

# Our School Newsletter

1st May 2026



Nursery and Reception were delighted to welcome Police Officer Noah to school, along with his police dogs. Noah spoke to the children about the important role police dogs play and explained how they help officers in their work.

Thank you to Noah for taking the time to visit us.

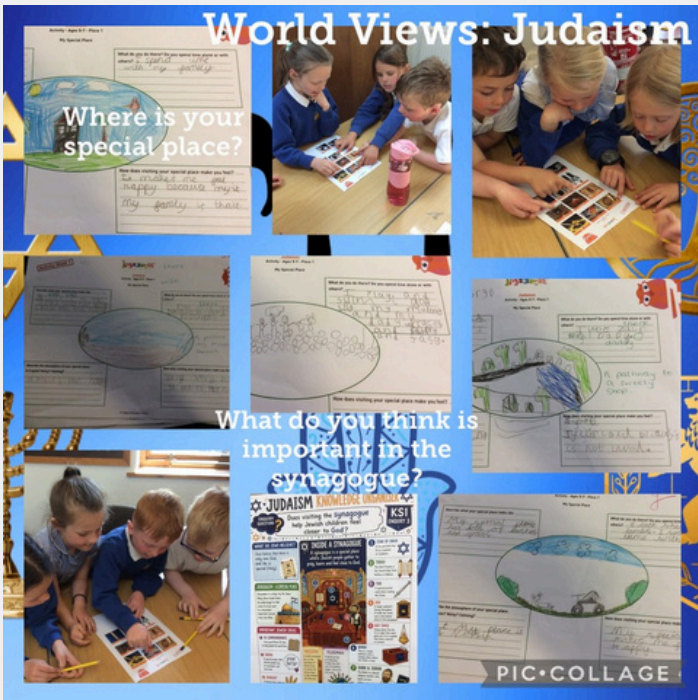


Discovery had an amazing time visiting Bertie's farm.

Thank you to Rich & Christina. This is the lamb Mrs Haddon helped deliver – the children named it 'Mrs Haddon!'



## World Views: Judaism



## Explorers Class:

In World Views this term, we have been looking at Judaism. The children explored their own special places and next lesson we were learning all about a Jewish person's special place: the synagogue. We learnt about the items you would find in the synagogue and discussed which we thought would be most important to a Jewish person



In Literacy, the Adventure class children have thoroughly enjoyed creating mind maps to explore how all of their senses link to the story Escape from Pompeii. This has helped them to immerse themselves in the events and setting of the text..

# Celebrating our Achievements





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# Read Around the World - Europe certificates!



## KS2 Cross Country

Well done to our runners!





# iRock Assembly

## Notices:

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Don't forget to order school lunches. If for any reason you are unable to access using the link, please pop in or call the office.



## Message from Mrs Walker-Blair

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Another fortnight has passed already and we are now well in to the summer term. We've sent out a copy of the calendar for the term, if you'd like a paper copy please pop in to the office.

We had a wonderful afternoon at Danesfield on Monday for the KS2 cross country event - thank you Holly for accompanying us on the bus. Well done to Fergus, Magnus, Skye, Margot and Jacob for representing St Dubricius so beautifully.

I've attached some attendance information to the newsletter this week, and will continue to update you each newsletter on this too. Please pop in for a chat if you would like any more information on this.

I'm going to hold my 'cuppa and catch up' morning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, this time accompanied by the student council who have a few ideas on some environmental issues - if you are free to join us after worship it would be lovely for the children to share their thoughts.

Next Monday is a bank holiday so the school will be closed to all, we hope you have a wonderful long weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Walker-Blair

# Attendance:



We will be sharing our whole school attendance with you on each newsletter – our aim is for at least 95% by the end of the year! Let's work together and smash this target!

An attendance level of...	...means a pupil will miss this many days...	...and this many lessons
100%	0	0
95%	10	50
90%	19	95
80%	39	195
50%	95	475

This week: 94.4%

## Information for Parents about Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Absence from School

Following the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued for unauthorised absences recorded after 19 August 2024. This information refers to penalty notices that are considered for irregular attendance and unauthorised term-time leave.

All penalty notices are issued within the Somerset Penalty Notice Code of Conduct.

### Who can be fined?

Penalty Notices can be issued to each parent/carer of each child whose unauthorised absence meets the national threshold.

For example, in a family with two parents and three children taking unauthorised term-time leave, each parent could receive a penalty notice for each child absent from school, resulting in six penalty notices being issued.

### The National Threshold

Schools are required to consider whether a penalty notice is appropriate when a child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. 10 sessions would typically be the equivalent of five days.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be a combination of any unauthorised absence codes (G, O, N or U).

The rolling ten school week period can span terms, school years and schools.

### The First Offence

The first time a parent is issued with a penalty notice in relation to a child's absence, they will be able to pay the reduced amount of £80 if they pay within 21 days, otherwise the full amount of £160 is payable within 28 days.

### The Second Offence

If a parent is issued with a second penalty notice within three years the amount payable will be £160 within 28 days. The reduced amount will not be available.

### The Third Offence

If a parent becomes eligible for a third (or more) penalty notice within three years of the first being issued, a penalty notice can not be issued and the Local Authority will consider other measures to address attendance concerns. This may include prosecution, which could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and the parent having a criminal record. If convicted, the offence will also show on any future DBS checks.

### Not Paying a Penalty Notice

Penalty notices are only issued to parents when they have committed the offence of failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

A penalty notice gives the parent the chance to write the offence off without needing to go to court.

It is not an offence not to pay a penalty notice, but the Local Authority may then prosecute the parent for the original offence.

### The Law

Penalty notices are issued in line with Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 when a parent has failed to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

Penalty notices can only be issued when:

- ✓ A child's absence meets the national threshold
- ✓ Support has been attempted (if appropriate)
- ✓ Issuing a penalty notice is compliant with the Somerset Penalty Notice Code of Conduct

# PORLOCK DUCK RACE

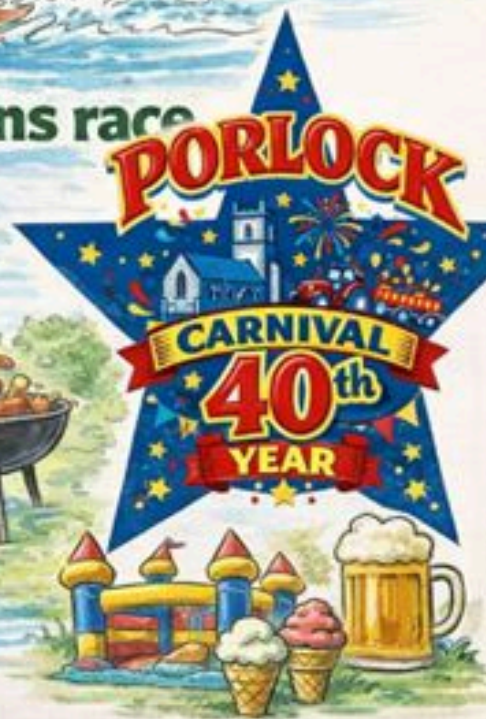
Sunday 24th of May  
Starting from 12pm



**11 races, 1 champions race**  
Bouncy castle, BBQ,  
Ice Creams, beer  
and much more

Each duck  
costs **£3**

**Sparkhayes  
Campsite**



# Wellbeing Support

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- [Click here for Support for Families](#)



# Calendar Dates

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Dates for the next few weeks:

KS2 Area Sports  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

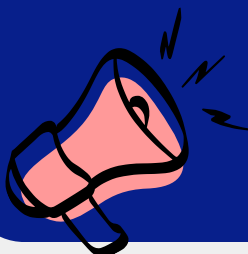
Class Photos  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Y4 MMS science visit  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Break  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May

Return to School  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

View our Online Events  
Calendar  
[Click here to find out what is  
happening in your school!](#)



# Website Information

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## Contact Details

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### SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS –

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Walker-Blair.

Our deputy leads are Miss Jennings and Mrs Pravato

Click [here](#) for all Safeguarding details.

### GENERAL SCHOOL QUERIES –

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A fundraising card for Mr Clarke, featuring a pink background with a white speech bubble. The card is decorated with several yellow circular icons containing the pound sterling symbol (£). The text inside the speech bubble includes the name 'Mr Clarke', the phrase 'I'm fundraising', and the hashtag '#RaceforLife'. Below the speech bubble, there is a QR code, the Cancer Research UK logo, the 'Race for Life' logo, and the slogan 'All In with me'.

Mr Clarke

*I'm fundraising*

#RaceforLife



CANCER RESEARCH UK

*Race for Life*

All In with me



# Exmoor Updates

## Police updates

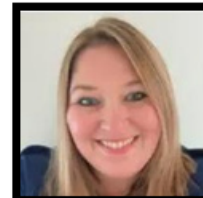
The Mini Policetook partina litter pick around the car park near the school at Exford theycollected a lot of discarded litter, The end of the 9 week programme has arrived the children were awarded certificates andabadge for their completion of the programme. The childrenhad a lovely time.



## Meet the Team



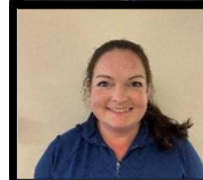
Sergeant  
Andy Gloyn



PCSO  
Supervisor  
Katherine  
Williams  
8460



Beat Manager  
PC James  
Calloway  
1200



PCSO  
Linda Moden  
8861



PCSO  
Michelle  
Haines  
8913