



CDCS news! June 2026

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Wow, what a few weeks we've had in school - June was certainly a busy month! A big thanks again for your unwavering support from Ofsted to heatwaves and everything in between.

Year 6 had a lovely morning at Wells Cathedral taking their next step towards leaving us. A lovely service that reassured them about secondary school and beyond.

There's not a lot to report regarding Ofsted because our report hasn't been published yet. I have seen the draft report so hopefully I will be able to share it with you soon!

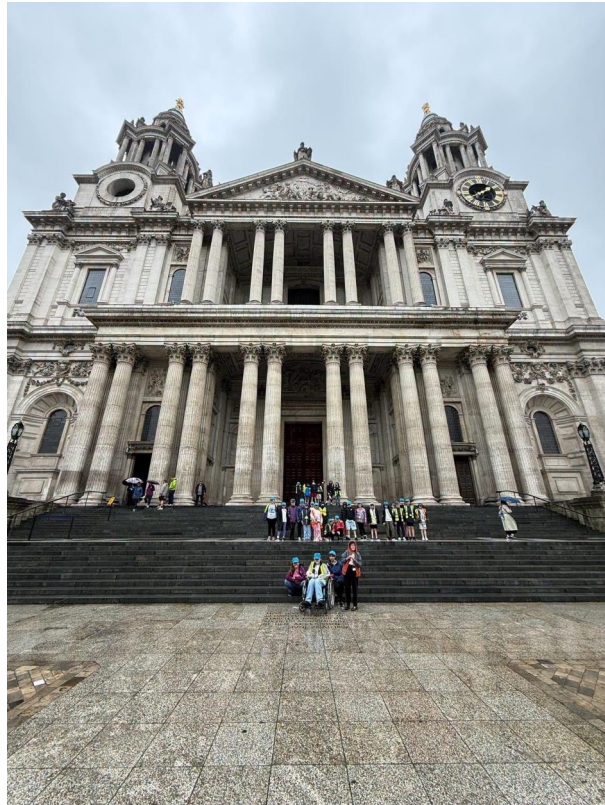


London

Year 5 and 6 had a great time in London recently. For some it was the first time away and for some the first visit to our capital city. The children represented the school marvelously and the staff who went were so proud of them. We take children to London biannually when they are in year 5 or 6. Something for the younger ones to look forward to!









Sports day

A huge thank you for your amazing attendance at sports day. We were lucky to avoid the really hot weather and everyone had a great time. Well done if you managed to get a shiny sticker in the adult races! Congratulations to Blake for taking home the trophy this year!



2026-2027 class structure

Today your children have spent the day with their new teacher/s, support staff and friends in their new classrooms.

Please see below for information on how the school will look in September.

Class	Year group	Teacher/s	Support staff
Ash Class	Reception	Mrs Carter and Mrs Stradling Miss Kerry-Ann Byrne – student teacher	Miss Dare Miss Short (M, Tu) Mrs Budden (W) Mrs White (Th, F)
Beech Class	Year 1 and Year 2	Mrs Denley	Mrs Burt Miss Bates Mrs Abbott Mrs Budden
Maple Class	Year 2 and Year 3	Miss Raison	Miss Trowbridge Mrs Webb Mrs Turner Ms Stacey
Oak Class	Year 4 and Year 5	Mrs Startup	Mrs Abbott Mrs Turner Ms Stacey
Willow Class	Year 5 and Year 6	Mrs Bond and Mrs Richardson	Miss Scott Miss Wild Mrs Walsh Miss Trowbridge

Free School Meals

Many of us will be affected by the cost of living crisis. We want to help and make sure you know what support you can receive. Your child might be eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals can help your child by:

- Helping them focus and learn
- Teaching them to eat healthy food
- Giving them good food every day

- Letting them join free holiday activities
- Giving the school extra money to help your child learn

Even if your child does not claim the free school meal, the school still receives extra money to support their education if you apply. From September 2026, there will be two groups who can get free school meals:

Targeted group: This is for families on Universal Credit who earn less than £7,400 a year or receive other benefits. These families may get extra help, such as access to free holiday activities.

Expanded group: This is for families on Universal Credit who earn more than £7,400. These families will get free school meals only.

From 1 September 2026, all children whose parents or carer receives Universal Credit can get free school meals.

If your child has already received free school meals, **you must apply again before 1 September 2026** so your child can keep receiving them.

You can check if your family is eligible and apply throughout August through Somerset Council. For more information and to apply online: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for your support ensuring your children are attendance HEROs – **Here Ready and On Time Every day!**

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.9% compared to 94.9% nationally. We love seeing the children in school and it improves their outcomes so please do ensure your children attend, and are on time (in classes before 9am) every day.

Of course, we do recognise that there are genuine reasons why children need to stay home. If you are unsure whether your child is too ill for school, you can seek guidance from [this NHS page](#).

The year group with the highest attendance so far this year of 96.8% is, again, **Year 2**. Well done to them!



Children's achievements

Well done for all the recent football success: **Eddie, Hunter** and **Ziko** celebrated their Ilchester Vipers wins, **George, Oakley, Eddie** and **Adam** all won awards at their end of season presentation. Well done, boys.

Congratulations to **Lily-Rose** for her earning her majorettes certificate recently.









Cake raffle thanks!

Over the course of this year, staff and friends have kindly donated cakes for you to win. Thank you to all of our wonderful bakers! If you've been lucky enough to win one, I hope it was lovely!

All the money raised up until the first half term in October went on resources for our friends in Djibouti. Since then, you have generously given £860 which has been spent on 3 new iPads to enhance the children's education.

Thank you for your continuous support. The cake raffle will return in September!



And finally...

We are in the last month of this academic year. The weather looks to be warming up again so please do make sure children have sun cream applied before arriving at school and ensure they have a hat and sunglasses (if they wish) in school. It's probably worth leaving a rain coat in their bags to - you never know!

A reminder that we finish at 1.30pm on Wednesday 22nd July. There is no after school club on this day.

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