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*'Sharing Kindness,
Challenging Ourselves and Others,
Achieving Excellence'*

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7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back to school and visiting them in their classrooms. Thank you for your support for the RBL Poppy appeal. We wish all of our children, veterans and serving members of the armed and emergency services taking part in Remembrance parades well on Sunday. We Will Remember.

NSPCC Fundraiser

Thanks to your very generous donations we have managed to raise a grand total of £582. I am sure this will make a big difference to the incredible work the charity does.

Anti-Bullying Week

We start the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday**. Your socks and your choice!

During the week I will be delivering themed assemblies and the children will enjoy lessons led by their teachers with the theme of Respect.

[You can find out more about anti-bullying week here.](#)

Children in Need

After much deliberation, our school council have voted to mark Children in Need Day by wearing yellow, something spotted or something colourful that brings them joy! If they prefer, they are of course welcome to wear Children in Need items (t-shirts, onesies, headbands etc). School council have suggested a minimum donation of £1 for this very worthy charity.



Please make your donation via our dedicated ParentPay page: [BBC Children In Need Donation Page](#) All donations go directly to the charity. Please note that unfortunately, we cannot accept cash donations.

Support for the school

We are really grateful to Trendlewood Church who meet here at school every Sunday. From donations collected during their Trendlewood Festival in the summer, they have kindly donated £500 to the school and £750 to the GVSA. In times where our budget is increasingly under pressure this is very much appreciated.

Also a special thank you to the GV girls who did a sale over the summer holidays and donated the money raised to the GVSA!

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A message from Clevedon and District Foodbank

“Thank you very much for supporting Clevedon and District Foodbank over the harvest festival period. Your fantastic donation of 263.35 kg of food will allow us to pack and distribute 8 family parcels to people in the local community who simply don't have enough money to buy food. Once again, thank you for your support. We really couldn't continue to support people without your ongoing support.”

They are also in need of any donations to help support people facing food crisis in North Somerset this Christmas. Donations can be delivered to one of their foodbank centres by 1st December:
<https://clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Character Award

This term we are introducing a new character award. This is for children that go the extra mile and demonstrate Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Kindness and/or Integrity. I will be giving out some special pin badges for anyone who has stood out but this will be on a very limited basis.

I am very proud of Kiana in Year 6 who is the first recipient for some Black History Month research she chose to share. Well done Kiana.

Parking

Mrs Paul and I have been working with the school council and the local PCSO to encourage responsible driving and parking around the school. We look forward to sharing more with you in the future. In the meantime, thanks to those of you that drive and park responsibly to help keep our children and families safe and respect our neighbours.

This is always a special term with so much that goes on as we build towards Christmas. We look forward to seeing many of you at the events we are hosting in December – more details with timings to follow in due course.

Yours sincerely



R Riordan
Headteacher



DIARY DATES

Please be aware that this list of dates is subject to change, and additional dates will be included when other events/activities have been finalised.

You can view the school calendar online; this contains planned dates for the whole school year: [School Calendar](#)

November 2025	
Mon 10-Fri 14	Antibullying Week (wear odd socks on Monday!)
Tues 11	Y6 trip to the Steam Museum (Y6 Steam Trip Letter) Y1 & Y2 Bristol Old Vic performance (Y1+2 Old Vic Letter)
Weds 12	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 14	Children In Need
Weds 19	Y4 trip to Chedworth (Y4 Chedworth Trip Letter) Y5+6 Sportshall Athletics Sports trip (selected children)
Thurs 20	New YR 26/27 Tour
Mon 24	Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
Weds 26	KS1 Physical Literacy Sports trip (selected children)
December 2025	
Weds 3	Y4 Christmas Festival Sports trip (selected children)
Mon 8	Y1 Carols Share a Tray
Tues 9	Y2 Nativity
Weds 10	Y2 Nativity
Fri 12	GVSA Uniform Sale
Mon 15	YR Nativity
Tues 16	YR Nativity
Weds 17	Christmas Dinner
Thurs 18	KS2 Carols
Fri 19	Christmas Parties Last day of term

Further details about most of the events will be given nearer the time where appropriate.