



Yatton Schools Newsletter

Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference



30 April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely week of weather we have had! The children have loved every minute and being able to be outside enjoying the sunshine.

Since our last newsletter we have had the arrival of a new Bug hotel, constructed by Bray & Slaughter (the contractors who built the new Infant School) with the children involved in its design and installation in school just before the Easter holidays. Thank you Mrs Brenton for your hard work in organising this exciting opportunity.

Our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs throughout the week beginning 11th May. Thank you in advance to the teachers and support staff who will be working hard in administering the papers this year. I know that you will join with me in wishing all of our Year 6 children lots of luck. They have worked hard and should already feel very proud of their efforts this year.

I am currently still being phased back into work, but am enjoying spending more time in school. Next week I will be in school every day and will be beginning to stay for parts of the afternoon as well as the morning. If you see me on the school gate do come and say hello. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome so many cheery faces into the playground each morning over the last few weeks.

I wish you all a sunny and cheerful weekend,
Miss Townsend, Exec. Headteacher

What's in your Plant Pot? – CBeebies

Some of the children at school auditioned to be in a CBeebies programme last year. Amelie and Phoebe S feature in Episode 5 – Roses and Alex and Rocco feature in Episode 6 – Potatoes.

[Page here](#) and track the [Episode Guide here](#) for all the latest updates.

We are so proud of the children who were all such stars.

How to watch:

- **On TV:** Daily at 10:40 AM on CBeebies (Freeview 205, Sky 608, Freesat 601, and Virgin Media 702).
- **On iPlayer:** Episodes will be dropping in batches of five. This means the first five episodes will be available from 6th April, with the next batch following shortly after. You can find the show's [Brand](#)

School Meals from April 2026

We are pleased to confirm we are able to move back to a local supply chain for protein (meat and dairy). This was relaxed over the last 18 months to allow the caterer to source some ingredients nationally, in response to double digit food inflation and to protect costs. There are no further planned tariff changes to school meal pricing for the period of 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

Year 5 Liquid Nitrogen Show

On Monday 27th April, year 5 were treated to an amazing Liquid Nitrogen show. A group of 6 girls, from Badminton School in Bristol, came to demonstrate the effects of liquid nitrogen.



This fitted in well with this term's theme of Properties of Materials in Science. The children watched as flowers were dipped into the liquid nitrogen and then two volunteers got to crumble the now freeze-dried petals.



Next, a banana dipped in the liquid nitrogen was used to ring a bell before Jude got the opportunity to smash the rock-solid fruit into smithereens.

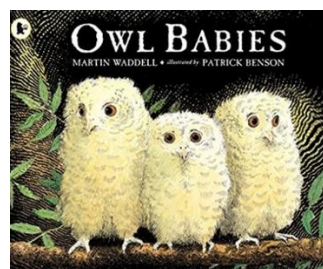


The finale was where a balloon was pumped with gas before it exploded and made a very loud bang. The children were wonderfully behaved and asked really insightful questions. It was a joy to watch the children's curious faces marvel at the magic of science.

April's Book recommendation from Mrs Bennett

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell is a warm and reassuring picture book about three young owls—Sarah, Percy, and Bill—who awaken one night to discover that their mother has gone. Alone in the hole in their tree, they begin to feel anxious and uncertain, each reacting in their own way while trying to comfort one another. As they wait and wonder, their bond grows stronger. When their mother finally returns, their fear quickly melts away, reinforcing themes of love, safety, and reassurance.

The book is particularly recommended for young children aged around **3–7 years**, especially those who may be starting nursery or school, or dealing with separation anxiety. The repeating phrases are great for echo reading with your children and, if you have a child in Year 1 or 2, they will know this text well and can join in reading with you. A perfect bedtime story for your EYFS or KS1 child.



MCAS – Absence reporting

Parents are now able to view their child's attendance and report their child's absence on the day and in advance through the MCAS app. Simply click on Attendance within the app, and then select Report an absence. Please add a message so we know the nature of the absence, otherwise it may be rejected. You can also add an attachment if you wish.

You are still able to leave message on the school answerphone (option 2) or email absence@yattonschools.co.uk if this is preferable.

As Snug as a Bug in a...Hotel

In mid-2024, as part of the Infant School building work, the Junior's top hut's fire exit had to be diverted through the Green Zone Garden which is located behind the huts. As part of this work, the old and well-established large pallet bug hotel had to be moved. Sadly, it didn't survive.

Fast forward to November 2025 when the Y5s were set a challenge to design two new bug hotels- one to go in a sunny location and the other in a shady area of the garden. The fantastic winning designs were given to Martin and Malcolm from Bray and Slaughter who turned them into semi-completed structures.

Over a few sessions at the end of last term, everyone who took part in the competition helped with the second phase of construction. After donning their personal protective equipment and told the building site rules, the children used hand tools, guided by Malcolm and Martin, to put the structures together.



They are now located and fixed in the Green Zone garden and they look amazing. Over the next few weeks, we will be adding suitable 'stuff' for bugs to live in. It's been a fantastic process and the children were wonderful with their creative yet practical designs and their enthusiasm and hard work during the build. We now wait for the bugs and insects of Yatton to move in and to feel as snug as their rug ancestors did.

Fun Fit Holiday Club

We are excited to introduce **Fun Fit Holiday Club**, a brand-new holiday club running at Yatton School for children aged 5–12, offering a safe, active and engaging space during the school holidays.

Led by **Jacky Badenhorst**, a full-time Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) working within a primary school setting, Fun Fit Holiday Club combines years of educational experience with a passion for children's wellbeing, movement and confidence-building. Jacky has worked extensively with children across Reception to Year 6, including supporting children with SEND, SEMH needs, and those requiring additional emotional and academic support.

Alongside her school role, Jacky has successfully run children's after-school yoga clubs since 2018 and has developed Fun Fit as a way to bring together physical activity, mindfulness and positive social experiences during the holidays. She is also an experienced children's activity leader and community volunteer, committed to creating inclusive and nurturing environments where every child feels valued.

Fun Fit Holiday Club will offer a variety of activities including:

- Sports and Games
- Mindful Activities
- Team Challenges
- Outdoor Fun

The club will be **Ofsted registered**, giving families added reassurance around safety, quality and professional standards.

Flexible session options are available:

Full Day: 8:30am – 5:00pm — **£35**

School Day: 9:00am – 3:30pm — **£25**

Sibling discounts are also available.

Our aim is simple: to provide children with a fun, active and supportive holiday experience where they can make friends, build confidence and enjoy being children.

For bookings or more information, please contact:

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TERM 5

Monday 20th April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026

04/05/26 May Bank Holiday
06/05/26 Y4 Viking WOW day
11/05/26 -15/05/26 Y6 SATs week
18/05/26 -22/05/26 Yatton's Got talent Auditions
20/05/26 EYFS trip to Bristol M-Shed
21/05/26 Y6 Trip to St Mary's to climb the tower.
21/05/26 Y2 Trip to Tyntesfield
22/05/26 Break up for half term

TERM 6

Monday 1st June 2026 to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

01/06/26 Back to School
02/06/26 -03/06/26 Yatton's Got Talent Finals
03/06/26 PE WOW Day
04/06/26 Sports Day
08/06/26 Class Photos
08/06/26 – 12/06/26 Y6 Audition week
11/06/26 Sports Day reserve
12/06/26 Y6 Clevedon Transition day
18/06/26 Y6 Enterprise Afternoon

22/06/26 INSET DAY

23/06/26 Spotlight Sparklers (Y3/4/5/6)
23/06/26-24/06/26 Y6 Churchill Induction days
24/06/26 Y1 Trip Westonbirt Arboretum
29/06/26 Infant Music Workshop
30/06/26 Backwell Transition Day
30/06/26 Yatton Class Transition
07/07/26 Y6 performance Afternoon and Evening
08/07/26 Y6 Evening Performance
09/07/26 Y6 Nailsea Transition day
14.07.27 Y2 Leavers Service
15/06/26 Y6 Activity Day
16/07/26 Yattonbury (Y6)
21/07/26 Y6 Leavers Service

22/07/26 LAST DAY OF TERM

YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK!



Congratulations to the following learners for April!

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Sofia-Elena Sebby Elijah Olivia S Rion Riley Rupert	Whale Sharks Tigers Great Grey Owls Snowy Owls Tawny Owls Elf Owls Sea Turtles
Resourcefulness	Ava Eden Poppy	Snowy Owls Whale Sharks Black Rhinos
Collaboration	Kaidi-Mae	Eagle Owls
Resilience	Finley Bella Hector Ellie K Rupert Louis K Emily W	Tawny Owls Tigers Puffins Kingfishers Giant Armadillos Jaguars Leopards
Confidence	Jackson Roman	Snowy Owls Snowy Owls
Curiosity	Eric Ayla-Mae Kody	Eagle Owls Little Owls Sea Turtles
All Yatton Learner Skills		

Yatton Schools Association News

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT YSA EVENTS


On behalf of the children, we would like to say a huge thank you to those parents who volunteered their time for the recent Infant and Junior Movie Nights. You could see how much the children enjoyed themselves and appreciated the chance to make great memories with their friends 😊.


Events like Movie Night do not make a huge amount of money compared to bigger events like the Carnival, but every little counts to raising much needed funds for the school.

We would really like to keep these smaller events going for the children, but we are finding this increasingly difficult with the small number of parents that are currently offering their time and support. We really do need more parents volunteering at these events in order for us to continue to provide them.

A lack of volunteers at the Year 5/6 movie night this year, meant having to cap the number of children who could attend. We are aware that this led to some disappointment for some children, which could have been avoided, and is in no way a fault of the volunteers who had given up their Friday evening to support the event.

Unfortunately, if there are insufficient numbers of volunteers for a future event, it could result in the event being cancelled, due to there not being a safe child to parent helper ratio.

 If you can give any time at all to the YSA events please join our YSA Core Volunteers WhatsApp group to keep up to date with the latest events and how you can help. Just email us at weareysa@gmail.com for a link to join the group!

 Having more parents on board would make a huge difference to the number of events we can keep running and the experiences we can offer the children. Thank you so much!

CARNIVAL 2026

We'd love more parents to get involved in helping organise this year's carnival on 20th June. You can give as much or as little time as you like. Any help makes a real difference in raising essential funds for the school. The next meeting is being held on the 21st May at the Market Inn at 7:30pm in Yatton.

 Do come along! We'd love to see you there!

We will also be meeting in June, with further dates/details to be confirmed.

CARNIVAL STALLS

Do you, or anyone you know, run a business or organisation that would like a stall at the Carnival or advertise in the programme?

Stalls are available for £25, and programme advertisements range from £15 to £100 depending on the size required.

Please note that stallholders will need to provide appropriate insurance and compliance information. If you're interested, please email weareysa@gmail.com and we'll send you all the details 😊.

Community News

RESET WSM



NORTH SOMERSET YOUTH AWARDS

DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSON AGED 8 TO 18 THAT LIVES OR RECEIVES EDUCATION IN NORTH SOMERSET ?

We might just have something for you and for them...

WE ARE BACK FOR 2026...RESET ARE RUNNING THE NORTH SOMERSET YOUTH AWARDS TO CELEBRATE AND SHARE THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE BEEN OVERCOME, HARDSHIPS THAT HAVE SHOWN GREAT RESILIENCE AND THE MAGNIFICENT WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS NORTH SOMERSET HAVE HAD. THE CATEGORIES ARE...

- Superhero
- Arts and Culture
- Learning
- Caring
- Team/Group
- Service to Children
- Environmental
- Sporting
- Fundraising



NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW



HOW TO APPLY.... EMAIL US FOR AN APPLICATION FORM OR JUST SEND US THE DETAILS OF THE YOUNG PERSON, WHO THEY ARE, PARENT/CARER DETAILS, HOW YOU KNOW THEM, WHAT CATEGORY AND WHY THEY SHOULD WIN.

WWW.RESETWSM.CO.UK 17th July 2026 @
ADMIN@RESETWSM.CO.UK
01934 707810 The Grand Pier

IN MEMORY OF
PETE BALE & MIKE MINTRIM
both were valued members of Cleeve Tennis Club.

SATURDAY MAY 16TH

SPORTS & MUSIC QUIZ & AUCTION

RAISING FUNDS FOR MEMORIAL BENCHES
In memory of Pete Bale & Mike Mintrim
 & **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

8.00PM START - EVERYONE WELCOME!
 AT CLEEVE SPORTS PAVILION

Free *we ♥* **CREATE! Sunday**

Tractor, Animals & Craft

fun for families!
Sun 17 May 4-6pm

@Fenswood Farm BS40 5DZ
 If wet, @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

fun & play
 craft & activities
 buffet tea, story
 all ages welcome

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CHURCHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Mondays 09.00-11.30
11 & 18 May

- ♥ Friendly group, easy parking
- ♥ Bright hall, lots of toys
- ♥ Yummy snacks; cuppa & cake

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Breastfeeding Welcome Here

The Durban Trust

Are you under 25 years of age, going into Trade Training, Further Education or Higher Education and were educated at Yatton or Claverham schools?

If so, The Durban Trust could help you with a small grant for training resources.

For application details visit our website:

www.durbantrust.com

Closing date 30th June



John Hodge
SOLICITORS

Charity Commission reference 310205

CREATIVE POTTERY
GOOD VIBES EVENING time
THURSDAY 21 MAY
7-9pm @Churchill Methodist Hall, BS25 5NG
Paint-own-Pottery
with friendly tutor Elaine **WELCOME**

- Great quality glazed pots for personal gifts and keepsakes. Ready 1 June
- Chat & try new skills: beginners & all levels welcome!
- Wide choice blank pots. Pay cash, card, mob
- Tix £6, inc cuppa, soft drink & nibbles
- Reserve your place by email please. Pay cash for tix on evening.

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Churchill Methodist Church
Contact us:
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churchillmethodistchurch.org.uk

TIX £6

STRAWBERRY LINE +Cycles

Competition Time!

Can you help The Strawberry Line Cycle Projects?

At our base at Yatton Railway Station we often see cars and bikes travelling around the car park at high speeds. We think this could be dangerous for people walking in the area, or people joining in with our Cycle Activities and collecting bikes from us.

We plan to display a large sign asking cars and cyclists to slow down and think a design from a young person in the local area will be a good way to ask people to do this.

We would like to see some eye-catching artwork with the words "Please Slow Down, Pedestrians and Cycle Activities ahead" written on it.

The winning design will be used and displayed at our project base and the winner receives a £25 project voucher, which can be used for bike hires, bike repairs, buying a new cycle helmet, cycle accessories or in our cafe.

Please hand deliver your entries to the Strawberry Line Cafe or email them to strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com by May 17th 2026.

MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS COMPETITION!

North Somerset
Youth Parliament

Scan here for the rules, deadlines, and how to enter!

We want to raise awareness about mental health to increase the quality and quantity of support available!

...but we need your help!

Do you want to enter a competition to win a £100 voucher?

All you need to do is create a short video, that is no more than two minutes long!

Sounds Unlimited

Mondays 4.30-6pm at Milton Park Primary School.

Sounds Unlimited is a new way to learn music, for young people with low level additional needs or who face barriers to learning, such as anxiety or neurodivergence.

Sounds Unlimited offers a fun and relaxed approach, in creative 1-1 sessions which follow the interests of the child and offers a range of instruments and technology to try, explore and learn. You don't need any previous musical experience, and you will not be expected to learn to read music (unless you want to!)

In this 10-week course young people will be able to explore piano/keyboard, flute, violin, guitar, electronic instruments and music production.

Dates: April 27th to July 13th (excluding school/bank holidays)

Cost: If cost would stop you taking part, we have free places available.

Standard cost: £75 for the 10-week course.

We will prioritise places for young people who are not accessing music lessons in another setting.

For information and registration, visit: [Registration - West of England Music and Arts](#)

Jenni Parkinson (she/her)

Inclusion Programme Lead

Please note I work part-time, Tuesday to Thursday.

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West of England Music and Arts

Junior parkrun 1 MILLIONTH WORLD CELEBRATION PARKRUN!
SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Thanks a Million!

Yatton Recreation Junior Parkrun is proud to be part of parkrun's 1 Millionth Event Celebration!

One million events. Countless communities. Endless impact. Let's celebrate together!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **EARTH RUNS**

Every child will receive a biodegradable finisher's medal - and every runner will help plant a tree!

DON'T FORGET YOUR BARCODE!

- 2K JUNIOR PARKRUN
- WARM-UP STARTS AT 8:50AM
- CAKE & TREATS
- ECO MEDALS & TREE PLANTING
- SPECIAL PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

COME AND HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!
 LET'S MAKE THIS OUR BIGGEST AND BEST EVENT YET!

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YATTON RECREATION JUNIOR PARKRUN

parkrun.org.uk

Yatton Recreation Junior Parkrun Joins the 1 Millionth World Celebration!

Sunday 14th June will be a very special morning at Yatton Recreation Junior Parkrun as we join the global celebration of parkrun's 1 Millionth Event!

This incredible milestone recognises one million parkrun events taking place across the world, bringing communities together through movement, wellbeing, friendship and fun.

To make our celebration even more meaningful, we are delighted to announce our partnership with Earth Runs, supported by a generous donation from Bristol Airport.

Every child taking part on the day will receive a special biodegradable finisher's medal, and even better—each runner will also help plant a tree, creating a lasting environmental impact from every finish line crossed.

This perfectly reflects the values of junior parkrun: healthy children, strong communities, and a better future for our planet.

Join us for:

- 2K junior parkrun
- Warm-up starts at 8:50am
- Cake, treats and celebration fun
- Eco medals and tree planting through Earth Runs
- Special photo opportunities as part of the worldwide celebration

Don't forget your barcode!

Bring your family, your friends, your smiles and your running shoes for what promises to be an unforgettable morning.

Let's help Yatton celebrate this amazing global milestone together!

Sunday 14th June

Warm-up: 8:50am

Run starts: 9:00am

We can't wait to see you there!