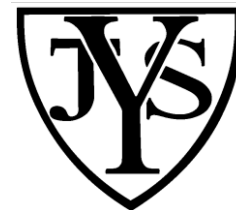




Yatton Schools Newsletter



Grow – Celebrate – Make a Difference

20 Dec 2023



Dear Parents,

What a busy couple of weeks but so joyful! I absolutely love seeing the children perform in their Nativity or plays and this year has been no exception. I am so proud of all the children who rise to the occasion and take on that huge challenge of performing in front of a large audience. For some it is a little hill to climb and for others Everest! It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend and I hope you enjoyed them as much as me.

Thank you to the YSA who sorted refreshments and also a big thanks for the very successful DISCO last Friday – the children behaved exceptionally and really looked as though they were having great fun, quite some moves some of them have!

As ever it has been a busy term with lots to celebrate and I look forward to refreshed children in January for what will be another great term with the return of Learning College.

So, all that is left is for me to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year from me and all my staff at Yatton School.

With warm regards,
Jo Keeble

Links to the Infants Christmas Plays

The links to the videos are;

Year 1 - <https://youtu.be/zZSvT73ueDE>

Year 2 - <https://youtu.be/bZU8zWFFi20>

They are on a private school YouTube page, so they are not available to the general public, nor will they come up on searches etc, only those with the link will be able to view them. Enjoy!

The Reception Nativity has been put on Tapestry, if you have not received access to this, please speak to Mrs Lilley.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who supported this, we raised £206.11 for the appeal.

SEND Children and Young Peoples Newsletter

Attached is a newsletter based on advice and guidance for children with SEND. The hints and tips may be useful for all children and young people including parents at this time of year.

The newsletter is termly and co-produced by North Somerset Council with their SEND children and young People's council members. They have designed, written and guided to what information they believe would be useful for SEND children.

Children's Flu vaccination

Nasal and injection catch-up clinics are still available for Reception – Year 11 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/book> If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Census day (18th January) menu

The children were asked to vote for their favourite meal to be served on the next census day. They have chosen burgers, so this option will now be added to Aspens Select for you to choose.

Visit Cadbury Hall



On Tuesday 12th December a group of year 6 children sang some wonderful Christmas songs to the residents of Cadbury Hall. The group of was led by Ali Francis Black and the chosen songs were a selection of their Christmas Carol concert songs. They sang so beautifully and confidently to the residents and they all loved every moment of it. What a wonderfully Christmassy thing to do!

Yatton's Got Talent is back in January

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have decided that we will run this exciting event in January 2024. Therefore, missing the busy period at the end of the school year and give us all a really fun event to look forward to after Christmas.

In order for your child/ren to take part in the talent show you will need to fill in form sent out last week/available at the office below and return it to their class teacher. The Ambassadors and I will then let them know when the auditions are, and then if they have got through to the 'live shows,' which are in front of the rest of the school in assembly. We ask that the children practise their talent at home before their audition, so they feel confident in front of the 'judges'. This is a wonderful, friendly celebration of all talents and we look forward to this every year.



End of day pick up

At the end of the day when you pick up your children, please ensure that they do not take any equipment out of the play shed in the KS1 playground Astroturf area. This is often then left out and can get damaged in the poor weather.

Also, we are concerned that it is a very crowded area at that time of day and we would not want anyone to be hurt.



Yatton School Healthy Cook Book

We want your recipes!

As part of our Healthy Schools plan, we are aiming to create a Yatton Schools Healthy Cook Book. In order to do that we would like you to send in your favourite healthy recipes. Write them down, send them in and pop them in our new box. The box is kept outside the Junior Library. We will choose some to recreate in our new cooking room and then add them to the cookbook. Thank you for your help – we will keep you updated with what we cook.

Reminder: Tea and Talk session for parent/carers



As advertised previously, we are holding regular tea and talk sessions. This is a great opportunity to meet other parent/carers and talk about any concerns/worries around your child's emotional wellbeing. Each meeting has a theme and will have helpful handouts to do with the theme. The next Tea and Talk is on 9th January at 9:00 – 9:45 in the staff room – enter via the school office.

This is not a talk/workshop but an opportunity to chat, and pick up some handouts. The Schools' Education Mental Health Practitioner Lily, Learning mentors and other school staff will be there to chat to.

Free School Meals System – North Somerset Council (NSC)

From January NSC will be changing to a new Free School Meals system. This means parents will be able to apply through the same Citizen's Portal that they apply for school places.

Please note this means schools will no longer be able to check free school meal entitlement themselves as parents need to use their Citizen's Portal log in to make an application.

The webpage will still be the same: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

FutureFit holiday club

You will be aware that we have been struggling to staff an in-house holiday club over the past 12 months. We have been seeking an alternative to offer to those who need childcare over some/all of the holiday periods and would like to introduce FutureFit to you. This is run by Matt Cowley, who you may be familiar with as he is one of our LSAs who works with SEND children.

Please see further information below;

FutureFit holiday club is the perfect way for your kids to spend the days on those troublesome days when the kids get the day off but the adults don't!

I know the name may sound super keep active and sporty and we love to kids active but rest assured we pride ourselves on providing an entertaining day for all whether your child is super creative or super sporty, we've got it covered.

With a fun filled day packed from start to finish with a huge range of activities such as

- Amazing arts and crafts
- Brilliant baking and cookery
- Super sports
- Tricky treasure hunts
- Code breaking and puzzle games in the ICT suite
- Silly science
- Obstacle courses

and so much more

The kids are given the opportunity to take part and enjoy all activities, workshops and games that are taking place and we will always encourage them to try something new and adapt sessions wherever and whenever necessary to ensure all are able to make the most of their day with us.

As well as everything listed above we are always looking for new ways to challenge and entertain so if there is an activity we haven't listed that your child enjoys or you think would be great addition then we actively encourage your feedback, opinions and ideas.

If you are interested in booking in for our next holiday club please follow the link

below to sign up and book a space on our Christmas themed days on the 21st and 22nd of December running 9:00 - 15:00
<https://portal.gymcatch.com/providers/6152/events>

Alternatively you can email us at admin@futurefit.org.uk or even easier Whatsapp [07746117020](https://www.whatsapp.com/business/profile/07746117020)

We look forward to seeing lots of you at one of our clubs soon.

To keep up to date feel free to follow our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages

Kind regards

Matt and the FutureFit team
admin@futurefit.org.uk
07746117020

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, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7QR

A charitable company limited by guarantee
registered in England & Wales (Company Number:
07662102)

YATTON SCHOOLS TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

2024/2025 Academic Year

TERM 1

Start: Monday 2nd September 2024
Finish: Friday 25th October 2024

TERM 2

Start: Monday 4th November 2024
Finish: Friday 20th December 2024

TERM 3

Start: Monday 6th January 2025
Finish: Friday 14th February 2025

TERM 4

Start: Monday 24th February 2025
Finish: Friday 4th April 2025

TERM 5

Start: Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Finish: Friday 23rd May 2025

TERM 6

Start: Monday 2nd June 2025
Finish: Tuesday 22nd July 2025

School will also be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May.

Inset Days are:

Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 6th January 2025
Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 2nd June 2025

YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following learners for the weeks beginning the 27th November & 4th & 11th December. Well done to you all!

Yatton Learner Skill	Name	Class
Responsibility	Louis Luca Ned Sebby Eloise Jude Max B Jasmine Rosie Dylan	Tawny Owls Eagle Owls Sea Turtles Angel Sharks Pipistrelle Bats Tigers Eagle Owls Pipistrelle Bats Jaguars Tigers
Creativity/ Resourcefulness	Finely – Tryosaur Tom W Fred Eli	Snowy Owls Eagle Owls Little Owls Whale Sharks
Collaboration	Emily Liam Leo	Whale Sharks Leopards Angel Sharks
Resilience	Milton Marcy Ellie Jack Summer Eliza Alfie Majeed Phoenix – Tryosaur Olivia Malithu & Hughie	Little Owls Jaguars Tawny Owls Panthers Black Rhinos Giant Otters Jaguars Leopards Great Grey Owls Elf Owls Giant Otters
Confidence	Alex M Phoebe Pippa Ivy Henry C India Maddie & Kalani Grace Arthur Chloe Amelia C Khaya	Great Grey Owls Snowy Owls Panthers Pipistrelle Bats Tigers Great Grey Owls Pandas Giant Armadillos Tawny Owls Little Owls Sea Turtles Leopards
Curiosity	Maeve Kody-Lee JJ Joey Rowan	Black Rhinos Giant Armadillos Sea Turtles Angel Sharks Giant Armadillos
All Yatton Learner qualities	Oscar Elise	Elf Owls Elf Owls

Yatton Schools Association News

Usborne Books:

In May of this year, a fire devastated Yatton Infant School leading to the loss of 6 classrooms, the infant library, the IT suite, the food technology room and the sensory area. Children, staff and the community were heartbroken, and the children were especially sad that their library and reading books were destroyed.

In the aftermath, we watched in awe as the community gathered together and organised book drives, community pledges, and donations to form a new infant library, which is now located in the new temporary classrooms on the playing field. On Monday, Yatton Schools Association had the opportunity to go and take a look at the children enjoying the library, along with Anna Palmer from the Little Yellow Duck Bookshop and Jimi Bellis, Chairman of Yatton Junior Football Club.

When Anna, who is a representative for Usborne Publishing, heard about the fire she contacted her head office and set up a Community Book Pledge, where local organisations can donate funds towards new Usborne books. Yatton Junior Football Club donated a staggering £1000 towards the fund and thanks to further donations from local organisations the total raised came to £1140. Usborne Books then added a further £684 to the fund taking the total to £1824 to spend on new books!

Kate Alton, whose daughter, Zelda, attends the school, coordinated book donations within the village and processed over 1000 brand new books, upwards of £5000 in total value, as well as a few hundred nearly new books.

We also had support from other parts of the country! The Big Green Bookshop in London raised over £800 in donations towards new class sets of books, whilst Robert Piggott PTA Events in Reading donated hundreds of books.

The children are so pleased with their new library, and it couldn't have been achieved without the help from such generous members of our community, both near and far, so THANK YOU to you all.



Yeo Valley Lions Santa Sleigh:

There can't be anyone in Yatton that hasn't heard of the Yeo Valley Lions Santa Sleigh so YSA were more than happy to provide a few volunteers when we were asked if we could help this year. It's such a lovely, community event to get involved with so we just wanted to say a BIG thanks to Jen, Vickie, Cris & Louise, who all helped to spread a little festive cheer to the children of Yatton 😊 I can't wait to do it again next year.



Nativity Refreshment Donations:

We do not have the final total for all the money raised from the refreshments yet but all that was raised, will be used to help pay towards the infants end of term Christmas party 😊 Thank you to everyone that donated cakes and purchased refreshments as without you all, we wouldn't be able to make this happen.

Chair Recruit:

After a fantastic year at the helm, Jen Crossley, our current Yatton Schools Association (YSA) Chair is stepping down and so we're looking for a new person (or people) to oversee our annual calendar of events and other fundraising activities.

In 2022-23, we raised an amazing £30,000 for both schools – YSA operates as a well-oiled machine but without a Chair driving the gears, YSA ceases to exist as legally we cannot operate.

So if you'd like to find out more or have a chat about the role contact WeAreYSA@gmail.com by 13 December 2023. The new Chair will be given a full handover.

FAQs

What would I be doing?

Basically keeping our calendar of events on track and overseeing our wonderful bunch of organisers.

- Chairing YSA meetings (5-6 a year), writing the agenda and keeping everyone focused and on track
- Liaising with the schools (who are very accommodating and lovely)
- Liaising with other groups in the community
- Dealing with issues and questions when they arrive then delegating
- Being a Trustee of YSA (we have 4-5 Trustees) who are legally responsible for YSA.

What is the time commitment?

If it's the run up to a big event like Carnival or Fireworks then 2-6 hours a week, if it's a quiet period then nothing! And YSA always takes the summer holidays off.

To read more FAQs, [visit our Facebook page](#).

Thanks as ever for your continued support and we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, YSA

Community News

Alice in Wonderland at Backwell School

You are cordially invited by the Queen of Hearts and her weird and wonderful subjects of Wonderland to watch this timeless classic. There are students designing and constructing sets, costumes, music, and lighting. We have student run, production, backstage and tech teams. And of course, an all student, all fun cast to perform the story for you!



Link for Tickets:
<https://yourboxxoffice.co.uk/backwell-school/1000-sixth-form-production-of-alice-in-wonderland>



SCAN ME

- ❖ The production is on the 10th – 12th January 2024
- ❖ Ticket prices: £6 concession (OAPs/kids), £8 regular
- ❖ Wheelchair accessible downstairs
- ❖ Interval, with refreshments sold
- ❖ All profits go towards 1625 Independent People, a charity which helps young people who are at risk of or are already homeless or leaving care.

CLEEVE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Cleeve, Bristol BS49 4NP



FREE *Try to Buy* **MEMBERSHIP**
FOR THE MONTHS OF JAN & FEB

Simply turn up at the Club on **Wednesday's at 7.00PM,**
Sunday's at 2.00pm or Sunday Family time at 6.30pm to temporarily join

*Use the facilities until the end of Feb
and decide if you wish to join*

CALL PHIL ON 07971444501 FOR MORE INFO



Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers

MINECRAFT CLUB



For more information and to register:
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 27th January 2024
From 9:45am – 12:45pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



facebook.com/codingbug/

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips

www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with





FOOTBALL FUN DAY

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RMC SPORTS

Yatton Junior FC, Rock Road

9 -3pm 5-11 years old

22nd December



£11.50 FOR YAJFC PLAYERS
£16.50 FOR NON YAJFC PLAYERS

TO BOOK EMAIL info@rmcsports.co.uk
PAY INTO THIS ACCOUNT
YATTON JFC
ACCOUNT NO 01849264
SORT CODE 30-99-51



SPECIAL PRICE
£15.00



Christmas ACTIVITY CLUB

SPORTS, CRAFTS & FUN

21ST, 22ND DECEMBER,

2ND & 3RD JANUARY

9.00-3.00

CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS

To book go to

www.rmcsports.co.uk



CHESTNUT PARK SCHOOL,
YATTON, BS49 4HL



North Somerset Tennis Academy Christmas Tennis Camp



FUN WITH FRIENDS

PRIZES TO BE WON

JUST £10 PER DAY

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME

Why not come along to one of the NSTA camps!

Lots of fun, learn new skill, from drills to team events.

Available to all children from 4 - 16 years of age.

9 am - 12 pm - £10 per day

DECEMBER 2023 : WED 20TH - THU 21ST - FRI 22ND - THU 26TH - FRI 29TH
JANUARY 2024 : TUE - 2ND - WED - 3RD



2 Clevedon Seafront Tennis Courts

TO BOOK SCAN THE QR CODE!



For more information Contact Head Coach Stuart

07593456869 stuart@somersettennis.com

MAGICAL WINTER WALK

Join us on our main lake which will be lit up with 1000's of lights all around it. As you walk around you will discover 100's of Gongs going about their daily lives, lots with QR codes you can scan and find out more about them from their personal video. When you are ready head over to our warm Christmas tent which will be filled with live music from local artists, free activities for the children, hot drinks and yummy locally baked cakes will be available. You will also be able to head out to our firepit and have s'mores under the stars.

9th -23rd of December
Plantations Lakes, Kingston Seymour
BS21 6XW

www.PlantationsLakes.co.uk

Ticket Prices

£8 each

£25 Family of 4

£36 Family of 6

ENTRY TIMES ARE 4PM, 5PM & 6PM



For more info and Tickets

YOU CAN VISIT SANTA TOO! HE IS VISITING OUR WOODLAND AREA ON SELECTED DAYS. £8 EACH

Please note this is separate entry.

NORTH SOMERSET TENNIS ACADEMY

START 2024 WITH US

*Learn a New Skill
Free Taster Session*



Available To All Children From 4-16 Years Of Age
ALL COURSES HELD AT CLEVEDON SEAFRONT TENNIS COURTS

12 WEEKS GROUP COACHING
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT HEAD COACH STUART

07593456869 stuart@n-somersettennis.com

OR SCAN OUR QR CODE



FOR JUST **£48**
(£4 PER SESSION)

HAF are providing Ice skating family tickets to all families who qualify; in receipt of Benefits related free school meals, Children in Care and children with SEND. Link: <https://eequ.org/experience/6149>

ICESCAPE @ THE TROPICANA

Winter Ice skating sessions



Mentored by **NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL HAF PROGRAMME**
Helping deliver HAF to North Somerset

Organisation links



Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1BE

For ages: 5 - 18+

4 person Free • 2 person Free • 1 person Free

Next date: Wednesday 20th Dec, 10:00 - 17:00

Funded by North Somerset Council

Universal holiday club

