



Churchstanton Catch-up

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had an amazing summer and managed to enjoy some of the marginal outbreaks of sun in this country or travelled abroad for some consistent sunshine. Typically the sun came out blazing upon our return, however this made for a delightful start to the term as children were able to exploit our vast outdoor space.

Although we will miss the previous year 6 children, it is great to see the new year 6 cohort stepping up to the mark already. I was especially impressed by their presentation skills during celebration assembly, as they delivered and created a pitch to be either a captain or vice-captain of their respective houses. It'll be a tough decision as all the children's proposals were strong and incredibly convincing. We also celebrated Ready, Set, Read as pictured below and again I was blown away by the number of entries, number of books read and variety of genres!

Across the school the children have settled really well and enjoying their new topics and year groups, especially our 8 reception children, who are displaying excellent manners, in line with our current value this ½ term 'respect' at all times.

The teachers for each year group have finished their whole year curriculum plans based on Cornerstones Maestro, which they will present to you on the forthcoming curriculum evenings. They will also be posted on our website with a link to each document. We also have a number of new clubs as you will be aware and we will be looking to expand on these.

Our building focus this term is to revamp Badger Class with a fresh coat of paint and rendering, so if any parents feel they would like to support myself and Mr Gant on this please get in touch and we'd welcome any support.

Thanks as always for your continued feedback and support,

Matt Watson.

Headteacher



Safeguarding: We take child protection extremely seriously at our school and this is especially important during any school closure. If you have any concerns you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Request for Donations

Mrs Archer and Mrs Bamford, have been working tremendously hard in getting our school garden looking it's best, If anyone would like to donate any spring flower bulbs (excluding daffodils) to the school to help Badger class with there gardening project, the school would be so grateful. If you would like to donate any bulbs please drop to the school office.

Squirrel Class have been taking part in a weaving project with Mrs Archer, If anyone would like to donate any spare yarn, ribbon or wool to the school to help Squirrel Class with their weaving project, we would be very grateful, this can be dropped at the school office.

Our Harvest Assembly will be taking place on the 12th October, unfortunately this is only for the students to participate in, due to capacity of the school hall. Donations will need to got to the school office by the 9th October, and then all donations will go to Taunton food bank. See below on what is needed/not needed, that I have added from there;

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- SMALL TINS COLD MEAT E.G. HAM, CORNED BEEF, SPAM
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- TINNED FRUIT
- SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE
- UHT DAIRY MILK
- CLEAN STRONG CARRIER BAGS

PLEASE NO MORE

- CEREAL
- BAKED BEANS
- TEA
- SANITARY ITEMS
- PET FOOD
- SOYA/PLANT/OAT AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE MILK

[Donate food | Taunton Foodbank](https://www.taunton.foodbank.org.uk)

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10 MILE WALK FOR CHURCHINFORD PRESCHOOL



(DRESSED AS TELETUBBIES!)

Saturday 23rd September



Caroline



Chris



Clair



James



Raising money for a

FUN-TASTIC

childcare setting

Scan the QR code
or use the sponsorship forms at The
York Inn, Churchinford Shop and
Churchinford Preschool

[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/
10milewalkforchurchinfordpreschool](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/10milewalkforchurchinfordpreschool)



Request for Volunteers

Dear parents/carers,

We are looking for some willing **volunteers** to help enrich and enhance our new curriculum. If you feel you can offer some time and skills to help, please **contact the school office**.

Due to our teachers managing an ever increasing workload and greater demands being placed on our time nationally, we are looking to enlist parents to support us and work together with us to provide and continue important traditions.

Do you have a keen interest in **gardening**? We are looking for a volunteer to run a gardening club.

KS1 and KS2 are looking for volunteers to hear our reading boosters.

As we are establishing a new and exciting curriculum we would also be interested in inviting parents to share skills relevant to our new topics to enhance our curriculum.

If you feel you can offer us some time and skills or if you can support us in any way please contact the school office and we can organise DBS clearance.

Thank you for all your support,

The Churchstanton Team.



Classroom Catch-up



Hedgehog Class

Welcome back Hedgehog Class. We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday.

We would like to welcome our new reception children. They have settled in really well and are enjoying school life.

We are looking forward to meeting you all at our curriculum evening next week when we can tell you more about our curriculum and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Squirrel Class

"Firstly, I would like to say a big welcome to Squirrel Class for our new Year 3s and welcome back to the Year 4s. All the children have started the year wonderfully and have got off to a flying start. This term we are diving into the Anglo-Saxons, creating our writing from Terry Jones' book 'The saga of Eric the Viking', a series of short stories about monsters and adventure!

The children are also learning about food, looking at food chains, preserving food and our digestive system. They are also getting ready to create their own food product to package and preserve, ready to be sent home for everyone to enjoy! Yum

I am very excited for the year ahead and I know the children are too."

Badger Class

Badger Class pupils have been working extremely hard since returning to school and have all settled in really well. The Year 6 children have taken on all their new responsibilities within the school, as well as their new buddy roles to our new Reception children. In the first few days of school, Year 6 also took part in the Bikeability course and proved a great credit to our school.

In English, we have studying how to write relative clauses and in Maths we are all looking at place value, comparing numbers and rounding.

Celebration Catch-up

Head teacher certificates

Hedgehog Class:

Rupert– For a great start to year 2

Eddie - For great writing in history

Squirrel Class:

Felix Foxwell for being a Mega Motivator in Geography

Badger Class:

All of year six for bike ability

Maple - For setting a good example

House Points (so far this School year)...

Blackdowns	137
Brendons	102
Mendips	108
Quantocks	112



PTA Catch-up



Churchstanton Primary PTA

working on behalf of the school

We need a new chair

It could be you!

*Do you have the drive and enthusiasm to be our
next PTA chair?
If so, get in touch*

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AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome

Stay informed and get involved

Thursday 21st September, 7pm
The York Inn



Christmas Craft Fair

@ Churchinford

Free **Village Hall** Free
parking entry

Sunday 12th November
1 - 5pm

*Supporting over 20 small businesses,
come and find the perfect gift!*

Refreshments available!

*Proceeds raising money for the Royal
British Legion and Churchstanton
School*



THE SOUND OF THE STREETS STREET DRUMMING DAY

Sept 23rd | 12pm - 5pm
Castle School Music Dept



Two of the country's top drum group leaders are running this day for anyone interested in Street Drumming!

Want to play in, lead or create a street drumming group or just make a great rhythmic noise?

Come along & learn from leading drum tutors, Therese Johnston & Ben McCabe

Free - All ages welcome!

To book, email tim@thesoundofthestreets.com

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THE SOUND OF THE STREETS FESTIVAL 2023



SEPT 29TH - OCT 1ST
Taunton | Goodland Gardens & around the town

THE SOUND OF THE STREETS FESTIVAL RETURNS TO TAUNTON FOR 2023!

A FREE weekend of music with performances from Perhaps Contraption, Ilu Axé, Tongues of Fire, Wonderbrass, The Ambling Band, Brass Junkies & more!
Plus lots of opportunities to join in with workshops & participatory sessions led by fantastic musicians.

Find full details & programme online:
thesoundofthestreets.com
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THE SOUND OF THE STREETS HONK! STREET BAND DAY

Sept 24th | 11am - 4pm | FREE
Taunton Brewhouse



A day for all players of brass, wind and percussion with lots of learning and playing by ear.

Street bands are one of the musical wonders of the world, playing joyful music full of grooves and life!

Explore the exciting world of street bands with Helen Minshall and Paul McLaughlin from Brass Band England, Ben McCabe from Lancashire Music and Therese Johnstone from Boom Dang.

To book email: tim@thesoundofthestreets.com

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Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

September:

- 20th September - Squirrel class sports festival at Castle School
- 20th September Newsletter/ Catch up
- 27th September - curriculum evening
KS1: 5:30pm-6:00pm - Including reception
KS2: 6:00pm-6:30pm
- 28th September - Whole School Flu Vaccinations

October:

- 16th October - Tempest Photography - Family groups and Individual photos.
- 18th October Newsletter/ Catch up
- 20th October - Last Day Of Term
- 30th October - Return to school
- 30th October - Squirrel Class
- Swimming lessons.

November:

- 3rd November - Halloween Disco
- 3:30 - 4:30pm KS1
- 4:45 - 5:45pm KS2
- 12th November - Churchinford Xmas fair 1-5pm School Choir to Perform
- 13th November - Badger Class Kilve Court Trip
- 17th November - Badger Class
- Return From Kilve Court Trip
- 22nd November—Newsletter/ Catch up

December:

- 11th December - Squirrel Class Last Swimming Lesson
- 13th December—Newsletter/ Catch up
- 15th December - Last Day Of Term

January 2024:

- 1st January - Bank Holiday
- 2nd January - Inset Day
- 3rd January - Return to School

2023-2024 Term Dates and Inset Days



Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2023/2024 Academic Year

September 2023						October 2023						November 2023								
M			4	11	18	25	Mo		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
T			5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	T			7	14	21	28
W			6	13	20	27	We		4	11	18	25		W		1	8	15	22	29
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26		Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		1	8	15	22	29	Fr		6	13	20	27		F		3	10	17	24	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28		S		4	11	18	25	
Su		3	10	17	24		Su	1	8	15	22	29		S		5	12	19	26	
December 2023						January 2024						February 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27
W			6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25		Th		1	8	15	22	29
F		1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26		F		2	9	16	23	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24	
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	
March 2024						April 2024						May 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			7	14	21	28
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Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		5	12	19	26	
June 2024						July 2024						August 2024								
M			3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
Tu			4	11	18	25	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27
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Sa		1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24	31
Su		2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 20 October 2023 (33 days)
Term 2: 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)
Term 3: 03 January – 9 February 2024 (28 days)
Term 4: 20 February – 28 March 2024 (28 days)
Term 5: 15 April – 23 May 2024 (28 days)
Term 6: 03 June – 24 July 2024 (38 days)

TOTAL = 190

Bank and public holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day	25 December 2023	Easter Monday	01 April 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2023	May Day Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
New Year's Day	01 January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.