Phoebe Emma Harlow Reggie Bryson Jaydon Kalani	Tawny Owls Elf Owls Little Owls Puffins Kingfishers Sea Turtles Whale Sharks Black Rhinos Giant Otters Elf Owls Eagle Owls Little Owls Kingfishers Sea Turtles Giant Otters Gian Armadillos
Creativity/ Resourcefulness	Piper	Whale Sharks
Collaboration		
Resilience	Amber Ruby	Giant Armadillos Tawny Owls
Confidence	Hesper Ted Theia Chester Livvy-Mae	Eagle Owls Puffins Black Rhinos Jaguars Tigers
Curiosity	Noah W	Black Rhinos
All Yatton Learner Skills		

# Yatton Schools Association News

## YSA AGM – All Welcome!

Join us for the YSA Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 8th October, 6:30PM** in the junior hall. Find out what we do, how funds are raised and spent, and how you can get involved. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please come along and support us so we can continue to provide resources and equipment for ALL children.

## Fireworks:

Yatton Schools Association (YSA) is excited to announce that online tickets are now on sale for our Fireworks event on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025** at Yatton Rugby Football Club. Join us for this amazing spectacle and help raise much needed funds for both schools.

### **\*\*Buy your tickets\*\***

If you buy your tickets before 1pm on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> November, you can benefit from the early bird prices!  
<https://buytickets.at/yattonschooolsassociation/1851264>

We are only selling tickets online due to the price of printing paper tickets and not having enough volunteers to sell them. If the event doesn't sell out online, then we will have some to buy on the night, but it will be a case of first come, first served. All proceeds from ticket sales will fund resources and 'extras' for the children's education in both the Infant and Junior schools.

The gates to the club grounds will open at 5:30pm and the display begins at 7pm...but the bar is open until much later. No need to eat before you arrive as there will be plenty of burgers, hot dogs and chips with hot and cold drinks (including our famous Baileys hot chocolate). Please note that the BBQ is CASH ONLY.

There will be sweets, toffee apples and glow toys to keep the children amused. We hope it will be dry, but if not, there will be a covered viewing area as well as an indoor bar and seating. There is no parking this year as Oxford Instruments has now closed so, please consider walking down if you can.

Please: no bonfires, no smoking, no sparklers, no dogs.

### **\*\*Can you spare an hour or two?\***

Last year we raised **£11,000** but we can't do this without volunteers. Don't worry about missing the actual fireworks as we shut all stalls during the display.

Everyone in the community is welcome to lend a hand – parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends. We understand you may have kids to look after so if you could spread the word with your friends (or rope your partner/family into helping!), we'd appreciate that as well.

Here's some of the jobs available:

- Helping transport supplies in your van
- Setting up gazebos
- Preparing food during the day
- Manning the gate on the evening

- Serving on stalls (sweets, BBQ, glow toys etc)
- Setting down after the event
- Litter picking spent fireworks the morning after

Sign up online here <https://signup.com/go/CPQXZaB> or email: [WeAreYSA@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreYSA@gmail.com)

This is an enjoyable, family night out and one of the biggest fundraising events of the year for the schools. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, contact [WeAreYSA@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreYSA@gmail.com) or message us via the Yatton Schools Association Facebook page.

### **Cauliflower Cards are back:**

This is a fun, creative way for children to design their own Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper etc, whilst also helping to raise funds for the school! The children should have brought home an order form already but if not, there are spares in the school office.

Please order and pay online using the unique code from your form and return the artwork to school by **Tuesday 14th October.**

More info can be found at: <http://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk>

### **Junior School Refurbishment:**

Over the school holidays, a fantastic team of volunteers—including parents, local residents, and Mendip Accounting Solutions—came together to transform the Junior practical areas. Thanks to their hard work, the old cupboards and units were cleared out, with a lot of them being rehomed within the community, making way for a fresh new look.

The spaces have now been repainted and fitted with brand-new cupboards, and the Junior hall has also been brightened up with a fresh coat of paint. The school is absolutely thrilled with the results, and we hope the children love their vibrant new learning spaces!

This refurbishment was made possible by funding from YSA, and we're incredibly grateful for everyone who helped raise those funds. A huge thank you to all who pitched in—your support has made a real difference!

Many thanks for your continued support  
YSA

# Community News



**Codingbug**  
inspiring the next generation of coders & makers

**Build. Code. Create.**



**Digital Makers - after school club**

Codingbug has been teaching at Yatton Schools since 2012 and continues to inspire new generations of coders and makers.

At the Digital Makers Club (formerly coding club) your child will learn to make, code and create using a variety of digital technologies. They will build Apps, make games, create digital art and more. Your child will learn computational thinking, solve problems, engage critical thinking and enhance their digital skills.

The club is suitable for children in Year 1 to Year 6. Lessons are tailored to different year groups.

**MONDAYS at Infant School**  
The club takes place at school on Mondays.  
For more information about the club visit:  
<https://codingbug.co.uk/yatton-infant-school/>



**WEDNESDAYS at Junior School**  
The club takes place at school on Wednesdays.  
For more information about the club visit:  
<https://codingbug.co.uk/yatton-junior-school/>



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West of England  
**MUSIC & ARTS**

## DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days take place each term and are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit [wema.org.uk/discoveryday](http://wema.org.uk/discoveryday)



## TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



**THE TEENAGE YEARS**

*Time Out for Parents* courses from Care for the Family provide common-sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.

If you have children aged 11 to 19, then *Time Out for Parents – The Teenage Years* is for you. Over 6 sessions you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to make your relationship with your teenager even better.

**The sessions**

- Session 1 Understanding teenagers
- Session 2 Emotional wellbeing
- Session 3 Communication
- Session 4 Parenting styles and boundaries
- Session 5 Big issues
- Session 6 Big issues, strong families



Care for the Family, Tovey House, Cleppa Park, Newport, NP10 8BA.  
Tel: 029 2081 0800. [cff.org.uk](http://cff.org.uk)  
A registered charity (England and Wales 1066905. Scotland: SC038497).

## TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



**THE TEENAGE YEARS**

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 11 to 19

Dates:  
Thursdays 9th October - 13th November  
8.00pm - 9.30pm

Via Zoom (details upon registration)

To register your interest or book a place contact:  
Jane Wheeler  
[janewheeler1@icloud.com](mailto:janewheeler1@icloud.com)  
07790 647968



Common-sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship



We are excited to share that **Bristol Badminton Academy**, which has been successfully operating at **Backwell School** for **the past 2 years**, will be offering **free trial badminton sessions** starting **Monday, 8th September 2025**.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students of all ages to **try badminton, develop their skills, and enjoy professional coaching** in a safe and fun environment.

**Session Details:**

- **Start Date:** Monday, 8th September 2025
- **Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Old Sports Hall, Backwell School
- **Open To:** All students
- **Cost:** Free trial session

We look forward to welcoming young players to the academy and continuing to develop our partnership with local schools!

Best regards,

**Bristol Badminton Academy**  
 ✉ [info@bristolbadmintonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@bristolbadmintonacademy.co.uk)  
 ☎ +44 330 043 4114



# MINECRAFT CLUB

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:  
[codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/](http://codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/)

## Coding in Minecraft

This is fun monthly club where children learn how to make mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

Suitable for children aged 8 – 12.

### WHERE

Yatton Library  
 BS49 4HJ

### WHEN

Saturday 18th October 2025  
 From 10:00am – 12:30pm

**codingbug.co.uk**

Email: [info@codingbug.co.uk](mailto:info@codingbug.co.uk) or call 07909226520



[facebook.com/codingbug/](https://facebook.com/codingbug/)

# FREE FOOTBALL SESSION

## Start your minis journey now!



### WHY CHOOSE CTFC MINIS?

- PROFESSIONAL COACHES
- 3G AND GRASS FACILITY (THE MONEY MATES STADIUM, DAVIS LANE, CLEVEDON, BS21 6TG)
- FREE SEASON TICKET TO CLEVEDON TOWN HOME GAMES
- MASCOT OPPORTUNITIES
- SMALL GROUPS FOR MAXIMUM ATTENTION

SCHOOL YEAR RECEPTION AND YEAR 1  
 ALL SESSIONS HELD AT THE MONEY MATES HAND STADIUM, CLEVEDON, BS21 6TG

**OUR SESSIONS ARE FREE!**  
 How to become a mini?  
 Email [Ctfcminis@outlook.com](mailto:Ctfcminis@outlook.com)



# OCTOBER FOOTBALL FUNDAYS

BOOTS, ASTROS, SHIN PADS AND PACK LUNCH REQUIRED  
 £16 PER PLAYER

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
 9am-3pm  
 The North Somerset Community Stadium, Clevedon, BS21 6TG

- FUN ACTIVITIES
- LOADS OF GAMES
- ANYONE WELCOME
- SCHOOL YEAR 1-7

TO BOOK Email [Laura@nsfootball.co.uk](mailto:Laura@nsfootball.co.uk)

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**WESTON BRICK FESTIVAL**

25<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2025  
HUTTON MOOR

**MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF**

**WESTON BRICK FESTIVAL**

**PRIORITY FOOTBALL**

**OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS!**

5 DAYS OF FOOTBALL FUN AT NAILSEA SCHOOL  
MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

Year 1 - Year 8 (9:00am - 3:30pm) Reception (9:00am - 1:00pm)

**STRIKER DAY FRIDAY**  
FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

**PUMA CAMP DAYS**  
TUES 28<sup>TH</sup> & FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

SCAN HERE TO BOOK

£25 per day | Discounted multi-day tickets | Early drop-offs available

Book online: [www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps](http://www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps)  
Pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004 | Nailsea School



Yatton Partners and Communities Together (PACT) works to resolve safety issues in our community.



Yatton & Congresbury Wildlife Action Group works in the community for wildlife.

## The Green Apple Club Hub 'Meet the Clubs'

Saturday 4th October 10am -12 noon  
Yatton Methodist Church & Hall

**ALL WELCOME**

refreshments by  
Yatton Youth Club  
apple games  
displays

**FREE EVENT**

children's crafts  
demonstrations  
information

Yatton voluntary organisations and clubs will be pleased to meet you and show you how you could be more involved, make new friends and make a difference.

**BLUE DIAMOND**

**Little Acorns**  
*Nature's Little Helpers*

**ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN**

The perfect introduction to nature-friendly gardening and making new friends!

Explore the natural world through:

- Planting Seeds
- Growing Plants
- Nature themed crafts

Activities are weekdays, fortnightly (excluding bank holidays),  
**9:45am to 10:30am**

Booking in advance is recommended as spaces are limited.

To find out more and how to book, see our website

**£8.99**  
per child, per session

**Ticket includes:**

- safe and happy workspace
- step by step activity guidance
- craft materials
- 1 x juice per child
- 1 x biscuit per child
- story/song time
- reward Scheme

**Cadbury**  
GARDEN CENTRE



**ACTIVE CAMPS**

CHESTNUT PARK SCHOOL, YATTON  
ST JOHNS SCHOOL, CLEVEDON

27<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS OLD  
9.00-3.00 £18.00 PER DAY  
8.30-5.00 £26.00 PER DAY

TO BOOK GO TO  
[WWW.RMCSPORTS.CO.UK](http://WWW.RMCSPORTS.CO.UK)

**FOOTBALL FUN DAYS**

28<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

9.00-3.00  
£18.00 NON YJFC  
£15.50 YJFC  
CHILDREN 5-10 YEARS OLD

FUN GAMES  
MINI MATCHES  
TOURNAMENTS

**FOOTBALL COACHING DAY**

31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

9.00-3.00  
£18.00 ALL PLAYERS  
CHILDREN 9-13 YEARS OLD

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT  
SKILLS BASED TRAINING  
SMALL SIDED GAMES

TO BOOK GO TO  
[WWW.RMCSPORTS.CO.UK](http://WWW.RMCSPORTS.CO.UK)




Dear Parents/Carers,

✦ Save the date: Friday 7th November 2025 ✦

We're excited to let you know that HAF will be running **Christmas/Winter holiday activities** this year. The activity days will take place on:

- Monday 22nd December
- Tuesday 23rd December
- Monday 29th December
- Tuesday 30th December

Children and young people who receive **benefits-related free school meals** are entitled to free HAF activity days. If you believe your child may be eligible, you can apply here: [Free school meals application](#).

 **Bookings open Friday 7th November 2025** — don't forget to pop this date in your diary!

You'll be able to book activities online via: [Eequ](#) · [After school](#). [In place of school](#). [Beyond school](#).

We look forward to seeing lots of children join in the festive fun!

Kind regards,

The HAF Team