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Dear Parents/Carers,

School closes today for the half-term break and re-opens on Monday 3rd November.

Keeping Children Safe Online During the Half-Term Break

As we approach the half-term holiday, we know that many of our children will enjoy using tablets, computers and other devices to play games, watch videos, or chat with friends and family. While the internet offers wonderful learning opportunities, it's important that our youngest children use it safely and responsibly.

Children aged 4 to 6 are still learning how to make sense of the online world, and they rely on adults to help them stay safe. We kindly ask that you take a few minutes to review your child's online activity and settings over the break.

Here are a few simple tips to help protect your child:

- **Supervise use** – Young children should always use devices where adults can see and hear them.
- **Use child-friendly apps and websites** – Stick to age-appropriate games and videos. Many platforms have dedicated 'Kids' versions with built-in filters.
- **Set parental controls** – Use safety settings on apps, YouTube, and search engines to limit what children can access.
- **Talk openly** – Remind your child that if they ever see or hear something online that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should tell an adult straight away.
- **Limit screen time** – Balance online fun with plenty of outdoor play, reading, and family activities.

You can find excellent free advice and guides on the **National Online Safety**, **Childnet**, and **NSPCC (Net Aware)** websites.

By working together, we can help our children enjoy the benefits of technology safely and confidently.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our pupils safe both in school and at home.

Starting School or Moving to Junior School in September 2026

If your child is due to start school or move up to a junior school next September, please apply for their school place on Somerset Council's website as follows:

Starting school for the first time:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>

Starting at a junior school:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-junior-or-middle-school/>

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Helpful Food Apps for families

You may find one of these food apps helpful to support you and your family during the current cost of living crisis. I have included a link to the websites, but all are available as apps for your mobile devices.

Food- [Samsung Food: Meal Planner - Apps on Google Play](#) No need for a trip to the store. Find recipes you can cook using the ingredients you already have (or need to use up fast!) in your fridge or pantry. Reduce food waste, make proper use of leftovers, and save money and time by using what you already have on hand.

Olio- [Olio - Your Local Sharing App](#) A local sharing app for getting things you need and sharing what you don't with people living nearby.

From free food and clothes to books and toys, turn your useless into someone else's useful on Olio – and help fight waste.

Give and get for free; lend and borrow for free; or buy and sell pre-loved items.

You can also get discounted food from local stores to make your weekly food shop cheaper.

Too good to go- [Save Good Food From Going To Waste - Too Good To Go](#) Rescue tasty unsold food from local stores for ½ price or less.

Too Good To Go is your smart way to enjoy tasty food at great value, while doing good for the planet. The #1 app to reduce food waste helps you save delicious, unsold snacks, meals, and ingredients from local shops, cafés, supermarkets, restaurants, and top brands—all at great prices.

After the half-term break:

Poppies

As usual, we will be helping to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling poppies (as well as wristbands, zip pulls etc) in school and nursery. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send them in with their donation (suggested £1.00) from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November.

Thank you for your support.

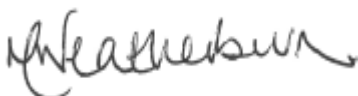
Scholastic book fair from Wednesday 5th November.

Online safety workshop Monday 11th November – children bringing booking slips home straight after half-term.

Children in Need – wear something spotty on 14th November for a suggested donation of £1.00.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or need any further support. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher