



Yatton Schools Newsletter

Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference



28 November 2025

Dear Parents,

What an incredibly busy and exciting term it has been so far—and we haven't even reached Christmas yet! The past few weeks have been filled with wonderful moments that truly showcase the spirit and energy of our school community. From the fantastic celebration marking the official opening of our Infant School, to the unforgettable visit from Joe Wicks, to our enthusiastic fundraising efforts for Children in Need, there has been no shortage of memorable highlights.

As always, we are immensely proud of our pupils, staff, and families for embracing every opportunity with such positivity and enthusiasm. We hope you enjoy reading about everything we've been up to.

With warm regards,
Mrs Howard and Mrs Clarke

The new school is open!

We are thrilled to share that we have officially moved into the brand-new KS1 section of the school! The space is already proving to be a wonderful environment for teaching and learning. Both children and staff have settled in beautifully and are enjoying exploring their new classrooms.

We are now in Phase 2 which is the removal of the temporary cabins (which have now all gone) and the restoration of the school field. All will be returned to grass apart from the Astro turf area which will be re-surfaced with new drainage and a picket fence around it. This will provide us with some outdoor space even when the field is too muddy to use in the Autumn & Winter terms.



'The Body Coach' Joe Wicks returns to Yatton Schools!



We had an exciting moment when **Joe Wicks** visited our school—and we were even featured on the news!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ckgy42qzzrxo>

This was an incredible opportunity to celebrate our school community and inspire our pupils.

He first visited the school in 2023 - after the infant school fire in May Half Term 2023 – to lift spirits and run a special “PE with Joe” session. His visit provided much-needed motivation and positivity for us as we began the long process of rebuilding.

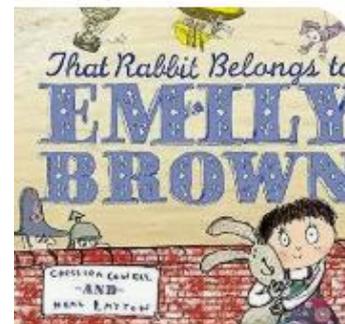
Two years later, as promised, Joe returned to see the transformed space and to meet pupils and staff now enjoying the brand-new school building. During his visit, Joe was given a tour of the new facilities and led pupils in another special “PE with Joe” session.

Joe said “I have come back to celebrate the opening of the building at the school and to spread some positivity. The noise, intensity and energy from the children was amazing and reminds me why I love spending time inspiring the younger generation. I felt really welcome returning – they have put up lots of signs and decorations across the school for me. It is great to come full circle and revisit at a happy time.”

Acting Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Howard said, “Joe said he would return to see the new building when he visited us back in 2023 – he is a man true to his word. His first visit lifted the spirits of the whole school community during a very difficult time, and so to be able to invite him back to celebrate this new chapter for Yatton Infant School is really wonderful and a great celebration of how far we have come. We are delighted with the new building and the children are settling in well.”



Book recommendation of the month



The Year 1 children have been thoroughly enjoying 'That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown' by Cressida Cowell and they'll all recommend it, I'm sure! The repetitive language means our younger pre-schoolers might join in with echo reading whilst our

Infant children enjoy the repeating structure of the story line.

Emily Brown has a toy rabbit called Stanley, who she takes on many adventures. Ask your Year 1 child where Emily and Stanley go. What do the talking dolls say? How long do the rocking horses rock for and why does Stanley have two names?

This month's recommended read will make a superb Christmas present for anyone aged 3-7 and is one of Miss Lloyd's all-time favourite stories.

Children in Need – Spots, Smiles & Cakes!

To finish off our busy two weeks, we celebrated **Children in Need** with plenty of spotty fun! A big thank-you to Aspens for hosting a brilliant cake sale—our pupils enjoyed every moment while supporting a fantastic cause. We raised an amazing £610.87 – thank you all for your kind donations.



Diana Award Training Day

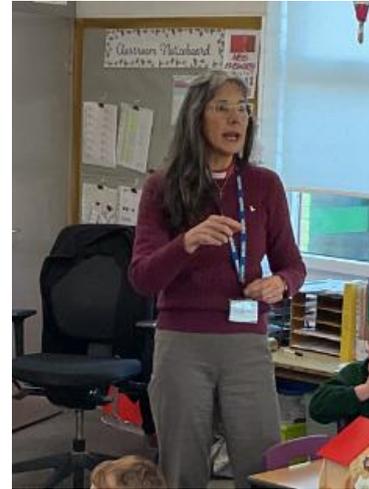
We were honoured to welcome the Diana Award team to Yatton, where they trained our fantastic Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Pupils from nine other schools joined us for this inspiring day of upskilling and leadership



development. Our children represented Yatton proudly and gained valuable knowledge to help keep our school a safe, supportive place for all.

Year 4 visits – RE & Geography

Year 4 have been lucky enough to have some amazing visitors recently.



First Reverend Denise came in to help us with our RE enquiry question: What is the most significant part of the Nativity Story for Christians today? She shared a beautiful version of the Nativity story with the children and they asked her all their wild and wonderful questions. If you listen closely the answer to our question will be in our Nativity Play this year!



Next we had a visit from the Environment Agency. In our Geography lessons, we have been learning about water, where it comes from and why we have to pay for it. With the help of Jack's mum Rebecca, we learnt all about the processes required to clean water and the children had a go at cleaning some. Some groups were really successful - although I'm still not sure we'd want to drink it!



Boys football competition

On Monday 24th November, 10 year 6 boys went to Weston College to take part in a North Somerset Schools Football Competition. The boys played absolutely brilliantly but unfortunately didn't get through to the competitive final.



They did, however, win the friendly final. The way the boys conducted themselves was admirable; I was so proud of them. At the end of the competition one of the referees came over to say he thought Yatton were the best team but had just been really unlucky. The boys displayed real talent and for me, the most impressive aspect was their communication and teamwork. Well done boys, you were amazing. - Mrs Murdoch

Christmas dinners

The Infants Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 17th December and the Juniors will be on Thursday 18th December. Please book this in by Friday 13th December so the kitchen can make their orders. If you are organised enough to book in advance, please check that your child has a meal booked for the relevant day.

There are alternative options for any children with special dietary requirements (these will be shown on Aspens Select).

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

FESTIVE FUN

Yatton Infants 17th December, 2025

Get ready for a festive feast!
We're serving up a merry meal where joy fills every munch.

ON THE MENU

Roast Turkey & Stuffing
OR
Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath

With
Roasties, Sticky Chipolata, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Rudolph's Nose Cookie
OR
Cinnamon Popcorn
Chocolate Brownie

MAKE YOUR CHOICE

Head to the Select system to register and pick your meal. Don't miss out!

If you have not used the Select system before, please reach out to your school office and get your school and child code before registering.

select.aspens-services.com/

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Anti-Bullying Week: Odd Socks, Workshops & Celebration

Anti-Bullying Week began with a splash of colour during Odd Socks Day, reminding us all to celebrate individuality. Throughout the week, children took part in engaging anti-bullying workshops and shared their learning across the school. We ended the week with a wonderful celebration of kindness, respect, and standing up for others



Christmas appeal

Help support your food bank this Christmas

The School Council would like to support our local Foodbank this Christmas. We will be collecting donations in school from Monday 1st December to Monday 8th December.

Shopping list

Tinned Fruit

Hot Chocolate

Christmas Cake

Christmas Biscuits

Mince Pies dated after 25th Dec

Christmas Pudding

Sweets / Chocolates

Tinned Custard

Cranberry Sauce

Stuffing

The Foodbank has provided this list as a guide to the items that are most needed at this time.

Any contributions will be greatly appreciated and will help make a real difference to families in our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Bark chips needed!

The EYFS garden is in need of any bark chips that you may be able to supply to cover the muddy paths – are there any companies out there who would be willing to donate any please? Thank you!

Extra-curricular clubs at school

We have a selection of after school clubs that run on the school premises, many of which have spaces available. Please have a look at our [web page](#) which details what is on offer.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, they may also be entitled to a bursary to cover the cost of these activities. Please ask at the school office for details of this.

Staff emails

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher, please email the office on office@yattonschoools.co.uk. They will forward the message on for you. Please do not share staff emails on any social media platform as this is a breach of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Yatton Schools

Telephone: 01934 833524/554

Email: office@yattonschoools.co.uk

Website: www.yattonschoools.co.uk

Twitter: [@YattonSchools](https://twitter.com/YattonSchools)



**LIGHTHOUSE
SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP**

Lighthouse Schools Partnership

Registered address:

St Mary's Road, Porfthead, Bristol BS20 7QR

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07662102)

Important dates coming up:

Term 2 Monday 3rd November 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025

INFANTS

JUNIORS

29/11/25 St Mary's Christmas Fair

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10/12/25 WEMA Christmas Celebration

17/12/25 Christmas Lunch for Infants

18/12/25 Christmas Lunch for Juniors
19/12/25 Juniors Christmas celebration
(school lunch as normal)/ Mufti Day
(Christmas Jumper Day!)

19/12/25 Infant Christmas Parties (No school lunch, party food lunch) / Mufti Day
(Christmas Jumper Day!)

Christmas Plays –

08/12/25 Y1 Christmas Performance – 2:20pm

09/12/25 Y2 Christmas Performance – 2:20pm

10/12/25 Reception Christmas Performance – 9:20am

Christmas Plays –

11/12/25 Y5 Christmas Performance – 9:20am

12/12/25 Y4 Christmas Performance – 9:20am

15/12/25 Y6 Christmas Performance St Mary's Church – 2:20pm

16/12/25 Y3 Christmas Performance – 2:20pm

YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK!



Congratulations to the following learners for the weeks beginning the 3rd, 10th & 17th November.

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Kory Lua Jake Otilie Tobiash Robyn Junn Teddy Olivia Theo Charlotte Ellie Winnie Toby T	Great Grey Owls Elf Owls Puffins Great Grey Owls Snowy Owls Elf Owls Puffins Kingfishers Giant Otters Jaguars Great Grey Owls Tawny Owls Kingfishers Whale Sharks
Resourcefulness	Charlie Darcey Eden	Giant Otters Giant Otters Scops Owls
Collaboration	Jack Alice	Leopards Whale Sharks
Resilience	Alfie Edie Kieran Bobby Mylo Poppy Ismay Teddy Koen	Eagle Owls Kingfishers Giant Armadillos Tawny Owls Eagle Owls Little Owls Leopards Elf Owls Jaguars
Confidence	Chloe H Peggy Freddie Eloise Monty Sam D Phoebe Vivi Abdulli	Snowy Owls Tawny Owls Black Rhinos Black Rhinos Giant Armadillos Snowy Owls Sea Turtles Giant Otters Giant Armadillos
Curiosity	Bea Leah Emilia Emilia Theo T Evie	Sea Turtles Whale Sharks Sea Turtles Puffins Leopards Tigers
All Yatton Learner Skills		

Yatton Schools Association News

Fireworks Update:

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along to our fireworks event – we all had an absolute blast!



You have helped us to raise a WHOPPING £8,000!!! This will go to good use towards all the extra, sparkly bits within Yatton Schools.

We'd like to thank Sainsburys for their donation of milk, That Coffee Place for the cups and a huge shout out to Smarts for their incredibly generous sponsorship!

These events take months of planning – ordering supplies, risk assessments, liaising with the rugby club, sorting the display, and ticking off countless little tasks to make sure everything runs smoothly. None of it would be possible without our amazing team of dedicated volunteers who meet month after month to bring it all together. 🙌 If you'd like to join us, please just pop us an email at:

weareysa@gmail.com.

And of course, a massive thank you to every single volunteer who helped make the night a success. You are all awesome! 🙌

Junior Discos:

These are taking place on Friday 5th Dec.

Years 3 & 4 – 6:00 – 7:00pm

Years 5 & 6 – 7:30 – 8:30pm

Ticket sales are open in Parent Pay and will close on Thursday 4th Dec. Drop off will be via the school reception and pick up is via the junior hall. ALL children must be collected by a parent / carer.

There will be sweets and glow toys available to buy and they will have access to free squash / water.

New for this year, is the Calm Room. This is for children who want to be part of the fun but prefer a quieter space. There will be some Christmas craft and colouring available.

We have some volunteer spaces left for both the junior discos (especially hall monitors which is a vital slot) so would be very grateful if you could spare an hour to help. Sign Up link is below.

<https://signup.com/go/pmaVcks>

Many thanks for your continued support
YSA

Community News



St Mary's Church 2025

Christmas Fayre



Saturday 29th November
10am to 2pm at
Yatton Junior School

Adults 50p – Children Free!

Refreshments, lunches, plants, games and lots of stalls

Father Christmas arrives on his sleigh at 10:30am and is on duty until 1:30pm



St Mary's Christmas Fayre is promoted by Yatton Moor PCC Reg Charity 1132177

YSA PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS TOY FAIR
Second-hand and preloved childrens toys and clothes

SATURDAY | 6 DECEMBER 2025
10:00 - 12:30

JUNIORS HALL
YATTON SCHOOL

To book a table email weareysa@gmail.com
£10 per table - proceeds go to YSA
Profits from items sold are kept by sellers

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4:30 to 6:30pm



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Festive Market

FRI 12 DEC 2025 | £2 adult, £5 child
DAY 2025 | 5pm - 9pm

Christmas gifts, festive refreshments, crafts, Santa's Grotto and NEW for 2025 an indoor reindeer trail - fun for the whole family!

Get your tickets

FR FUNDRAISING REGULATOR Penny Brohn UK, Pill Bristol, BS20 0HH

G NATION DANCE COMPANY

Street Dance classes held every Wednesday @
congresbury memorial hall

Mini Street 3:45pm
Junior street 4:20pm
Teen street 5:20pm

BREAK DANCE CLAS

Enquire at gnationdanceco@outlook.com or
contact Georgie on 07530839827



CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL CAMP!

A DAY PACKED FULL OF FOOTBALL FUN AT NAILSEA SCHOOL

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

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

Reception (9:00am - 1:00pm)

A WEEK'S WORTH OF
FOOTBALL IN A DAY!

PUMA CAMP DAY
(GIRLS ONLY CAMP)



£25 per day | Early drop-offs available | KS1 visit from Santa!

Book online: www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps
Pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004 | Nailsea School



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas
Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in
years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and
conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day

Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:

wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



Our Music Centres bring together
young musicians to perform in
ensembles and groups, build
skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability
- Take part in concerts
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Make friends

MUSIC CENTRES

Sessions run on Saturday mornings and
weekday evenings during term time. Open to
all - from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups,
orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop
groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell,
Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to:

wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres

Dear Parents/Carers,

*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: [Eegu · 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

