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

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19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start this week's letter by reiterating my sincere thanks to the school staff that volunteered to support our Year 6 children at Camp last week. Mr Hamilton and I really enjoyed our visits. What stood out was the great time the children were having, how encouraging they were of each other as they face some very real physical and mental challenges, and the exemplary levels of care that our staff demonstrate.

Y5 trip to Hinkley Point

Thank you to our parent volunteers who supported both class trips to Hinkley point. Children had a great time and took part in some fantastic learning.

Year 1 and Year 4

A big well done to our children in Year 1 who completed the National Phonics Screening check last week. We look forward to sharing our impressive outcomes with parents and the wider school later in the school year.

A big well done also to our Year 4 children who completed the MTC checks recently. We will get their formal results on Monday, and similarly look forward to sharing their outcomes with parents and the school community.

Sports Days

Hopefully third time lucky and thanks for your patience and understanding. Weather looks warm so please ensure you apply suncream to your child/ren before school starts and that they have a hat / water bottle with them.

Monday 22nd June:	Years R, 1 and 2	9.30am – 11.30am (parents/carers can arrive from 9.15am)
Wed 24th June:	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.

Photo Day

Tulip Photography will be visiting school on Thursday 25 June to take class photos. Please ensure your child has their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie with them on this day. Whilst some year groups have PE on a Thursday, not all lessons will require a PE kit. Please send your child to school wearing their school uniform.

Y2 and Y4 can wear their school uniform for their PE on this day but please send your child in with their trainers in a bag so that they can change their shoes for PE. Y1 will be moving their PE day from Thursday to Friday – reminders will be sent next week.



Nailsea Carnival

We are inviting all children and pre-school siblings to join our Christmas-themed walking group in the Nailsea Carnival! Dress up as your favourite festive character and meet us at Clevedon Road car park by 12:15pm for judging. The procession starts at 1pm and ends at Scotch Horn Field. Parents must accompany their children. To sign up, please fill out the following form by Friday 26th June at 9am: [Nailsea Carnival Form](#)

Free School Meals Eligibility

From September, the DfE is expanding Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility to include all families on Universal Credit. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals for September, please apply **in the summer holidays** at: [NSC FSM](#)

In addition to this, any child who was awarded FSM entitlement over 2 years ago would have applied via an old system. These parents/carers will need to reapply via their North Somerset Citizen's account.

For more information please see the following poster and dedicated LSP webpage: [FSM Changes](#)

Social Media Ban for Children and Young People Under 16

I am sure you will be aware of the government's proposed social media ban than is planned to come in to force in the Spring of 2027. This may be a great opportunity for you to reflect on how your children may be already using social media and smart technology. I enclose a link to the proposals below if you would like to find out more.

[Fact sheet: New rules to protect children online](#)

GVSA Summer Fair – Friday 26th June

Our Summer Fair is fast approaching, and we're still looking for more volunteers to help make the event a success.

As a thank you, every volunteer will receive a free drinks token! 🍹

If you can spare an hour to help, we'd be incredibly grateful. Every volunteer makes a real difference and helps ensure the children have a fantastic afternoon: <https://signup.com/go/qxSakci>

School Car Park

We have some anecdotal evidence that an increasing number of parents are making use of the disabled spaces and hatched parking without prior agreement from the school. We don't want to start our school day by senior leaders and school staff challenging parents when you are probably already running late. Please can we politely ask that you park on the main road or at Tesco and walk. **This is a safety and consideration for others issue and we believe that we can work together to resolve this without having to bring back a car park monitor.**

Wishing our fathers a special day on Sunday.

It's Coming Home (possibly?)



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](#)

June 2026	
Mon 22	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day
Tues 23	RS Farm Trip Y3 Give it a Try Sports Trip (selected children) Y6 Forest School
Weds 24	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 25	Tulip Photography – class photos
Fri 26	Y4 Quadkids Sports Trip (selected children) GVSA Summer Fayre
Tues 30	Y6 Backwell School Transition Day Y3 Westonbirt Trip (more details to follow)
July 2026	
Tues 7	Y6 Play (afternoon performance)
Weds 8	Y6 Play (evening performance)
Thurs 9	Y6 Nailsea School Transition Day Moving Up Day
Fri 10	Y2 The Matthew & MShed Trip GVSA Uniform Sale School Reports Home
Mon 13	Y5+6 Author Visit (more details to follow)
Tues 14	Y6 Forest School
Thurs 16	Y1 Nowhere Woods Trip (more details to follow)
Mon 20	Share a Tray
Tues 21	Y6 Forest School
Weds 22	Y6 Leavers Service Last day of term

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

CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



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From September 2026, more families will be eligible for Free School Meals



Applying could save you up to £495 per child, per year, on school lunches

FREE SCHOOL MEAL EXPANSION

More families may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) from September 2026, when families receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals. There will be two types of Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026:



TARGETED FSM

Continues to be based on the existing £7,400 income threshold.



EXPANDED FSM (NEW)

Applies to meals only. Covers pupils whose households are in receipt of Universal Credit



IMPORTANT: While eligibility to Expanded FSM will be automatically granted to all recipients of Universal Credit, families will still need to apply to receive this benefit.

RECHECKS FOR ALL PUPILS CURRENTLY IN RECEIPT OF FSM

Since 2018, there has been a Free School Meal transitional protection policy to ensure that children didn't lose their free school meals if their family's income increased. This meant that free school meals entitlement has been typically locked in until the end of the child's current phase of education (e.g. end of primary or secondary school).

This protection is ending at the end of the 2025-26 academic year.

This means that all existing pupils in receipt of free school meals will need to have their entitlement rechecked before the start of September 2026. If your family's earnings exceed the FSM threshold, your child(ren) will lose their eligibility and pay for school meals from September 2026.



In most cases, these rechecks will be automatic and no action will be required by parents



NORTH SOMERSET SCHOOLS ONLY

Anyone who was awarded FSMs over 2 years ago would have applied via an old system. These parents/carers will need to reapply via their North Somerset Citizen's account.



ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS THAT BENEFITS PUPILS

Pupil Premium is extra funding given to schools for every child whose family is entitled for Targeted Free School Meals. This money makes a big difference to schools and the eligible pupils. It is often used for extra resources, school trips and additional staff. Pupil Premium will continue to be paid to schools for those pupils who have been covered by the transitional protection arrangements outlined above.

FIND OUT MORE: WWW.LSP.ORG.UK/FSM-CHANGES



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