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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend, and I am sure like us, we can't believe half term is only 2 weeks away.

Wishing Sir David Attenborough a happy 100th birthday. Bristol is home to the BBC natural history unit and today we celebrated his achievements in a special assembly.

KS2 SATS

Next week our Year 6 children take part in the end of Key stage national assessments. We wish them good luck in the 4 mornings of tests they will take part in. All senior leaders are involved in the delivery of tests and any other issues will be picked up after that. Thank you for your understanding.

Sports Days

Sports Days will take place during this week and we would like to invite parents and carers to join us to support the children. As a reminder, the dates and timings of sports days this year are as follows:

Tues 19th May: Years R, 1 and 2 **9.30am – 11.30am (parents/carers can arrive from 9.15am)**

Wed 20st May: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 **9.30am – 11.30am (parents/carers can arrive from 9.15am)**

For the safety of pupils taking part and those still in lessons the gates will be locked once the events begin. Please only enter and exit from these gates.

The events will be held on a carousel basis so parents/carers can follow the children around ensuring to stay behind the barriers at all times. Every child will participate in every event, with some children qualifying for the finals later on in the morning.

GVSA

Thanks to GVSA for the donations that have funded a new firepit and learning resource kits in the Forest School Outdoor Learning Area raised from the Tesco Stronger Starts grant. Also wishing everyone to have fun at the school discos on Saturday night!



Big Walk and Wheel

Thanks to the efforts of our school and 32 others, North Somerset pupils made 47,848 active journeys during the challenge, with 47,848 short car trips avoided outside school gates. That's a real, tangible boost to pupils' health and wellbeing, helping create safer, cleaner and calmer spaces for children right outside the school gate in just 10 school days.

- More than half of pupils in participating schools travelled actively
- Pupils collectively covered an incredible 71,772 miles on foot, bikes, scooters and wheels
- Many schools saw strong participation levels, with some reaching 80%+, despite challenges like distance, weather and capacity

For many children, the journey to and from school is their most consistent opportunity for daily physical activity. By supporting this, you're not just changing how pupils travel – you're helping them arrive feeling more energised, focused and ready to learn. These are benefits that go far beyond the challenge itself and make a real difference to children's overall health and wellbeing. Golden Valley scored 54.42% participation for active travel to school – well done to you!

Aspens Special Menu Day

On 21st May Aspens are holding a Special Menu Day - introducing an Out of This World Theme Day! Get ready to feast among the stars and embark on a flavor-filled adventure with a menu that's bursting with fun. You can view the menus on our website: [School Meals](#). Please place your child/children's order on Aspens Select by 8am on 21st May.

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](#)

May 2026	
Mon 11	Y3 Egyptology Day
Mon 11-15	SATs Week
Tues 12	Y2 Forest School
Thurs 14	4S Swimming lessons Y1 Weston Museum trip
Fri 15	Y6 Bowling trip GVSA Uniform Sale
Mon 18-22	Sports Week
Tues 19	YR / KS1 Sports Day
Weds 20	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 21	4S Swimming lessons
Fri 22	Last day of term 5
June 2026	
Mon 1	INSET Day
Tues 2	First day of term 6
Weds 3	New YR 26/27 Information Evening
Fri 5	Y6 Cricket Sports Trip
Mon 8 – Fri 12	Y6 Camp
Tues 9	RR Farm Trip (more details to follow)
Weds 10	Y5 Quadkids Sports Trip
Tues 23	RS Farm Trip (more details to follow)
Thurs 25	Tulip Photography – class photos

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