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

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Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We loved how smart the children and staff looked today as they came in for their school photos. We are very excited about our Move Up Morning next week, with the arrival of our new reception classes and some new staff members.

We found a very funny poster about Monday morning's upcoming England match with an underlying key message that we have shared on our Facebook page. Ultimately the decision to watch a match that is on so late is up to you, but we would like our children in school and ready to learn on Monday morning (and our staff ready to teach). We plan to offer an opportunity to watch the highlights in school.

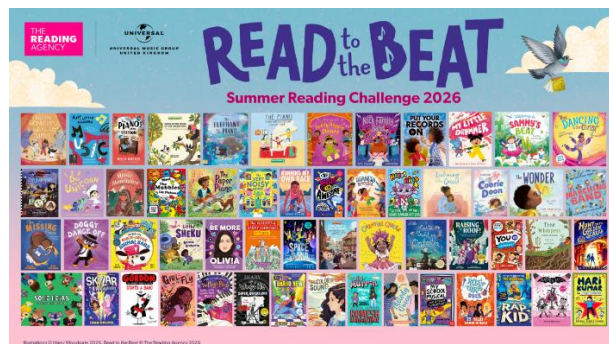
School Reports and SATS Delay

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in sharing SATs results with schools. We were expecting these to be released on the 7th of July but will not be receiving this information until Thursday the 16th of July. For parity across the school we will now send home all school reports at the end of the day on the 16th of July.

[Read more about SATs delay here.](#)

Summer Reading Challenge starting 4th July in the local library

Reading over the summer is one of the best ways to help children maintain and build their skills ready for the new school year. Just a few short reading sessions each week can make a big difference to confidence, fluency, and understanding. We strongly encourage all children to take part in the Library Summer Reading Challenge, which is a fun and exciting way to keep reading during the holidays. With rewards, goals, and a wide choice of books, it can inspire a lifelong love of reading. Remember - every page, every story, and every word read helps your child continue to grow and succeed.



Allyship for Neurodivergent/LGBTQ Training

North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together have asked us to share the following:

Join us for training on supporting your child or young person if they are neurodivergent and identify as LGBTQ+.

NSPCWT would like to invite parents and carers to a fully funded training session with Catrina Lowri from Neuroteachers for training on Allyship for you neurodivergent, LGBTQ child.

If someone is neurodiverse, they are more likely to also identify as LGBTQ+, so we wanted to make a training that can support parent carers and professionals to understand this, and gain a better understanding of LGBTQ and how to offer the appropriate support to their child or young person.

Catrina supports the North Somerset, Bristol and South Glos forums with the ASD training we provide on the 4 following subjects related to autism: sensory, anxiety, behaviour and communication. She has ample experience teaching about neurodivergent conditions, and is prepared for all questions asked. North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together are incredibly excited to extend our training offer with more diverse topics to benefit you and your families.

[Allyship for your neurodivergent, LGBTQ+ child. Tickets, Wednesday 8 July • 10 AM - 12 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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](#)

Enjoy your weekend.

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](#)

July 2026	
Tues 7	Y6 Play (afternoon performance)
Weds 8	Y6 Play (evening performance)
Thurs 9	Moving Up Day Y6 Nailsea School Transition Day
Fri 10	Y2 The Matthew & MShed Trip GVSA Uniform Sale
Mon 13	YR Magician Visit Y5+6 Author Visit
Tues 14	Y6 Forest School
Thurs 16	KS2 Sports Day Y1 Nowhere Woods Trip (more details to follow) School Reports Home
Fri 17	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
Mon 20	Share a Tray
Tues 21	Y6 Forest School
Weds 22	Y6 Leavers Service Last day of term
September 2026	
Thurs 3	INSET Day
Fri 4	INSET Day
Mon 7	First 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



LIGHTHOUSE
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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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