



Catcott News

50th Edition – Friday 26th January 2024

Whole School Attendance Figures

22nd – 26th January 2024

87.4 Attendance

This week's attendance information:

Reception & Year 1 85.9%

Year 2 83.8%

Year 3 81.2%

Year 4 94.5%

Year 5 & 6 89.1%

Houses –

Robins 86.7%

Goldfinches 90%

Woodpeckers 90%

Kingfishers 88.1%

Seasonal Illness

IRIS

ParentMail

Telephone: 01278 722527

Dear Families,

As I look out of my window today, the sun is shining and the first snowdrops are beginning to raise their heads, Spring is on its way!

This week the children have been out and about, Reception walked to Gwillams to buy ingredients to make porridge. Let's hope Goldilocks wasn't hungry. Year Two walked to a local farm as part of their water work and Year Five travelled to Shepton Mallet to learn about all things Crime and Punishment.

Year Three have been busy in Forest School and we all took part in the Big Schools Birdwatch. What a busy week.

Along the way, we had the excitement of an unexpected visit from the Fire Brigade, and we have begun to use our new Opal equipment.

At this time of year, we are often struck with winter bugs, this week alone we have cases of, Scarlet fever, Chicken Pox, Flu and Strep. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, and if you are taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, we would love to hear about it.

Laura Constanza

As the winter weather has crept in, we have been hit with the dreaded seasonal illnesses. Unfortunately, we have had cases of Strep A, Scarlett Fever, Chicken Pox, and Flu circulating the school over the past 2 weeks.

Please can we ask that if you feel your child is well enough to attend school, but needs medicine or antibiotics throughout the day, that you fill in a medication form. Without this, we cannot administer your child's medicine.

Guidance on these illnesses and when/when not to send your child back to school is available through the NHS website - [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Forest School this Term

YEAR 3 – 23rd January 2024

School Values –
Compassion, Creativity,
Curiosity

This week Year 3 were
making Bird Den's to
correlate with the National
Bird Watch happening
today.

They were focusing on the
types of local birds that we
may see, robins, bluetits,
starlings, and woodpeckers.

They created bird feeders
out of waffle ice cream
cones that can be seen
dotted around the school
field.

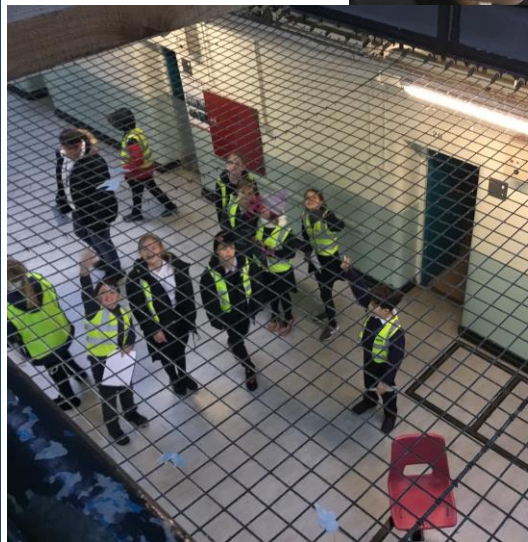
Using binoculars, they
searched the school field for
birds.



Year 5 & 6 Trip to Shepton Mallet Prison

On Tuesday Year 5 & 6 had their trip to Shepton Mallet Prison. The children learnt about Crime & Punishment through the ages and got to experience life as a prisoner by visiting the cells, and even hearing about some resident ghosts that live at Shepton Prison.

The trip was a success and the children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Year 2 Walk

Year 2 have been learning about how to look after the environment. We went on a protest to save the local stream in Catcott from being polluted, linked to our work in Literacy based on the book 'We are Water Protectors'. We had great fun splashing in the water and chanting our messages of support!



Burger & Bingo Night 02.02.24

ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!

The upcoming PTA fundraiser event is being held at Catcott Primary School Hall; all children are welcome!

The deadline for food is now closed, only refreshments can be purchased on the night. Places STILL available to play Bingo - to book you Bingo space please book via ParentMail under events.

Cash Only and Bingo Books £5.00 available on the door.

IF you are unable to attend this PTA event but would still like to purchase Raffle Tickets you can do so from the school Office from now and all next week. There are some amazing prizes to be won!

Tickets CAN be purchased on the evening too.

Raffle Ticket Prices - £1 for 2 names and £5 for 5 names.



Catcott PTA presents

BURGER & BINGO NIGHT!

FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

Doors open 6pm, eyes down at 6:30pm in the school hall
CASH ONLY, BINGO BOOKS £5.00, AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

Fun for all the family!
Amazing bingo and raffle prizes to be won...

- Strode Swimming Pool - Family Swim
- Quayside Trampoline & Gym Club - Sunday Family Fun Session
- Wookey Hole Caves - Family Ticket
- Longleat - Family Day Ticket
- Scott Cinema - Tickets For 2
- Haynes Motor Museum - Family Ticket
- Rural Life Museum - Family Ticket
- Grand Pier - 2x Tickets for Unlimited Rides
- Noah's Ark Zoo Farm - Day Ticket for 2
- Richs Cider Farm - Cider Gift Set
- Chocolates, Biscuits & Prosecco

Burger & Chips kindly being supplied and donated by The Red Tile Inn, Cossington for food on the night!

Please come and support this fundraiser. Book your space via Parentmail.



Wells Cathedral Activities This Half Term!

At Wells Cathedral, we have three great value days of trails and crafts for children to enjoy with their families this February half-term.



FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT WELLS CATHEDRAL: SAINTS AND SONGBIRDS

Kick-off the half term holiday with our selection of family trails and creative workshops for children:

Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Saints and Songbirds

February 2024

Kick-off half term with our selection of family trails and creative workshops for children:

- Stitch a Story** Monday 12 February
Explore some of the incredible Cathedral needlework and embroideries, then create your own design.
- Make a Bird Feeder** Tuesday 13 February
Help to feed our feathered friends through the hungry gap, play a card game, and go on a Cathedral safari!
- Celebrate the Saints** Wednesday 14 February
Follow our Saints trail this Valentine's Day! You may not find St Valentine in the Cathedral, but there'll be plenty of lovely crafts on offer!

Scan to book: 

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)
£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE
Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities

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Wednesday 14th December: CELEBRATE THE SAINTS

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Book online at [Family Holiday Activities](https://www.familyholidayactivities.com) | [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

Craft sessions 10-11:15, 11:15-12:30 and 2-3:15

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accompanying adults FREE.

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Bridgwater Library Activities This Half Term!

Bridgwater library have some fantastic events coming up this February half term at Bridgwater Library, including Alice in Wonderland themed events in partnership with the Bridgwater Cultural Partnership (BCP) and a 'Fascinating and Curious Museum' session with the Southwest Heritage Trust!

Our next colouring competition is Alice in Wonderland themed and we're asking children to design their own 'Drink Me' Potion! This is running from Thursday 1st February until Thursday 29th February. Entries can be submitted in person or can be sent to us by email at brwlib@somerset.gov.uk or via Facebook Message to Somerset Libraries Bridgwater.

Our Alice in Wonderland themed treasure hunt will be running from Saturday 10th February until Saturday 17th February. Treasure hunt sheets can be collected from a member of staff at the library enquiry desk. In partnership with the BCP, we're running a story time session with Alice and the White Rabbit on Tuesday 13th February from 11:30-12:00. This event is a drop-in so there's no need to book, just come along and join us!

Fascinating & Curious Museum

Introduce your children to unique heritage objects at Bridgwater Library



The South West Heritage Trust will be at **Bridgwater Library** to give your children hands-on experience with a range of heritage objects including a gramophone, vintage rocking horse, reel-to-reel tape recorder and much more in our portable museum.

Join us for this fun, creative and FREE session designed for young children aged 2-4. Explore the 'Fascinating & Curious Museum' then create shadow puppets using simple paper folding and cutting techniques with local artist Andrea Oke.

Time: 10:30am-12:30pm

Date: Thursday 15th February 2024

This is part of 'The Stories That Make Us' project, working with communities to develop creative opportunities to explore and celebrate cultural heritage and local distinctiveness. Supported by Arts Council England.

These sessions are **free** to attend but please book your place using this [LINK](#) or scan the QR code to avoid disappointment.

We hope to see you there!



[February Half Term Colouring Competition - please click here to access the pictur.png \(1414x2000\)](#)

BRIDGWATER LIBRARY PRESENTS...

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

FREE EVENTS!

- 10th–17th Feb**
Alice in Wonderland Treasure Hunt
- All Month**
'Drink Me' Potion Colouring Competition
- 13th Feb**
11:30am–12pm
Story Time with Alice & the White Rabbit
- 15th Feb**
10:30am–12:30pm
South West Heritage 'Curios' Session (bookable online)
- 13th Feb**
2pm & 3pm
'Mad Hatter's Hat' Craft (bookable)

Somerset Council

Reception Walk

Reception walked all the way to Gwilliams and back this week, they did amazingly!

They browsed the shop to find the ingredients that they would need to make porridge for Goldilocks and the Three Bears!



Pre-Grade Introductory Piano Exam

A massive congratulations to **Eddie Carr** in Year 6 who received a **DISTINCTION** in his piano exam this week.

Mrs Wills is extremely proud of how hard you've been working, and it is well deserved!

Well done, Eddie!



House Points

This week's House Points,
well done Kingfishers!

