



## Berkley C of E First School

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# 'Let your light shine' NEWSLETTER

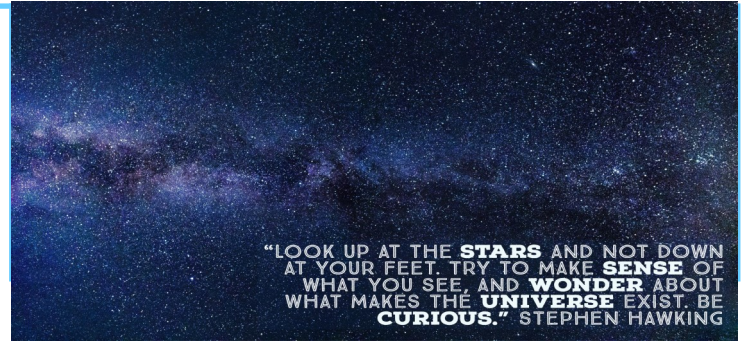
Friday 22nd March 2024

### KEY INFORMATION:

**Drop off: It is only Owls and their siblings who enter at 8.40am.**

**Please remember classes open from 8.50am.** The register is taken at 9am.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, we close the gate at 9am for security. **Do not arrive before 8.50am** (unless an Owl) as some classrooms may not be supervised.



## CLASS NEWS

### Rabbits

What a busy week we have had in Rabbits! In Maths we have learnt about double numbers and enjoyed playing a game using the interactive whiteboard. We enjoyed seeing so many parents at our book share and then again at our Easter trail where the children created natural art, completed their salt dough eggs, challenged themselves with egg and spoon races, took mindful moments and braved the mud grounding experience! Well done to all the parents, siblings and of course the Rabbits children and staff!!

### Squirrels

In Squirrels this week, we have enjoyed learning about medieval times and what it was like for peasants, Lords and the King. We had a protest in the playground about 'no more taxes' because the Lord would have taken most of our money. We had a fantastic last swim in the pool with the toys and floats. The children have made so much progress and their confidence in the pool is lovely to see. We have also had an additional multi-sports session with IG Sports, the Squirrels children thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

### Badgers

I can't believe it's almost the end of term! Badgers' beans and cress are still growing beautifully. The beans have got roots and some have shoots! These beans will be heading home next week so they can hopefully be planted in a pot over Easter. I look forward to seeing what happens to them! The children have begun writing their own 'Dragon Machine' story and so far they are looking brilliant. We're looking forward to our Easter Hunt next week and our Easter Service. Have a great Easter everyone!

### Owls

This week Owls class have been super busy with lots of learning outside the classroom. We started the week making some awesome posters in Geography all about natural phenomenon, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards and earthquakes in the USA. The children did some great work showcasing how to survive these events. It was wonderful to see so many parents come in to look at the children's hard work over the course of the year. On Wednesday, a large group participated in a tag rugby tournament at Frome RFC. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, with countless tries being scored. I am so proud of their teamwork and spirit throughout the tournament. Continuing our sporting success, we had our last swimming session of the year. It has been great to see the progress made and we were rewarded with a fun session full of inflatables and games.

Happy birthday to Rose and Lottie who celebrate their birthdays this weekend.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Thompson





# Our Achievements!

On a Friday we dedicate the assembly to celebrating the successes and wow moments of the week. The children come home with a certificate for their efforts in particular areas. All the adults also have the opportunity to mention a child from any class who has made a difference to their week or who they have spotted doing something wonderful. These children receive a sticker on the day. We link our rewards to the skills they have demonstrated throughout the week and we value each child equally.

## Star of the week

Rabbits Class, Olivia, Isabelle & Harry

## Reading Superstar

Rabbits Class, Bernie, Edward T & Jackson

## Demonstrating our Christian Value

Rabbits Class, Joel, Talulla & Mia W

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

Joel –Wonderful manners observed around the school.

Matilda—Having the confidence to try new things with her friends.

Harley –Engaged in his learning.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have a new lunch menu for after the Easter holiday. This is now live on parent pay. **Please do not forget to order your lunches for the first week back after the Easter break by Tuesday 26th March.** Any orders placed after this date will unfortunately not be processed and you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

### BENDY BODIES CLUB

Following a successful half term with our Wednesday Yoga inspired after school club we would love to run this again after Easter.

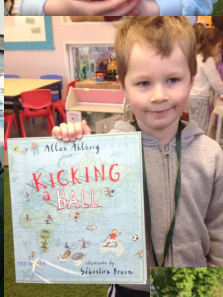
The school are offering a Gardening club on a Wednesday so we have decided to move Bendy bodies to a Monday to enable children to partake in both if they would like to.

As previously, please email Vicky @ [SomersetEast@Tattybumpkin.com](mailto:SomersetEast@Tattybumpkin.com) to secure your child's space for our Monday club. If we can reach viable numbers to continue running Vicky will confirm places with everyone by next Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> March. This coming term we will run some more outside activities to get the children out in the fresh air where possible.

With the May bank holiday in the next half term our Monday club will be another 5 week block of sessions at £25

Any questions reach out or message Vicky to secure a space

Look what we've been up to in Term 4!



## Diary Dates

Please ensure you have ordered your lunches by **midnight** on a Wednesday on Parent Pay.

Date	Time	Event
Monday 25th March	9:30am	Rabbits school trip to Brokerswood. Meet there at 9.30am
	3:15-4:15pm	Owls USA day Craft and Play Club
Tuesday 26th March	9:35am	Easter Service, tea, coffee and cake after
	3:15-4:15pm	Musical Theatre club
Wednesday 27th March	3:15– 4:15pm	Yoga club
Thursday 28th March		INSET DAY
Friday 29th March		Good Friday
Monday 15th April		First day back after half term
	3.15—4.15pm	Yoga Club
	4.20—5.10pm	Martial Arts Club
Tuesday 16th April	3:15— 4:15pm	Musical theatre club
Wednesday 17th April	3:15– 4:15pm	Gardening club
		Badgers Class Trip—Field to Food (details to follow next week)
Thursday 18th April		Swimming—Badgers and Rabbits
Friday 19th April		Street dance Owls

### Future diary dates:

Wednesday 24th April—Year 4's residential—Mill on the brue

Friday 26th April—Year 4's return from residential can be collected on return ( around 2:30pm)


### **SAFEGUARDING**

Mrs Thompson is the DSL and Mrs Appleby and Mrs Windridge are the Deputy DSLs. If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact: • Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224. Please take note of the helplines we always put at the end of our newsletter which will now be once a term. They are there to help and support those in need. We have an open door policy so please do come in if you want someone to talk to over a cup of tea. Please email the school in the holidays if you need to contact a DSL.

The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops **below 95%, this is classed as poor/unsatisfactory attendance**, which reduces their chances of success. We have seen an increase in term time holidays, please only take holidays in the allocated holidays provided, thank you.

Attendance	
For w/c 18/03/2024	
Attendance	Absences
90.24%	9.76%
Learning time lost: 44.5 Days	

**Please look at which class have earned the Balloons this week!!**

Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls 
w/c 18/03/2024	90.24%	84.50%	90.00%	93.45%

**Communication**

**In order to deal with any queries or concerns you need to:-**

- Call the school office and request a phone call or meeting with the class teacher.
- Ask for contact at the gate, face to face with the class teacher at the end of the day, the teacher will then get back to the parent with a phone call.
- Parents can also email the office, often they are able to respond on the same day however they will endeavour to get back to within two working days.

Our vision is 'let your light shine'. That goes beyond our school gates and is a vision for our whole community. If you feel your light may be a little dull please remember we are here to support each other. Please call us and Mrs Thompson would be happy to have a cup of tea and a chat if that is something you needed.

**Term Time Holidays**

Any holiday requests in term time need to be sent in writing to The Headteacher via our holiday request form that is available on our website or can be requested through the school office.

We have to follow strict guidelines in partnership with other Frome schools and we can not authorise holidays in term time.

**Please always let us know if you are going away by completing the form regardless of whether it is authorised or not.** Thank you for your understanding.

<https://www.berkleyschool.co.uk/community/parent-information/>

**Keep checking our website for all the latest information and any policies you need regarding Berkley School.**

[www.berkleyschool.co.uk](http://www.berkleyschool.co.uk)

**I'm worried or unsure! What should I do?**



Remind your child what they should do if they feel worried or unsure about something they see online. Encourage them not to click on anything they are unsure about and to tell a trusted adult straight away so that they can help.

For more advice visit this website.

[Parents & carers | Childnet](#)



WELLS  
CATHEDRAL

# Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays)



## Spring into life

April 2024

Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and our themed craft activities!



### Treasure Hunt Tuesday 2 April

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make your own cross necklace.



### Easter Gardens Wednesday 3 April

Follow our Easter story trail then make your own Easter garden to tell the best part of the story.



### Get Growing Thursday 4 April

Decorate a mini pot and get planting!



### Spring into life Friday 5 April

Celebrate new life with our spring themed crafts.



## Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE

Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities



OLD DOWN  
COUNTRY PARK

# RAINBOW RUN

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024

FAMILY FUN RUN . DOG FRIENDLY . DJ .

It's back for 2024... Old Down's Family Rainbow Run!

Join in the fun and run around our Country Park with a rainbow of powdered paints covering you from head to toe as you go. Our new route includes more obstacles (which you can go around if needed). Including a DJ, brilliant atmosphere, and lots of fun. Whether you bring a group of friends, or your family – this is the event for you!

Book your tickets via our website  
**TICKETS INCLUDE PARK ENTRY**

Nr. Tockington, Bristol

[www.olddownstate.co.uk](http://www.olddownstate.co.uk)



10% DISCOUNT  
using the code  
**SCHOOLS24** at checkout  
Pre booked tickets only

31ST  
MARCH

BASSBEATZ

3.00PM  
TILL  
6.00PM

# RAVING RASCALS



EASTER SPECIAL

OPEN TO ALL AGES

JUNGLE / GARAGE / DNB

FRISKIE / B.M.B

KOMMZ B2B LEMZ

THE GLITTER TEMPLE

ROOK LANE CHAPEL FROME  
BA11 1DN

TUCK  
SHOP

# EASTER

at Old Down Country Park

26TH MARCH & 9TH APRIL  
**Forest School**

23RD MARCH - 14TH APRIL 2024  
HALF TERM

25TH MARCH & 8TH APRIL  
**Johnny G Magician & Puppet Show**

3RD & 10TH APRIL  
**Galaxy Children's Disco**

**Animal Encounters**  
DAILY!

**Galaxy Disco Parties**

**PLUS...**  
EASTER BUNNY  
EASTER CRAFTS  
SCAVENGER HUNT

## EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION

Craft your own Easter garden masterpiece & present it for judging by our grounds team! The winning creation will be revealed at the conclusion of the half term.

31ST MARCH

BASSBEATZ

3.00PM TILL 6.00PM

BOUNCY CASTLE

RAVING RASCALS

EASTER SPECIAL

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JUNGLE / GARAGE / DNB

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SENCo Sharing: **ChatHealth** ([www.somerset.gov.uk/send/chathealth-0-5-2/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/send/chathealth-0-5-2/))

A text service for parents and carers to confidentially ask for help about a range of issues from a Health visitor. This could include advice and support on infant feeding and nutrition, parenting and child development, to oxytocin, bonding and attachment. You can also find out how to access other local services, for example breastfeeding support. The service is staffed by qualified Health Visitors who have a wealth of experience of working with young people and parents.

Disclaimer: this is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm, and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system, and can be seen by the Health Visiting Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of a safeguarding issue, the Health Visitor has a duty of care to act on this, and may escalate the concern.

See also other services available [from Health Visitors](#).

**Universal** - This is for everyone, including people with special educational needs and disabilities



The advertisement features the ChatHealth logo at the top left and the Somerset County Council logo at the top right. A magnifying glass is positioned over a rainbow-colored bar that contains four categories of support: Parent advice & support (pink), Healthy lifestyles (orange), School transitioning (blue), and Emotional health (purple). Below this, the text asks if the user's child is aged 5-19 and if they are looking for confidential help and support. It provides a safe and easy way to contact the School Nursing Team by sending a text or scanning a QR code. The QR code is on a smartphone held by a hand, with the text 'SCAN ME' above it. The phone number 07480 635 515 is displayed in large blue text. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer and the 'Improving LIVES' logo.

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