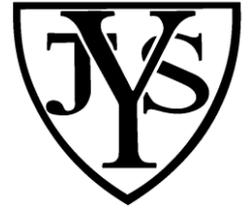




# Yatton Schools Mini - Newsletter

Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference



**9 September 2025**

**Dear Parents,**

It has been a real joy to welcome our new Reception children and their families to Yatton, as well as to see our Infants and Juniors return with such enthusiasm. We have loved hearing about their summer adventures and watching them begin the new year with positivity and excitement. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. In the first Collective Worship with the Junior children, we shared how excited we are to celebrate great learning, see everyone using their Yatton Learner skills, and continue to follow our three rules: Ready, Safe and Respect.

This week, our Year 6 pupils have set off to Morfa for their residential camp. They are having a fantastic time, embracing new challenges and showing real courage as they make the most of this adventure.

We will be sharing more about the many activities and opportunities happening across the school this year, and will be catching up with you all around the school site.

We also are very excited that the opening of the new Infant School is fast approaching and that the Juniors are enjoying using the wonderfully refurbished practical areas in the Junior School.

With warm regards,  
Sarah Howard and Helen Clarke

## **Please be punctual!**

**Infants start at 8.50am**

**Juniors start at 8.55am**

Please be prompt dropping off in the morning as lessons get started straight away and even 5 -10 minutes can have a big impact on your child settling in and on their learning.

The gates will be closed on the Stowey / Junior side quickly after starting times so please be aware if you are late you may need to go through the main entrance to register your child.

## **Infant and Junior black box resources for playtimes**

We have black grit boxes of resources for children to play with at breaks and lunchtime to help make their breaks fun and exciting.

**PLEASE don't let your children play with them before or after school.**

We would hate for them to get lost or broken. Many thanks.

## **Yatton Schools Association**

Our wonderful YSA will be starting their epic fund-raising work for the school in the next few weeks with the Fireworks and other events on the horizon. However, **they/ we need your help!** All the events are not starting from scratch as there are years of expertise to draw on. On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in the Junior School Hall is the YSA AGM** – please come along if you can and find out how you can help.

## Junior School Mini Marathon

Please be aware that the Yatton Junior School Mini Marathon will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd, at Hangstones. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, snack and is appropriately dressed for the weather.

Due to limited parking and to ensure the safety of all children, parents and carers will be unable to attend the event this year. We appreciate your understanding and support.

## Parent Governors wanted!

We currently have vacancies for **Parent Governors** on our school's Governing Body, as some of our existing governors' terms of office are coming to an end. Parent Governors play a vital role in shaping the direction of the school, ensuring the voice of parents is heard, and supporting the leadership team in providing the best possible education for our children. We welcome nominations from any parent or carer with a child enrolled at the school. No prior experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn, contribute, and work in partnership with others. Full training and support are provided.

If you are interested in standing for election please email the school office. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, an election will be held.

This is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference to our school community.

## Time to apply for Junior school 2026

Applications to apply for a junior school place for September 2026 will open by 12 September 2025.

Please find attached a letter for parents/carers of our current year 2 children. This will also be relevant to anyone who is in year 1 with an agreed delay as they will need to get permission to continue the delay with their preferred Junior school.

## Transfer to Secondary school September 2026

The application process for admissions for September 2026 transfer to Secondary school will open by 12 September 2025.

Please find attached a letter for parents/carers of our current year 6 children. This will also be relevant to anyone who is in year 5 with an agreed delay, they will also need to get permission to continue the delay with their preferred Secondary school.

## Open Events

Open Events are happening in September for families with students who will be moving from Primary to Secondary school in September 2026.



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### Open Evening - Wednesday 24th September

We invite you to our Open Evening, where you can tour the site, hear from the Headteacher and speak to staff members about subjects, the transition from primary school to the Academy, and ask any other questions you may have.

Follow the link or scan the QR code below for event details and ticket booking:  
<https://churchill-academy-openevening-2025.eventbrite.co.uk>



### Open Mornings

We are also holding **Open Mornings on Tuesday 31st September and Wednesday 1st October from 9 am - 12 pm** for anyone who would like to see how the Academy operates during a normal school day. For details about the Open Morning and to book tickets, scan the QR code below or visit the below website:  
<https://churchillacademy-openmornings.eventbrite.co.uk>



## BACKWELL SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025  
5.00pm to 7.30pm

Headteacher Presentation 5pm Visit subject areas 5.15pm - 7pm  
Headteacher Presentation 7pm



The education provided has been outstanding, and we are deeply impressed by the breadth of the curriculum, the level of academic challenge, and the wide range of enriching extracurricular activities available. It is truly remarkable. (Year 7 Parent 2025)



Pupils enjoy attending Backwell School. They feel safe and have trusted adults who they know will help them if they are experiencing difficulties.



The school provides a vast array of opportunities for pupils to develop their talents and interests.



### SCHOOL TOURS

Tours during the school day will run from Monday 22 September. Online booking for a tour of the school will be available during the open evening and via the school website (from 10.00am on Friday 19 September).

Visit [www.backwellschool.net](http://www.backwellschool.net) to find out more!  
Backwell School, Station Road, Backwell, BS48 3BX

## **Junior Morning Snacks/ Tuck Shop**

Reminder: Tuck shop will only be running for all children on a Tuesday (Tuck Shop Tuesday) and more details will be communicated soon.

Please supply a snack for your children for at least one break in case they get hungry or they can bring in two healthy snacks for the two break times as lunchtime is later (1-2).

Please remind your child (ren) not to eat their lunch during break times.

Our Free School Meals children can get a snack of toast from us at first break if they wish.

## **Car park permits**

Due to the increasing traffic in the staff car park and concerns for the safety of our pupils and their families, we will be undertaking a review of all the parking permits that have been issued to parents. Please look out for further communication on this and if you no longer need your parking permit please return this to the school office.

## **Free School Meals**

If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals, we have been notified that you will receive £100 in the form of vouchers from the Household Support Fund later this month. Vouchers are only for those on benefits based Free School Meals, and not Universal Infant Free School Meals.

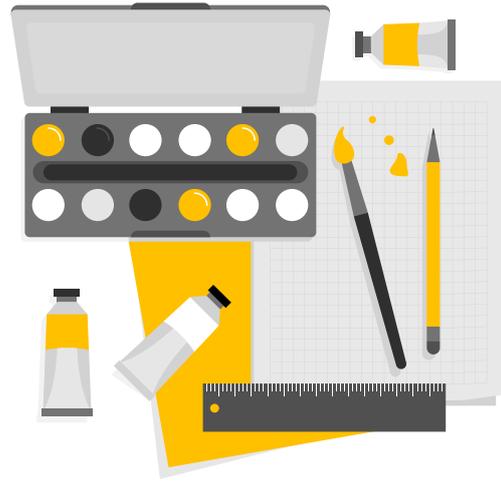
**If you think you may be entitled and have not yet already applied, please check online <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.**

Applications need to have been made and accepted by 21 September to meet the deadline.

If you have any queries, please contact [FSM@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:FSM@n-somerset.gov.uk)

## **Breakfast & After School Club fees**

Please be reminded that as previously advised from 1 September 2025 the Breakfast & After School Club fees have gone up to £11:50 and £6 per session respectively.



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