



Headteachers Message

Welcome to our May newsletter. The month has certainly marched by! It has been wonderful to end the half term with continued sunshine, promising more lovely days ahead to be enjoyed outdoors with family and friends.

This month has also given us a valuable opportunity to reflect on the importance of **Mental Health Awareness** across our school community. Supporting children to understand their feelings, show kindness to others and know where to go for help is something we prioritise every day. During Mental Health Week, we have seen so many examples of children truly living our vision of *love of one another*.

I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children who completed their SATs assessments this week. After enjoying an early breakfast treat with Mrs Kenway, they were ready to tackle every challenge that came their way. We are incredibly proud of the positivity and resilience they demonstrated throughout the week. They can now look forward to their final term with us before transitioning to their secondary schools.

Please do take a moment to look at the key dates for your diary. We are looking forward to Sports Day, as well as a very special event this year—**Bailey's Rainbow Run**. This will be an opportunity for us all to come together as a school community to celebrate Bailey's memory in a joyful and meaningful way. We hope it will be a colourful, uplifting event where we can reflect, remember and support one another.

Mrs Kenway will share details of the Year 6 Leavers' Service in the first week back.

Have a wonderful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd June.

Dates for your Diary

June

Fri 5th-Non-uniform day for Windwhistle House

Tues 16th– Yr 5 Wadham Taster Day

Weds 17th– Year 6 Moving Up Service

Thurs 18th- Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos

Thurs 18th-School Disco

Thursday 25th– Bailey's Rainbow Colour Run

Friday 26th– KS1 Trip

Monday 29th– Sports Day

July

Weds 1st– Yr 6 Wadham Transition Day

Mon 6th– South Somerset Singing Festival

Mon 6th & Tues 7th– Beaminster Transition Days

Mon 13th– Fri 17th– Year 6 Residential

Weds 22nd– Last Day of Summer Term

We're excited to share an opportunity for pupils at Ashlands Church of England Primary School to take part in private instrumental lessons delivered by Somerset Music Academy.

This experienced local team has been providing high-quality music tuition in schools across the area for many years. Lessons are available from Year 1 onwards and include Piano, Singing (Vocal), Guitar, Bass and Ukulele.

Their approach focuses on making music learning enjoyable, engaging and practical. Pupils can work towards graded exams if they wish, while also building confidence and having fun along the way.

Lessons take place during the school day and are offered in 20- or 30-minute sessions each half term.

Lesson Prices:

- 20-minute lesson (per half term): £71.50
- 30-minute lesson (per half term): £107.25

If you would like to find out more or request lessons for your child, please contact Claire at Somerset Music Academy directly at info@somersetmusicacademy.co.uk

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness week has also given us a valuable opportunity to reflect on the importance of **Mental Health** across our school community. In particular, we would like to recognise Chloe, who worked alongside Mrs Chick to design and create a beautiful display board for our ELSA room. Her hard work and thoughtfulness have contributed to a space that will support many children across the school. We are incredibly proud of the compassion, creativity and care she has shown. Well done Chloe!



Poetry Recital

Our recent poetry recital was a great success, with pupils from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 enjoying a wonderful afternoon celebrating poetry. Children spent time learning, rehearsing, and confidently performing a fantastic selection of poems as part of the Ilminster Literacy Festival. It was impressive to see how attentively everyone listened, showing respect and encouragement to their peers. Even more inspiring was the number of children who bravely stood up to perform in front of an audience. A special congratulations goes to Caitlin our Key Stage 1 winner, and Leon our Key Stage 2 winner. Both pupils delivered outstanding performances and will go on to represent the school at the final in June. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 5 Girls' Football – Fantastic Achievement! ⚽

The photos show our Year 5 girls' football team in action. The girls did an amazing job and truly made the school proud, showing excellent teamwork, compassion and determination throughout.

Match results:

- 2–0 win
- 2–1 win
- 0–2
- 1–1 draw

Final: 3–0 win

Overall, the team finished in an impressive **3rd place** – a fantastic achievement!

Well done to all the girls for their effort, sportsmanship and positive attitude.

Girls comments;

BELLA "I enjoyed everything and working together as a team"

MAISEY " I enjoyed being a defender and tackling the football"

SOPHIE What I enjoyed about the football was everyone working together and supporting each other"

FLUR "I liked the football matches, practicing and snack breaks"

IKLIMYA "The thing I liked in football was that, how we pass to each other, and even if we lost we still tried our best, and I scored and talked people!"

WREN "I liked how all of the girls would encourage each other, even when we lost the ball"

EVIE "I liked it because I got to participate"

OLIVIA "I really enjoyed booting the football, it was fun when we played against other schools"

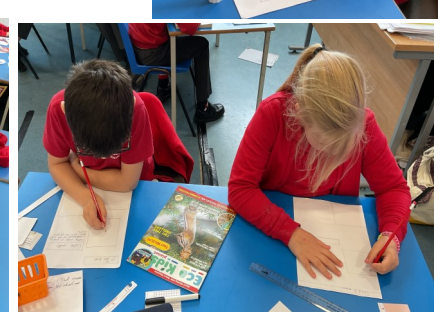


Wild Cherry Class

In our recent computing lessons, pupils have been developing their skills in media and desktop publishing. Using digital tools, they explored how magazines are created and learned about key design features such as layout, fonts, colours and imagery.

The children enthusiastically began designing their own magazine covers, choosing eye-catching titles and thinking carefully about how to present their ideas to appeal to a target audience. They experimented with different styles and layouts, showing great creativity and attention to detail.

It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they combined text and images to produce their very own professional-looking designs.— Mrs O'Grady



Here come the sun!

With the warmer months approaching please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and comes to school with a sun hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. All must be labelled please.



No Nuts

Please be reminded we are a no nut school. Please do not send in any snacks or lunch with products containing nuts. Thank you.



Free School Meals

We encourage all families to check their entitlement to free school meals/Pupil Premium. We have a PP offer for all children who are benefit-related FSM. Please click on the link below to access the application. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

Wrap Around Care

If your child requires Breakfast Club or After School care please ensure they are booked in by Friday 9am the week before. These can be booked via the Scopay app.

Parent Support

Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.
Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



A welcoming space for parents/carers to connect, share, and find support. Practical advice, signposting, and helpful resources. All in one friendly drop-in session.

Every Wednesday 9am-11am INCLUDING HALF TERM

A NEW community project run by your friendly Parent Family Support Advisors:

- Jemma Henwood
- Rebecca Larcombe
- Suzanne Morris

- Children welcome
- Refreshments provided
- Spotlight sessions with other professionals
- Parenting resources
- Signposting and form filling support
- Healthy snacks for all

Be A Good Neighbour - Community Church, Barn Street, Crewkerne, TA18 8BP

Keep up to date via our Social Media - search 'The Parent Place'

Scan the QR code to find out more and register your interest.
<https://forms.office.com/e/EeZrBvhm7v>

Miss Ball's Proud Wall

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Joshua has had a great year at Ashlands, I can't believe he hasn't had a proud wall yet! I have been very proud of Josh's work ethic this year. He has taken responsibility for checking his work and making sure he is finishing everything he is asked to do – this is great!

Well done Josh!

#Aspiration #Trust

15th May 2026

Miss Ball's Proud Wall

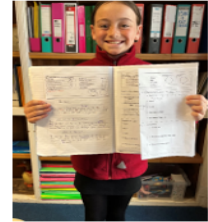


Oliver has been focusing well in Maths this term. His work is neatly presented, and he is starting to feel more confidence with giving more than one answer and using his strategies. It is great to see him practising his times tables – keep this up Oliver!

#Aspiration

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Olivia was very proud to share her Roman-based writing with me. She enjoyed researching facts about the Romans and reshaping these into short, informative paragraphs for others to read and learn from.

I particularly loved her use of rhetorical questions—well done, Olivia! This was a great piece of work to share.

#Aspiration

12th May 2026

Miss Ball's Proud Wall



Mollie is really shining this Summer Term. She is role modelling her positive attitude to learning and life everywhere she goes! The younger children are looking up to her in the playground, and she is being a helping hand in her class. Keep this up Mollie – you are awesome!

#Aspiration #Respect

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Miss Ball's Proud Wall



Our Year Five girls have all participated in the Yeovil Town Girls Football Development sessions and have lived our vision at every session they have attended.

We have seen a love of learning, and a great engagement with the Yeovil coaches. We have seen a love of life, in their approach to developing their skills and not being afraid of making mistakes or not being the 'best'. We have seen a love of one another in the connections they have made with each other and with the wider football community. Thank you for your positivity and great role modelling – you have all made me very proud.

#Living our vision

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Miss Ball's Proud Wall



Joshua has really shown us his potential this term – he has challenged himself to finish tasks and look for the extra challenge. I have enjoyed hearing his voice when giving answers and thinking of extra reasoning. This is showing me how ready he is for Year 4 – well done Josh.

#Aspiration #Respect

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Bonnie has been working very hard to develop her phonic skills. She has impressed all the adults she has worked with as she has shown great positivity and resilience. Well done Bonnie!

#Aspiration #Respect

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George continues to make us all proud. He is such a keen learner and brings a great level of enthusiasm to every day! I have enjoyed visiting Sweet Chestnuts this week and observing George playing with his friends – demonstrating kindness and sensitivity to all.

Well done George.

#Living our vision!

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Hanna continues to grow in confidence in Willow Class. Over this term I have heard Hanna's voice more and have enjoyed her singing with others and answering questions. Keep this up Hanna – it is wonderful to share your voice.

#Aspiration #Trust

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Miss Ball's Proud Wall



Henry continues to make us all proud with his friendship skills and his compassion for others. He is such a good person to spend playtime and lunchtime with! He knows great games and makes sure everyone is involved and can have fun too. What a superstar.

Thank you Henry.

#Friendship #Compassion
15th May 2026



House Points - House Captains and Vice Captains

This half term the team with the most house points goes to Windwhistle. Congratulations, you will be awarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 5th June.



Congratulations to the following children who received a green leaf this month:

- Willow**—Henry, Hanna, Prue, Junior, Harriet, Sara, Reuben, Elodie
- Wild Cherry**— Archie, Hannah, Amelia, Sofia, Mollie, Aubrey
- Apple** – James, Reggie-Lee, Noah, Lola, Maisey, Elliott, Amos, Eric
- Maple** – Skye, Robyn, Johnn, Evie, Annie-Rae, Kaiya, Year 6



Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date is **92.8%**, which is slightly below our target of **96%**. We will continue working closely with all our families to help improve this.

Lateness and its Impact

Arriving at school on time is very important for children's learning, confidence, and daily routines. Please be aware of how lateness is recorded:

- **Children arriving between 8:55am and 9:00am are marked as late.**
- **Children arriving after 9:00am are recorded as 'late after the register has closed'.** This is classed as an **unauthorised absence** and will therefore impact your child's overall attendance record.

Regular lateness impacts on our children's learning, they will be missing valuable learning time, morning instructions, and opportunities to settle into the school day calmly.

All pupils arriving after 8:55am must be signed in at the office by a parent or carer. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children arrive on time.

	School Attendance %
Attendance	93%
Authorised absences	2.1%
Unauthorised absence	4.9%
Lates	1.7%

Swimming Lessons

Maple– 19th May 2nd, 9th 16th, 23rd, 30th June 7th, 14th July



Forest School - Summer Term

Sweet Chestnut Class– Every Wednesday

Willow Class– Every Wednesday

Wild Cherry Class– Every other from Monday (20th April, 18th May, 15th, 29th June, 13th July)

Apple Class- Every other Monday (20th April, 18th May, 15th, 29th June, 13th July)

Maple Class– Every other Monday (27th April, 11th May, 8th, 22nd June, 6th, 20th July)



Forest school clothing– Please ensure your child is wearing a long sleeved top, trousers and wellies in a bag. If your child has Forest School in the morning, they will need school uniform for the afternoon, or PE kit if they have PE.

PE Days- Summer Term

EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 – Monday

Year 3 & 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 & 6 – Thursday



Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss Nicola Ball

Deputy Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Kay Dawson & Tracey Lawrence

Governor responsible for Safeguarding –Mr David Harvey

If you have any concerns about a child, please see one of the staff above.

Helpful contacts:

Children's Social Care: 0300 123 2224

Local Authority Designated Officer: Anthony Goble: c/o above

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000



Headteacher

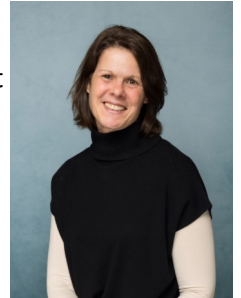
If there is ever a time where you feel you need to pass information onto me directly and would prefer not to go through the school office then please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email address which is:

nball@ashlandsprimary.school

Miss Nicola Ball

If you wish to contact your child's class teacher you can find the contact details on our website by following the link below :

[Meet The Team | Ashlands Church of England Primary School](#)
ashlandsprimaryschool.co.uk



Whats On...

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YEARS: RECEPTION - YEAR 6

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TEL- 07710 231862
EMAIL- minislead@chardrfc.co.uk

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Join Us

Squirrels

Squirrel Scouts are the youngest of the world wide scouting group at age 4 and 5

EVERY THURSDAY IN TERM TIME  **4.30 - 5.30PM**

1st Crewkerne Scout Hut, Furland Road, Crewkerne

Once invested, the subs are £48 a term and £42 for siblings - Paid for 9 months of the year at £16 and £14 a month

Contact Swift on 07577444141 or dr.adriana.albert@gmail.com about your young person joining Squirrel Scouts in Crewkerne



Whats On...

BEAVERS

1st Crewkerne Beaver Scouts need you!



Beavers are for Boys and Girls, aged 6 and 7

They meet every Thursday during term-time, from 5:45 to 7pm at The Scout Hut in Furland Road, Crewkerne

Beavers normally work in teams of up to 6 called Lodges, with 4 Lodges – Willow; Oak; Beech and Ash

They take part in team building games; crafts and other activities that go towards earning Badges. They also have a chance to go to at least 2 residential camps per year

Beaver Scouts help young people grow, helps them develop social skills and skills for life. It helps them make life-long friendships, all whilst having fun

We have spaces for more young people to have these wonderful experiences, if they would like to join us, then please contact Ian Stewart (Mr Toad to the Beavers), on 07946 092277, or email me at ian.13@hotmail.co.uk

Scouting is for everyone, so no young person that wishes to join will be turned away if we have space for them

1st Crewkerne Beaver Scouts are here for you

CREWKERNE CRICKET CLUB

BE PART OF THE TEAM!



Crewkerne Cricket Club is starting new youth teams for the 2026 season: under 10s and under 12s

Training will be on Thursdays starting on the 8th January, 2026 5 P.M. to 5:55 P.M.

@ the Old Sports Hall, Wadham School
Training led by an ECB Core Coach

If you're interested, please contact Tom Briggs at tomdbiggs85@gmail.com



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Stagecoach Yeovil - Show Term

Delve into the creative arts with our combined singing, dancing and drama sessions.

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As we move into Show Term, students will begin rehearsals for our production of **Annie JR**, making this a particularly exciting time to join us. This Show will be performed at The Strode Theatre, Yeovil so students get the full experience of performing on stage.

A two week trial costs £25 for Early Stages (4-6 yrs) & £50 for Main Stages (6-18 yrs). Weekly classes are available on Saturdays at Holy Trinity School. All teachers are fully trained and DBS checked.

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07842 944 697
yeovil@stagecoach.co.uk

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at Yeovil Tennis Club

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Members: £34
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latenniscoaching1@gmail.com