

# Our School Newsletter

5th June 2026



## Oaks

This week in nursery the children got a visit from some little feathery friends. They all enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a chicken. Thank you to Jenny Knight for allowing the children to have that wonderful experience.



## Discovery

The children had a lovely time exploring the Marsh and then playing in the river at Bossington



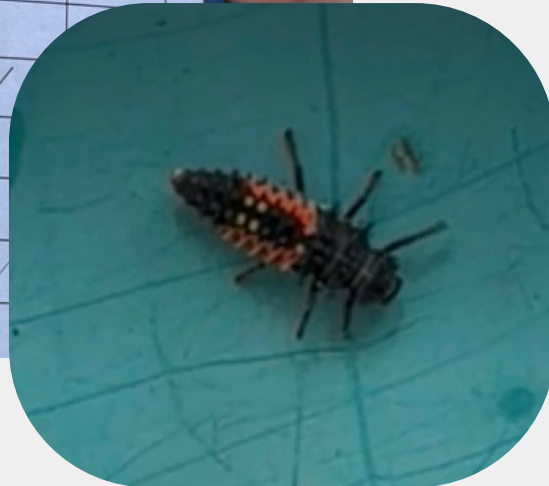
# Explorers

Explorers enjoyed their minibeast hunt as part of their science work this week. They even spotted this critter, which Elliott correctly identified. Do you know what it is?

Minibeast Recording Sheet

Complete the table as you find each minibeast. Put a tick in the box to show where each minibeast was found.

	On bark	On plants	In the sky	In the soil	Under rocks
dragonfly					
snail				✓	
bee		✓			
crane fly			✓		
ant				✓	
butterfly					
beetle					✓
woodlouse					
fly			✓		
worm					✓
millipede					



# Adventure

In Maths, we have started our new unit on right angles. The children have really enjoyed exploring and identifying right angles around the classroom and throughout the school, showing great curiosity and developing a strong understanding of the concept.



# Celebrating our Achievements



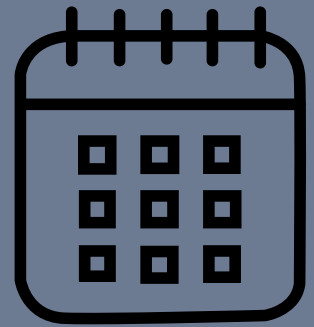


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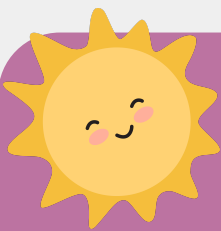


## Notices:

Please see below for upcoming calendar dates. If you would like a paper copy of what's planned so far for the whole half term, please pop in to the office 😊



## Message from Mrs Walker-Blair



Good afternoon, St Dubricius community. We've had a lovely (if a little soggy) first week back after the glorious May half term. The year 4 children have all completed their MTC checks - a huge well done to them! Next week is the phonics screen, so any final blending practice at home this weekend is much appreciated.

I am pleased to share that we have appointed Mrs Sue Legge to cover Mrs Milton's upcoming maternity leave. Mrs Legge is well known at St Dubricius and we are excited to welcome her back to look after Explorers. Mrs Legge will teach 4 days per week, and I will teach Explorers on the fifth day until the end of term.

Next Friday (12<sup>th</sup> June) I will be available for a cuppa & a chat after worship, please do pop in if you have any questions about the upcoming half term, SEND, transitions etc.



Have a wonderful weekend  
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:  
94.5%

## 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

# Wellbeing Support

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



# Calendar Dates

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Dates for the next few weeks:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Horner Farm Activity Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Y3&4 Water activities

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June Y4 water activities & Y3  
Bristol trip

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Sports Day 9:15am,  
Main School Sports Day 2pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June –  
Y4 Taunton Minster visit

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports transition Y4 MMS

View our Online Events  
Calendar

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happening in your school!](#)



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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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