



St. Andrew's Newsletter 12 2025

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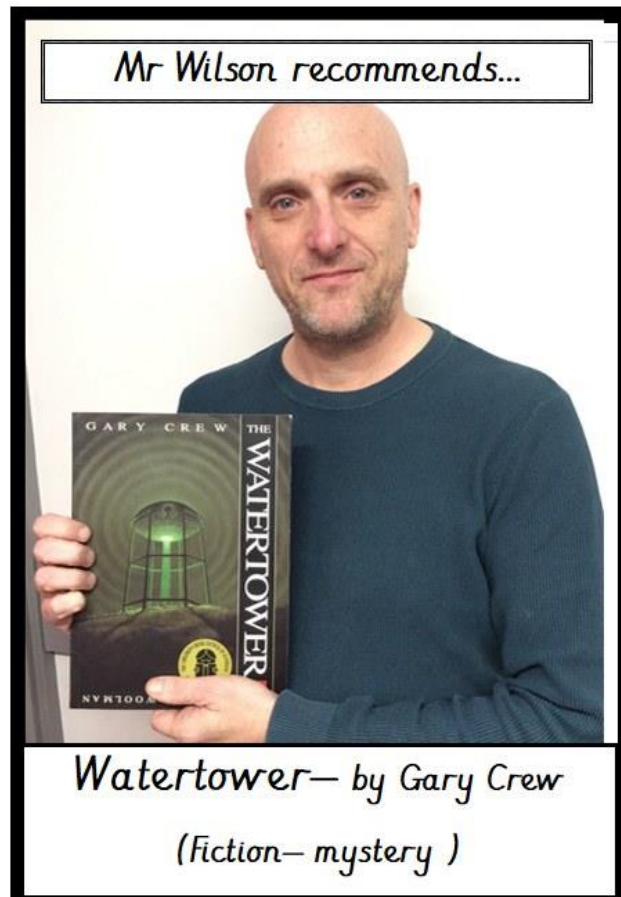
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School Award
2025

Christian Value

This term's Christian value is Justice. Please see this term's Values newsletter for more details.



We Love Reading!



Mr Wilson- The Watertower by Gary Crew

The Watertower by Gary Crew is recommended for children because it introduces them to mystery and suspense in an accessible way, encouraging curiosity and critical thinking. With its eerie, detailed illustrations and intriguing story, the book engages young readers' imaginations and invites them to explore themes of friendship, secrets, and the unknown.

Reading Survey

Thank you to parents who have completed the reading survey. Some feedback was that you would like more support in helping your child to choose books to read. The links below have information to help you with this as well as other information to help support your child at home. Please speak to your child's teacher for more recommendations.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/ages/>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/celebrate-world-book-day-at-home/>

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/themes/book-lists-for-children-and-young-people/>

Thank you for your support

Mrs Gilbert

School Meals

Save Money
Potential saving of
£450

LUNCHTIME
FREE MEAL

Healthy, nutritious and freshly made daily

EVERY child in Reception Year 1 & 2
can have a **FREE** school lunch.

Please contact reception
for details

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**
By Aspens

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BREAD

1 Bread is eaten all over the World and used in lots of different dishes such as pizzas, burgers and bread pudding!

2 Most bread is leavened, which means it is made with yeast or a rising agent to make the dough grow bigger.

3 There isn't just one type of bread. There are lots! From sourdough to ciabatta and brioche to whole-grain.

4 Whole-grain bread provides essential vitamins and minerals to maintain a healthy diet.

5 Flat breads are made from grains such as corn, barley, wheat, or rye.

Did you know?
The word sandwich is named after John Montagu who was the 4th Earl of Sandwich! He asked for his meat to be put between two slices of bread so it was easier to eat.

FUN FACTS

Remember...
Bread is a starchy food which should make up around a third of what you eat. Starchy foods provide a good source of fibre and energy for your body.

Turn over for an amazing recipe!

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BREAD

Classic White Loaf
Recipe & Method

Ingredients

500g Strong White Flour
300-325ml Lukewarm Water approx.
2 tsp Salt
1 x 7g Sachet Instant Yeast

- Heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7.
Mix 500g strong white flour, 2 tsp salt and a 7g sachet of instant yeast in a large bowl.
- Make a well in the centre, add the lukewarm water, and mix well. If the dough seems a little stiff, add another 1-2 tbsp water and mix well.
- Tip onto a lightly floured work surface and knead for around 10 mins.
- Once the dough is satin-smooth, place it in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with cling film. Leave to rise for 1 hour until doubled in size or place in the fridge overnight.
- Line a baking tray with baking parchment. Knock back the dough (punch the air out and pull the dough in on itself) then gently mould the dough into a ball.
- Place it on the baking parchment to prove for a further hour until doubled in size.
- Place into a 2lb/1kg loaf tin and dust the loaf with some extra flour. Cut a cross about 4cm long into the top of the loaf.
Bake for 25-30 mins until golden brown and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped underneath. Cool on a wire rack.

Slippery road conditions

With the changing weather and frosty mornings the roads can get quite slippery. We closely monitor the weather and grit the pedestrian paths to make sure everyone can reach the school safely. Please be mindful of the road conditions and stay safe.



Pupils that have gone above and beyond



Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship 28th February

Robin Crew - Poppy, Stanley

Kingfisher Crew - Oscar, Vienna

Jay Crew - Isabelle, Edward

Owl Crew - Arlo, Luna

Kestrel Crew - Hannah, Jonah

Falcon Crew - Lukas, Annabel

Eagle Crew - Sam G, Holly



Attendance for this academic year so far

Attendance for this academic year to 06 March 2025

| EYFS | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 91.20% | 96.04% | 94.54% | 97.17% | 90.36% | 94.09% | 94.69% |

WEMA Music Service

If anyone is interested in music lessons for their child/ren then please follow the below links:

<http://www.wema.org.uk/>


<https://uksouthglos.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Community News



Join us for a range of fun indoor and outdoor activities.
Meet other families, play with your child and have fun!

 Yeo Valley and Rural Outreach Children's Centre,
Congresbury, Bristol, BS49 5DX

 Every Tuesday: 1.30pm - 2.30pm (term time only)

Only £2 per family, drop in group, no booking needed

Facebook: @NorthSomersetCC
Instagram: @northsomersetchildrenscentres

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Parenting village coffee morning


This is a relaxed and friendly drop-in session where parents and parenting specialists will be on hand to share resources, offer support, a listening ear or just spend time talking about what it's like to be a parent.


“It takes a village to raise a child” comes from an old African proverb. It shares the message that it takes many people to provide a safe and healthy environment in which children can flourish.



 **When?** First Thursday of each month
Where? Nailsea and Backwell Children's Centre, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NP
What time? 1.30pm - 3pm

 **When?** First Friday of each month
Where? Castle Batch Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ
What time? 09:30am - 11:00am

 **When?** Second Tuesday of each month
Where? Oldmixon Family Centre, Monkton Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9DA
What time? 09:00am - 11:00am

 **When?** Third Monday of each month
Where? Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, BS21 6NN
What time? 9.30am - 11am

Scan here to learn more about our advanced parenting groups



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Are you a parent or carer of a child under two?

What do you need from your local Children's Centre?

Join our **parent/carer ideas group** and help to make a difference to children and families living in your local community.

Register your interest by emailing us at:

ccideasgroup@n-somerset.gov.uk

Or by sending us a message on Facebook or Instagram:

 North Somerset Children's Centre

 @northsomersetchildrenscentres

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After School Cycling and Friendship Club

Wednesdays 4.30pm

Join our Wednesday afternoon cycle rides for young people with additional needs. Our ride leaders support the session for an hour of cycling, friendship and fun. Sessions are free of charge and riders can use our bikes or trikes.

Rides start and finish at our base at Yatton Railway Station, taking place along the Strawberry Line Cycle Path



Starting back Wednesday 5th March 2025.

Please email us to reserve a place or for further information
strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com

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March 2025

Yatton Library Newsletter



World Book Day Competition

Please bring in a potato dressed up as our favourite children's book character before the 6th March. We will display them in the library and a winner will be picked.





Marvellous Makers Crafts

Rosie ran a really successful craft session making paper bag monsters! The children had an amazing time! We will run more in the next half term.



Teen Events

If you have 11+ aged children we'd love them to come to a Focus group at Yatton library on 18th March 3:45 -4: 45pm to discuss what teens would like here

Book Review

Charlottes Web by E B White

This is a childhood favourite of our library staff Karen and Rosie. It tells the story of a livestock pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a barn spider.



yatton.library@n-somerset.gov.uk 01934 426100



MINECRAFT CLUB

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:
codingbug.co.uk/codine-in-minecraft/

Coding in Minecraft

This is fun monthly club where children learn how to make mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

Suitable for children aged 8 – 12.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Saturday 22nd March 2025
From 9.45am - 12.45pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



facebook.com/codingbug/



HAF - Holiday Activities & Food

Dear Parents and Carers

The Department for Education provides funding for free HAF (holiday activities and food) activity days for children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (BRFSM).

There are many locations throughout North Somerset where these activity days take place during the Easter, summer and winter (Christmas) holidays.

[You can find out more about free school meals in North Somerset here.](#)

Your child may be receiving free school meals under the universal infant free school meals programme which is for all children entering school until the end of Year 2. These are not benefits-related free school meals and so this would not entitle them to free HAF activity days.

[The booking site \(Eequ\)](#) for HAF activity days in North Somerset will be open from Tuesday 11th March 2025.

Should you have any questions then please see the [North Somerset HAF page](#) or you can email HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk

Kind regards

The HAF Team

School Calendar Dates

All dates are in Annual Planner previously shared and on our website

Term Dates 2024-2025

Term 1 - Monday 02 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

Term 2 - Monday 04 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

Term 3 - Monday 06 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025

Term 4 - Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025

Term 5 - Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

Term 6 - Monday 02 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Term 1 - Tuesday 02 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025

Term 2 - Monday 03 November 2025 to Friday 19 December

Term 3 - Monday 05 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026

Term 4 - Monday 23 February 2026 to Thursday 02 April 2026

Term 5 - Monday 20 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026

Term 6 - Monday 01 June 2026 to Wednesday 22 July 2026

INSET Days for 2024 – 2025

Friday 14 February 2025

Monday 2 June 2025

INSET days 2025 – 2026

Tuesday 02 September 2025

Wednesday 03 September 2025

Monday 03 November 2025

Friday 16 January 2026

Friday 13 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2026

Upcoming Dates:

World Book Day & Family Breakfast: Thursday 6th March

Owls Worship to Parents: Monday 24th March @ 2:45pm

Parents Evening: Tuesday 25th March @ 3:40-6:40pm

Parents Evening: Thursday 27th March @ 4:00-7:00pm

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS1: Thursday 3rd April

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 4th April

PTA Easter Egg Hunt TBC: Friday 4th April

Y1 Trip to Museum/Beach: Thursday 8th May

SATs Week & SATs Breakfast: Monday 12th – Friday 16th May

Jay Worship to Parents: Monday 12th May @ 2:45pm

Y6 Camp: Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May

PTA BBQ TBC: Friday 23rd May

PTA Mufti Day: Friday 23rd May

Sports Day KS2 – Thursday 19th June @ AM

Sports Day KS1 – Friday 20th June @ AM

Kingfishers Worship to Parents: Monday 23rd June @ 2:45pm

Permission to Play: Friday 4th July

Rocksteady Concert for Parents & KS2: Thursday 17th July

Y6 Leavers Service: Monday 21st July

PTA Mufti Day: Tuesday 22nd July

Contacts

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