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18th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

TERM 1 COMPLETE!

Thank you to staff, children, governors and parents for all your hard work, support and co-operation during this term. It has been a challenging 15-week term, but progress continues and we have been rewarded with the information shared last week (& below) about our impressive rise in academic performance.

As we reflect on the past term, so many highlights have been achieved – including new staff joining, Nativities, Sports Matches, Events and Festivals, Clubs, Open mornings / afternoons, Maths Challenges, cycling proficiency, Music performances, education trips (food production farm, churches, countryside), assessment week, Parents Evenings, Christmas Meal, RSPCA visit, Citizens Speaking Events, x2 Golden Miles, Staff Professional Development ...the list goes on! Our Nursery also continues to flourish and with our new Nursery Manager, Ms Smith, the provision keeps on growing. Mrs John and Kim are still supporting the Nursery until the New Year. Our Wrap Around Care is also progressing with a regular number of children attending – thank you to my staff for supervising this essential provision.

**Friday 19th December is an INSET day.
Nursery and School reopen on Monday 5th January.**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Mr Upham** who has achieved this NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headteacher). This intensive training over the last 18 months will prepare him for career progression. Exciting times ahead – very well done!

Christmas Meal – Roasting Success!

Thank you to **Jen and her team** for an excellent Christmas Meal on Wednesday. A high number of children enjoyed the meal too – thank you for ordering. It was nutritious, flavoursome and top quality. Good work team and thank you for all your continued hard work.

Have you secured your child's place in Reception for September 2026?

If you have a child who will be joining our school in September 2026, the deadline is 15th January 2026. **According to Admissions, we have less than 10 places left!** If you do not submit your application, you may miss out. Great news as our reputation continues to improve.



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Parent Survey Results – 74/100 family responses. Thank you.

Thank you to the 74% of families who responded to our recent Parent Survey. (Highest % response across all RHT Schools.) Positive feedback, with things to further improve and rest assured, we will. Parents views submitted will be discussed and ideas will be taken into consideration to further develop.

My Senior Leadership Team work exceptionally hard to lead our school community, and it is positive parents appreciate the role served. All staff are very professional and proactive to manage any poor behaviours and so pleasing 80% parents believe we are effective, with another 10% parents ticking N/A.

The SEND question (Qu.6) is low as 74.3% ticked N/A as they do not have a link with SEND, so understandably didn't feel it was appropriate to comment. We are pleased 93% or more at least agree to the first 4 questions. Children feeling happy and safe (Qu.1) allows them to be in the best possible position to positively enjoy their learning (Qu.2) and make progress (Qu.3)

Question	Return Count	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
1 My child feels happy and safe in school	74							43 58.1%	26 35.1%	2 2.7%	2 2.7%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%
2 My child has a positive attitude to school and learning	74							49 66.2%	20 27.0%	1 1.4%	4 5.4%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
3 My child is progressing well at school	74							42 56.8%	27 36.5%	2 2.7%	2 2.7%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%
4 As a parent/carer I understand how important it is to support my child's learning	74							55 74.3%	17 23.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.4%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%
5 The school has high expectations for my child and encourages them to achieve	74							39 52.7%	27 36.5%	5 6.8%	2 2.7%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%
6 My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need	19							9 47.4%	4 21.1%	5 26.3%	1 5.3%	0 0.0%	55 74.3%
7 I know the school expectations and how to support my child's learning	74							36 48.6%	32 43.2%	3 4.1%	3 4.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
8 Senior Leaders manage the school efficiently	74							42 56.8%	22 29.7%	6 8.1%	2 2.7%	2 2.7%	0 0.0%
9 School addresses poor behaviour and any incidents effectively	67							28 41.8%	27 40.3%	10 14.9%	2 3.0%	0 0.0%	7 10.4%
10 Communication to parents is effective	74							38 51.4%	24 32.4%	4 5.4%	7 9.5%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%
11 School provides a wide range of additional experiences for my child	74							27 36.5%	30 40.5%	9 12.2%	7 9.5%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%
12 The school is always looking for ways to improve	74							41 55.4%	24 32.4%	7 9.5%	1 1.4%	1 1.4%	0 0.0%
13 I would recommend this school to other parents and carers	74							48 64.9%	19 25.7%	4 5.4%	1 1.4%	2 2.7%	0 0.0%
Summary								497 51.7%	299 31.1%	58 6.0%	35 3.6%	11 1.1%	62 6.4%

Academic Performance – 3-year trend is positive!

Leaving this in for this week as it is so great.... The DfE has just released data about our performance in Reading, Writing and Maths. Whilst you may recall we achieved the highest SATs results this year, our 3-year trend is equally impressive. Well...

We are now broadly IN-LINE with National Average in Maths and Reading.



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In addition, we are now **ABOVE Somerset's Average in Reading and Maths**. It highlights all the hard work and excellent improvements we continue to make in the school. Thank you!

Inspection Framework – Launched November 2025.

The new Inspection framework (OFSTED) has recently been released. In the New Year, information will be shared with the school community. There are now **8 individual aspects** to be scrutinised, including Attendance, and we will struggle to achieve what is deserved unless our attendance improves, which after Term 1 stands at 93% - 2% below expected, with 36 children below 90% attendance. **6.5 days absent for this term will be below 90%** - the only way to improve this is not to miss another day.

*On behalf of my staff and governors, may I wish all families a happy and healthy Christmas / holiday.
Sending best wishes for a positive 2026.*

Nick Arnold