



Yatton Schools Newsletter

Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference



19 December 2025

Dear Parents,

The last few weeks have been wonderfully festive across both schools, and it has been a joy to see our community come together to celebrate this special time of year. We have been incredibly proud of all our pupils for their fantastic year group performances. Each play showcased their hard work, confidence and creativity, and they truly brought the festive spirit to life.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils for their beautiful carol service, which was a memorable and moving occasion for everyone who attended. It was a wonderful reflection of their maturity and teamwork.

We also marked an important moment in our school community as we said a fond farewell to Miss Keeble, who has now retired. We thank her sincerely for her dedication and many years of service, and will miss her deeply.

As we come to the end of term, we would like to wish all our children and families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Please take care, enjoy time together, and stay safe over the holiday period. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

With warm regards,

Mrs Howard and Mrs Clarke

Staff changes

We have said a sad farewell to some of our lovely staff this term; Karen Harris (LSA) has moved on to another role outside of the school, Alison Wigley (LSA) has moved to another school closer to her home – we wish them both luck and welcome Jo Cruse and Charlotte Washbrook in their place who will be starting with us in January.

Caroline Harris has retired after 7 years in the school office, we wish her and her husband Ian Harris, who is standing down from the Board of Governors, a very happy retirement together.

We will be welcoming Chloe Tyler who will be starting in the school office in January.

And of course, we have said a sad farewell to our lovely headteacher, Jo Keeble. We gave her a lovely celebration assembly last week and have dedicated the new library

to her as a lasting reminder of her wonderful career.

We look forward to welcoming Amy Townsend in the New Year and have sent out a separate letter from Gary Lewis, LSP CEO, with more information on timescales.



Book recommendation of the month



If your child is interested in science fiction, robots and nature this will be a great Christmas stocking filler. After a cargo ship sinks during a storm, a lone robot washes up on a remote, wild island. She wakes up with no understanding of where she is or why she was activated. At first the animals fear her but Roz (the robot), soon learns to survive and becomes the adoptive mother of Brightbill, a gosling. As she grows closer to the island's wildlife, Roz begins to develop emotions and a sense of belong until her makers come searching for her, threatening the life she has built.

Aimed at KS2 children aged 7-11, 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown is this month's recommended read.

Bikeability Training for Year 6

Over the past several weeks, our Year 6 pupils have taken part in free Bikeability sessions, with five groups completing the programme. The children developed a range of essential cycling skills, beginning with learning how to start and stop with greater confidence. They also practised how to safely pass stationary vehicles parked along the roadside.

As the course progressed, pupils learned to understand road signals, signs and markings, and to negotiate real-road situations including quiet junctions and crossroads. These practical experiences have equipped them with valuable knowledge to help them stay safe and responsible while cycling in the community. All groups had a fantastic time, and the instructors were full of praise for the pupils' sensible, respectful and responsible behaviour throughout the sessions. Well done, Year 6!

Christmas Craft-ernoon

The Junior School was filled with festive cheer this week as all classes took part in our first ever Christmas Craft-ernoon. Pupils spent the afternoon creating a wonderful variety of Christmas-themed crafts as well as the all-important festive hats ready for our Christmas lunch. Glitter, colour and creativity were in full flow as children worked together, shared ideas, and proudly showed off their handmade designs.

The celebrations will continue next year with a special performance of *The Snowman*, accompanied by beautiful live music. We are all looking forward to this performance in the new year which will, no doubt, captivate our pupils.

The combination of creativity, music and festive fun truly helped to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. A huge thank you to all staff, pupils and our fantastic PTA for making the event such a memorable one!

Spotlight Sparklers

The Spotlight Sparklers have been enjoying lots of performing over the last few weeks. First, the Junior and Senior Spotlights showcased their favourite singing games from the last term and all their Christmas songs to a packed Junior School Hall on Tuesday 25th November. They sang beautifully.

On Thursday 27th November the Mini Spotlights (Yatton Infant School Choir) performed lots of their favourite singing games and their Christmas songs for their grown-ups ending with a special Christmas dance where everyone joined in. They sounded amazing too. Huge thanks to the Yeo Valley Lions for funding this music event in the Infant School.

On Sunday 7th December the Junior and Senior Spotlights performed at St Mary's Church, Yatton, alongside Churchill School Primary Choir and the professional singers from Celestia, conducted by David Ogden.

They sang their hearts out and were inspired by the amazing sound of Celestia. Audience members commented not only on their beautiful singing but also their impeccable behaviour. They showed such great respect and amazing listening skills.

Huge thanks to Mrs Tyler, Ms Hibberd, Mr Bertenshaw, Mrs Salmon and Mrs Harris who gave up a large part of their Sunday to support this event.

On Monday 8th December the Junior and Senior Spotlights were out again singing for the WI's Christmas event at Horsecastle Chapel. They performed brilliantly again and got some rather nice chocolate as a thank you.

On Saturday 13th December both the Mini Spotlights and the Junior/Senior Spotlights performed in the Lion's Christmas Carol Service in Yatton Precinct. They wowed the crowd and were visited by Father Christmas, a suitable end to a very busy festive singing schedule. Well done Spotlights!

Census Day meal – 15th January

As we have done on previous census days (where the number of school meals taken counts towards the schools' funding for school meal provision) we will be offering **all children (KS1 & KS2) access to a free school meal.**

The menu will be centred on a Burger Bar with a full variety of burgers available for all pupils. Also, in response to feedback, the usual jacket potato option will also be available. Please ensure that you go on to Aspens Select and choose an option for this day at no cost to you.

Additionally, there is a great opportunity for 2 students in each year group to win a seat on the VIP table AND all entries will be entered into a Grand prize draw across the Trust to win a Brand-New Bike!

STREET FOOD Burger Bar

FOOD FESTIVAL

Burgers

AMERICAN CHEESEBURGER
BEEF BURGER WITH AMERICAN CHEESE SLICE, LETTUCE & TOMATO

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN BURGER
BATTERED CHICKEN BURGER WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO

CAPTAIN'S FISH BURGER
FISH FINGERS WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO

GOLDEN CRUMBED VEGGIE BURGER
ALLERGY FREE BEAN & VEG BURGER WITH AMERICAN CHEESE SLICE, LETTUCE & TOMATO

Dips

KETCHUP

MAYO

Sides

SEASONED POTATO WEDGES

CARROT & CUCUMBER STICKS

Desserts

COCOA COOKIE SANDWICH
COCOA COOKIES SANDWICHED TOGETHER WITH A BUTTERCREAM

ORANGE SQUASH CUP CAKE

HOT & TASTY

Get ready for our Burger Bar offer!

15th JANUARY 2026

A FOOD EXPERIENCE you'll never forget!

DON'T MISS OUT

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STREET FOOD Burger Bar

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ALLERGY FREE MENU

15th JANUARY 2026

Burgers

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN BURGER
ALLERGY FREE CRUMBED CHICKEN BURGER WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO

VEGAN GOLDEN CRUMBED VEGGIE BURGER
ALLERGY FREE BEAN & VEG BURGER WITH LETTUCE & TOMATO

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VANILLA COOKIE SANDWICH
VANILLA COOKIES SANDWICHED TOGETHER WITH A BUTTERCREAM

CINNAMON APPLE CUPCAKE

HELP BURGER MAN WITH A BUNTASTIC NAME

WIN!

Today is an extra-special, super-duper FREE day! Help us name Burger Man and if your name is the yummiest, silliest, or coolest... YOU COULD WIN!

2 runners up in each year group win a seat at the VIP Table!

All entries are entered into a Grand Prize Draw across the Trust to WIN A BRAND NEW BIKE!

Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection)

Catch-up clinics are still available for Reception to Year 11 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/book?v=4>

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Important dates for Terms 3&4

TERM 3

Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 13th February 2026

Happy New Year!

05/01/26 Back to school

09/01/26 Young voices Birmingham (Spotlight Sparklers)

12/01/26 Iron Age Experience (Y3)

16/01/26 INSET

19/01/26 Morfa Bay meeting (Y5)

09/02/26 Children's Mental Health Week (Place2Be)

12/02/26 and 24/02/26 Parent Consultations

12/02/26 Muffi Day

13/02/26 INSET

TERM 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026

23/02/26 Back to School

05/03/26 World Book Day

18/03/26 Lifeskills Bristol (Y6)

20/03/26 Red Nose Day

26/03/26 Mini Spotlights Spring Showcase (Infants) 3:30-3:50pm

31/03/26 Easter Service (Juniors)

01/04/26 WEMA KS2 Big Sing (Y5/6)

02/04/26 Muffi Day

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YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK!



Congratulations to the following learners for the weeks beginning the 24th November, 1st & 8th December.

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Lucy Freddie Charlie C Brooke Michael M Harley George Lola Albie Alfie Patryk Grace Ivy Seren Sylvie Emmi Archie Amy L Arlo Cameron Amber	Great Grey Owls Snowy Owls Scops Owls Kingfishers Giant Otters Giant Armadillos Great Grey Owls Eagle Owls Whale Sharks Giant Otters Giant Armadillos Jaguars Tigers Great Grey Owls Snowy Owls Eagle Owls Kingfishers Sea Turtles Whale Sharks Giant Armadillos Leopards
Resourcefulness	Sam C Adam	Jaguars Puffins
Collaboration	Evie & Rosie Ivy Tia & Isabella Jack	Whale Sharks Black Rhinos Black Rhinos Jaguars
Resilience	Betsy Oscar Jasmine Bea Ruby Sara Fred Millie	Eagle Owls Little Owls Puffins Black Rhinos Leopards Kingfishers Sea Turtles Elf Owls
Confidence	Tessa Jaida Sophia H Aubrey Phoebe Jessica Phoebe Elise	Tawny Owls Elf Owls Sea Turtles Tawny Owls Elf Owls Little Owls Little Owls Giant Otters
Curiosity	Joe H	Leopards
All Yatton Learner Skills	Max	Puffins

Community News

FOOTBALL FUN DAYS
22ND DECEMBER

9.00-3.00
£18.00 NON YJFC
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Lots of fantastic
activities each week!

EVERY MONDAY
3.20 to 4.30pm

For more info on
cost and how to
book, contact
Clare on

07828 461456

artinaction@mail.com



Junior school Art Club

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

Tuesday after school
3.20 to 5.00pm

for more info on cost & booking contact
Clare on 07828 461456
artinaction@mail.com

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SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

CAROLS & NATIVITY FOR ALL AGES
 Front Street, Churchill BS25 5NG

3.30pm Carols @Cottage Homes, Front Street

3.45pm Follow the Star on Front Street

4pm @Churchill Methodist Nativity & Candles

5pm Sausage rolls & mince pies

Churchill Methodist Church
 churchillmethodistchurch@gmail.com churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

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AliCaT Children & Theatre

Shaun Ali

To register your interest please scan our QR code

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 Clevedon Community Centre
 2 Princes Road
 Clevedon, BS21 7SZ

email: all@alicat.me
 website: www.alicat.me
 phone: 07917 626 388

class times
 Tue Wed Thu Fri
 4:30 to 6:30pm

PRIORITY FOOTBALL

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)

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22ND & 23RD DECEMBER

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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
- Inclusive and welcoming
- Take part in concerts
- 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:

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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 combination of digital technologies and computational puzzles. Your child will learn computational thinking, digital and creative skills, and also have fun with the Codingbug robot.

The club is suitable for children in Year 1 & Year 2.

Lessons are tailored to different year groups.

For more information visit:

<https://codingbug.co.uk/yatton-infant-school/>

Registration:

To register for Term 3 please fill in this online form:

<https://forms.gle/gEEzBbydRCo4fp3U8>

* There will be five sessions in term 3 and the cost is £63. This covers all materials and technology needed for the lessons.

* Please check your spam folder if you haven't received confirmation within 48 hrs.

Term 3 dates (Mondays)

- 5th January
- 12th January
- 19th January
- 26th January
- 2nd February

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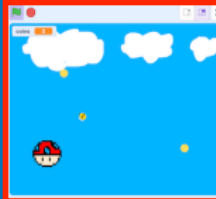
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Digital Makers - after school club

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The club is suitable for children in Year 3 to Year 6.

Lessons are tailored to different year groups.

For more information visit:

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Registration:

To register for Term 3 please fill in this online form:

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* The cost for the term is £63. This covers all materials and technology needed for the lessons.

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Term 3 dates (Wednesdays)

- 7th January
- 14th January
- 21st January
- 28th January
- 4th February

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Bookings: www.bookwhen.com/yeovaleforestschool or contact chloe@yeovaleforestschool.co.uk



WEDNESDAY FUN FIT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Event Description Heading

Join a fun and interactive Fun Fit After School Club in the Junior Hall, available to all Year 2 - 6 children.

6x sessions this term, with a friendly, safe environment £42 for the term.

All Equipment is provided, and children will learn at their own pace and comfort.

Join our Whatsup Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LaDhF6SA81P0jEP5QdVg0r>

Fun and Interactive

Wednesday After
School Club

Activities, Games

Talk and join in with
others

Get strong and
flexible

FUN FIT
Junior Hall Wednesday
Afternoon 3:20-4:20

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Term 3 starts on
Wednesday

7 Jan - 11 Feb 2026

KIDS YOGA FOR EVERY SEASON



MONDAY KIDS YOGA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Event Description Heading

Join a relaxing kids Yoga Club every Monday After School in the Junior Hall, available to all Year 2 - Year 6 children.

6x sessions this term, with a friendly, safe environment £36 for the term.

All Yoga mats are provided, and children will learn at their own pace and comfort.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LSp0gvrCr0o51q7aXHF0M6>

Fun and Interactive

Monday After
School Club

Relax, unwind and
restore inner calm

Talk and join in with
others

Get strong and
flexible

YATTON KIDS' YOGA
Infant Hall Monday
Afternoon 3:30-4:20

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Term 3 starts on Monday

5 Jan - 9 Feb 2026



DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days 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:
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Holiday Activities: Christmas Crafts



20, 22 and 23 December 2025, 10.30am-3.30pm

Get the holidays off to a festive start with our fun family workshops! Make decorations for your home this Christmas using natural materials from the Cathedral gardens.

Saturday 20 December Festive Foliage

Make a festive table decoration using greenery from the Cathedral gardens.

Monday 22 December Willow Christmas

Use Somerset willow to make a festive decoration.

Tuesday 23 December Driftwood Angels

Use driftwood and other found and re-used materials to make an angel decoration.



Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book - simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.



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