



St Mary and St Peter's Church School News



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Head's Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and especially to our new families who have joined us. A huge well done to our 28/31 children with 100% attendance this week.

Next week's September Online Safety Newsletter

This month's Online Safety newsletter has some very useful information about AI generated images and Youtube, particularly to support you setting up managed accounts. There is also a very useful NSPCC Online Safety Quiz. Please do give the quiz a go for your family. It can be accessed here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/>

From next week, Friday Family Worship returns to the morning at 9.05pm, allowing me to attend both Ilton and Shepton.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes,

Connel Boyle

Executive Headteacher



Smart Watches

We have noticed an increase in children wearing smart watches to school.

For safeguarding reasons we need to request these watches are not worn in school as digital photos and videos can be taken and saved and they have internet accessibility which is not filtered for safety.

Our thanks for your support with this child safety measure.



**Our School
attendance
target is
95%**

We are at

95.1%

**Hobbit Class
current
attendance**

96.1%



**Gruffalo Class
current
attendance**

92.4%



Gruffalo Gardeners

Our wonderful Gruffalo Class and Monday Fun Club have planted the front of our school with flowers.

What a super job they all did!



**Headteacher drop-in
sessions
every Friday
9.30am- 10.00am**

Mr Boyle is available for any parent to drop in to see him without the need for an appointment. Please do feel free to use this session to answer any queries you may have.

**Friday Family Assemblies
Every Friday at
9.05am**

A wonderful start for the Hogwarts Team!
Fantastic attitude to learning and producing some outstanding writing already. We have started exploring our history and science topics this week. Hogwarts Class have enjoyed exploring the difference between contact and non-contact forces and explaining the difference between the two.



Diary Dates:

- Friday 18th September - Breakfast and Read fun session from 8.30am
- Friday 16th October - Harvest Festival (Venue tbc)
- Friday 23rd October - Book Look and Breakfast from 8.30am
- Friday 23rd October - Last Day of Term
- Friday 23rd October - DISCO 6-8pm
- HALF TERM Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
- Monday 2nd November - INSET Day
- Tuesday 3rd November - Return to school
- Sunday 22nd November - *Singing in the Square - Ilminster Christmas Lights Switch on. (time to be confirmed)*
- Wednesday 9th December - Nativity @ 6pm
- Thursday 10th December - Nativity @ 2pm
- Friday 11th December - Nativity @ 10am
- Friday 11 December - School Pantomime Trip to Westlands Theatre @ 1pm

The school calendar for 2026 to 2027 can be found here:

<https://stmaryandstpeters.co.uk/term-dates/>