



Dear Parents and Carers,

From the Headteacher

It's been a very busy start to the year! I am absolutely delighted with the excellent focus and positive attitudes towards learning that I've seen in every classroom. From our youngest learners to our oldest, there is a real buzz of enthusiasm and a shared sense of purpose across the school.

A special mention must go to our wonderful Reception children, who are settling in beautifully. It's been a joy to see them joining in with such confidence and curiosity—not only in their own class but also when engaging with pupils of all ages across the school at lunchtime. Whether it's sharing stories or exploring the playground, they are already making their mark and becoming valued members of our school community. Thank you to our Year 6 pupils who visited our EYFS unit to hear our youngest children read and share marvellous stories. Thank you to all our staff, pupils, and families who create such a warm, welcoming, and inspiring environment in school. I'm so proud of what we've achieved together at the start of the year. Our families are our partners in children's education and we cannot do this alone, so we thank our parents and carers for their time, support and commitment.

Save Pill Library!

Story time is magical and we need our Pill library to remain open. Thank you to everyone who attended the drop in sessions at Pill Library this week. PLEASE respond in the consultation and opt for Plan B to keep our library and its services in place.

Respond to the consultation here: <https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/Libraries/consultationHome>

New and Reception Parents

At 2:40-3:00pm on Thursday 25th of September there will be a Phonics presentation for parents and carers aimed at New/Reception Parents however, Year 1 parents who would like a refresher are welcome to attend. This will be in the lower hall. There will be a Presentation at a later date (22nd January 2:45-3) for Year 1 parents regarding the Statutory Phonics Screening Check all Year 1 children will be doing.

Key Stage 2 SATS Year 6 Parents Meeting

Please join our Year 6 teaching team on Wednesday 8th October at 6pm, in the Upper Hall

What are the SATs and how can parents help children to prepare? Parents and carers are encouraged to attend in preparation for standardised assessments, to view samples of tests and to understand how best to help their children feel ready ahead of SATs week, beginning 11th May 2026.

Free School Meal Families Information

£100 of household support vouchers will be issued for children who qualify for free school meals. This is via EVouchers - previously Wonde. They will be issued week commencing Monday 22nd September. Families will only receive the vouchers if they are on the North Somerset Council FSM list as at Sunday 21st September. Applications should be made via www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. Please email fsm@n-somerset.gov.uk if you have any queries.

Our Opal playtimes are full of joy!

Our Play Team and pupil Play Rangers are supporting all children to enjoy a happy playtime, whether that's reading a book in our Calm Club, dressing up and pretending to be Superheroes, exploring our Forest Area, or relaxing in the hammock. Your support in providing a waterproof coat every day means we can go outside, whatever the weather.

We would love donations of the following for our Opal play:

Small toy dinosaurs

Small toy cars

Brushes, brooms and paintbrushes

Small toy animals

Boxes will be placed by our main school entrance for Opal donations. Many Thanks.

For more information about OPAL please see the following link. www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk,

We have areas where children can store a named pair of wellies in school all year round, and waterproofs will be essential as we go out in all weather except heavy rain.

Please name your child's coat and belongings

Please check and ensure your child's coat is clearly named. Please name all of the items they wear and bring to school, this can save a lot of time searching for items and ensure it is easily returned to the correct child if lost. Thank you for your cooperation. In addition, a bag of any items left in the playground will be available to check at school pick up near the main entrance daily.

Norbot 'Wrong Trousers Day' update

We had lots of fun and saw some great trousers. We also raised a whopping £434.00 for the Wallace and Gromit Grand Appeal!! Thank you all so much for your kind donations and help with fantastic outfits.

PTA Friends Fundraising Info

Please find below the links to the Amazon wish lists for each class. Happy shopping!

Apple class- <https://amzn.eu/9fW9euW>

Pear class-<https://amzn.eu/1PilcGK>

Willow class-<https://amzn.eu/g6BIUgU>

Birch- <https://amzn.eu/9omC2QU>

Holly class- <https://amzn.eu/6okPeWd>

Hawthorne- <https://amzn.eu/ORcMbbp>

Chestnut class <https://amzn.eu/46YJrfC>

Oak class <https://amzn.eu/etHEltJ>

Lime class. <https://amzn.eu/etHEltJ>

Cherry class <https://amzn.eu/9rCR2gk>

Maple class. <https://amzn.eu/8kuD7SM>

Online Safeguarding Information and Advice

Please take the time to read the attached online safety information regarding the social media platform Snap Chat.

Important Safety Information

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and must meet requirements such as insurance, tax, MOT, and number plates to be road-legal. Privately owned models do not meet these criteria and are therefore illegal to use in public spaces, including areas around schools.

- E-bikes (electrically assisted pedal cycles – EAPCs) are legal to use if they meet specific requirements, including motor power under 250 watts and a speed limit of 15.5 mph. However, many modified e-bikes exceed these limits and are classified as illegal motor vehicles. School Policy Electric scooters and e-bikes must not be brought onto school grounds by pupils, staff, or visitors.

This includes:

- Riding to school on an e-scooter or non-compliant e-bike.
- Bringing an e-scooter or e-bike onto school premises (including bike racks, car parks, entrances, and school buildings).

Reasons for this

- Legal Compliance: Preventing use of illegal vehicles on school premises.
- Health and Safety: E-scooters pose significant risks due to high speed, lack of braking reliability, and silent operation.
- Safeguarding: Preventing unsafe peer influence, theft, and unauthorised journeys. Sanctions and Confiscation
- If a child brings an e-scooter or e-bike onto the premises, it will be confiscated and held securely until collected by a parent/carer.

Thank you for your co operation and wishing you a lovely weekend.

Polite reminders and useful information:

- Reminder: Children are parents' responsibility from the time we hand over at the end of the day. Please do not allow children to play on any equipment before and after school.
- **Safeguarding:** should you wish for your child to be collected from school by another adult. You must notify the office no later than **2:30pm** on the day. We cannot allow anyone to collect a child without their parent's permission.
- We ask that **no mobile phones** are used or seen by adults or children whilst on school premises.
- Please remember that Crockerne C of E Primary School has a **no nuts** policy.
- All children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the Universal Free School Meal campaign.
- **If you claim qualifying benefits your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please follow the link to see if you are entitled.**
https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en
- Breakfast club is available daily from 7.30am and must be pre-booked on <https://app.parentpay.com/>
- Westward Drive is now a **School Street** which is a road where a school temporarily closes to become a pedestrian and cycle zone during the school's opening and closing times.
The School Street operational times on Westward Drive are 8.30 – 9.30 am and 3.00 – 4.00 pm.

Considerate parking

We have received numerous reports at school drop off and pick up, that children are stepping out of cars into the road. This is dangerous and will create poor road sense for our children.

2025/2026 Term dates, Dates for diaries and **INSET** days 2025/2026

Term 1 Thursday 4th September 2025 to Thursday 23rd October 2025

Wed 1st – Fri 3rd Oct, Y4 Camp – Charterhouse
Wed 8th Oct, Y6 parent's SATS meeting, in Upper Hall 6:00pm
Fri 10th Oct, Wear **yellow** for Mental Health Day
Tues 14th Oct, Pupil Individual Photos – Tulip photography
Wed 15th Oct, Harvest festival, pupils only
Thurs 16th Oct, Y5/6 Dodgeball team event
Mon 10th – Wed 13th Nov, Book Fair
Mon 10th Nov, Nasal Flu Vaccines
Wed 12th and Thu 13th Nov, Parents Evenings 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Fri 14th Nov, Children In Need Day – Wear something yellow or spotty
Thu 20th Nov, Science Fair
Mon 11th – Fri 15th May Y6 SAT's week

Inset Days

- Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 3rd November 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 13th February 2026

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