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# ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

June/July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very special term for us all. From Sports Days, trips and visits to Y6 Leavers Service in church and Celebration Worship this week, it has been special to experience this as a whole school together!

The summer term is also the time when learning truly comes together and we see just how far the children have come in their learning journey. Their perseverance, resilience and hard work, with the careful planning, facilitation and support from our teaching team, as well as your commitment to home learning, has ensured we've covered required content and made the progress targeted. I hope you feel as proud of your child or children as we do.

It's also a term for goodbyes and welcomes. We wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck when they start their new secondary schools in September. They have shown that they are ready, led a brilliant worship in church full of memories and future dreams and aspirations and we are sure they will go on to bright and successful futures. We say thank you and goodbye to Mr Robertson and wish him well for his new chosen career path.

We welcome Mrs Pickett who will join our staff team as our new Owls teacher. Y2 Magpies have met and are looking forward to learning with Mrs Pickett in Y3 in September. We also welcome Mrs Palmer who will be teaching in Reception Robins for one day a week to allow me to teach Y5 maths next year. We are very much looking forward to our new Robins joining our school and beginning their journey with us.

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I wish you all a very happy summer break and hope you have fun, rest and enjoyable times with family and friends!

Kind regards  
*Pippa Cohen*  
Headteacher

## TERM DATES for 2022-2023:

<b>01.09.22</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to children</b>
<b>02.09.22</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to children</b>
05.09.22	Term 1 starts; Y5&6 Swimming starts
	YR morning or afternoon sessions
12.09.22	YR morning or afternoon sessions
13.09.22	Nightingales & Kingfishers Parent Meeting
14.09.22	Magpies & Falcons Parent Meeting
15.09.22	Robins and Owls Parent Meeting
19.09.22	YR mornings with lunch
21.09.22	Photos – Portraits & Siblings
26.09.22	YR in full-time
12.10.22	Flu Vaccinations for whole school
	Learning Showcase
14.10.22	Celebration Worship
18.10.22	Parent Consultation Evening
20.10.22	Parent Consultation Evening
21.10.22	End of Term 1
<b>Half Term 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	
31.10.22	Term 2 starts for all children
16.12.22	End of Term 2
<b>Christmas Holiday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>03.01.23</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to children</b>
04.01.23	Term 3 starts for all children
10.02.23	End of Term 3
<b>Half Term 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	
<b>20.02.23</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to children</b>
21.02.23	Term 4 starts for all children
31.03.23	End of Term 4
<b>Easter Holiday 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
17.04.23	Term 5 starts for all children
<b>01.05.23</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
26.05.23	End of Term 5
<b>Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> May- 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
05.06.23	Term 6 starts for all children
<b>23.06.23</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to children</b>
21.07.23	End of Term 6

Start of next academic year is 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.  
INSET days tbc



A big well done to all the children who received certificates in Term 6 for their progress, success and achievement with their learning behaviours ☺

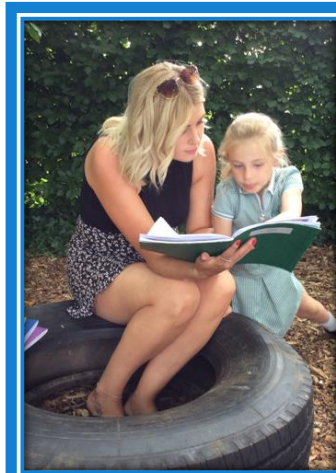


# Learning Showcase





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## Year R Wild Science



Giant Snail

Robin Class enjoyed a hands-on wild science workshop to enhance their current learning about "minibeasts" and reptiles this week. The children loved touching, holding and interacting with them!



Snake



Bearded Dragon



Millipede



Madagascan hissing cockroach





## Year 2 Synagogue Trip

As part of their Judaism enquiry, Year 2 Magpies have been considering 'What do Jewish people believe about Torah?'. They visited the Bristol and West Progressive Synagogue for a fantastic interactive visit. They were able to explore Jewish artefacts, sing songs, taste Challah bread and most importantly see the amazing





## Year 3 Cheddar Caves

Year 3 Owls enjoyed a trip to Cheddar Gorge to learn more about the Stone Age.

We learned about how Stone Age tools were made, tried on some Stone Age clothes and found out how to light a fire!

Owls enjoyed exploring the caves where they travelled back millions of years, back to when the rocks were formed. Our Caveman expert was blown away by the thoughtful and insightful questions that Year 3 asked.

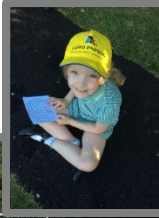
Myself, Miss Juden and Mrs Manship were very impressed with the knowledge that Year 3 demonstrated throughout the trip and we can all agree that we had a wonderful day.





# Spirituality Day

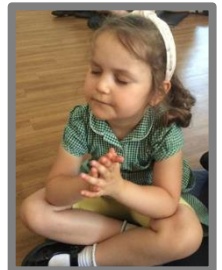
*Labyrinths*



*Our Spirituality Day this month, gave us the opportunity to think together about the definition of spirituality.*

*All children had the chance to try five different activities, each of which provided an experience to allow us to wonder and respond in different ways.*

*The Wonder of Art*



*Natural World*



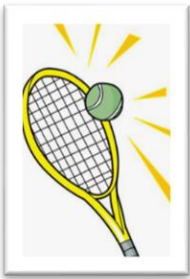
*Music Moves the Spirit*



*Awesome Objects*







# Tennis Coaching

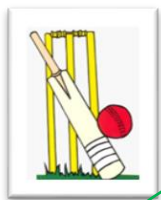


A big Thank you to Mr H from Premier Sports for the brilliant professional tennis coaching for Kingfishers and Falcons this term. The tennis coaching has supported the terrific 'in school curriculum' tennis this term, which has developed and enhanced their tennis skills further.





# Cricket Coaching



"Josh was great.  
He made it really  
fun"



"I really enjoyed our  
warm-up where we  
did so many  
different things."



"I was surprised by how  
far I could hit the ball."



Every child in the school from Reception to Year 6 have enjoyed and developed their Cricket skills this term with some fantastic coaching by Josh Keene from Cranmore Cricket Club.  
The children focused on key skills to be used in a game. Josh was very impressed by the children's enthusiasm and progress seen with bowling the ball and batting the ball to score runs.

"I couldn't hit the  
stumps at first but now  
I'm really good at it."



"I think my golfing  
helped me do well with  
batting."



If your child is interested in joining Cranmore Cricket Club please see the details below:

**Friday evenings 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

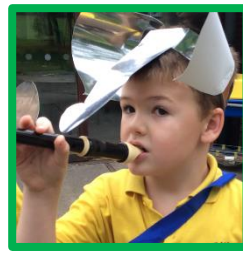
**Cranmore Cricket Club**

**BA4 4RP**

Please contact Josh Keene in advance to register an interest.

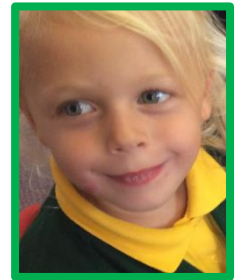
Tel: 07522918793 or by Email: [joshuakeene1@aol.com](mailto:joshuakeene1@aol.com)





I have loved all the opportunities we have been given. A highlight has been our church services and going on camp.

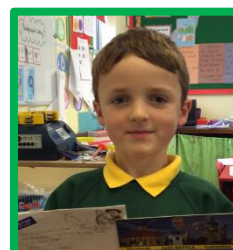
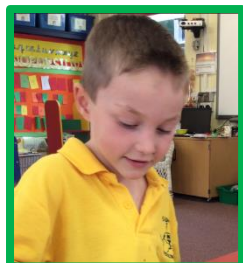
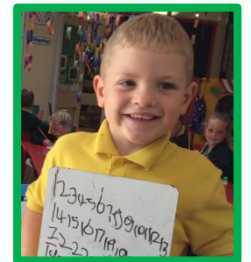
I am grateful for all the support I have had from my teachers and other adults in school. I will miss everyone.



## YEAR 6 LEAVERS

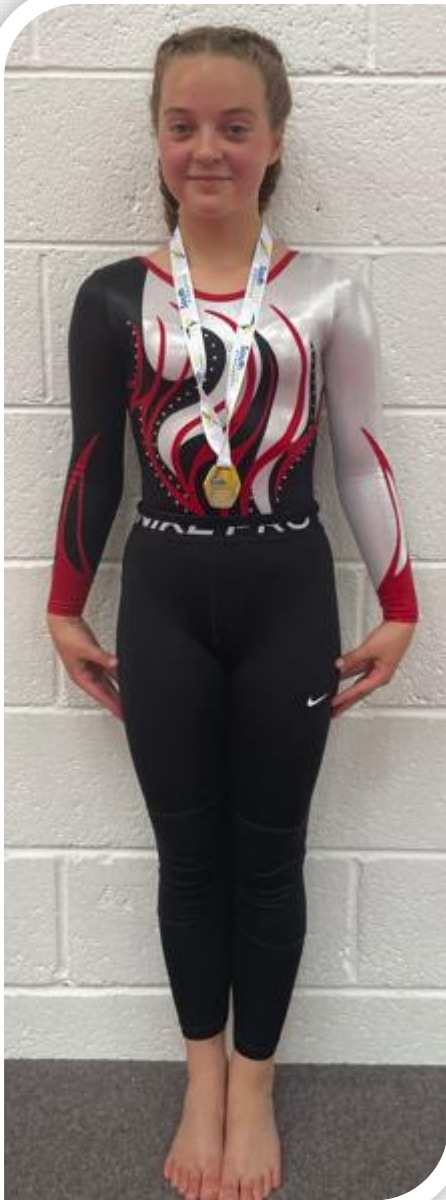
As Year 6's time at St Aldhelm's comes to an end, we want to wish them a happy and healthy future, as they begin their journey into secondary school. We know that they will continue to thrive and demonstrate their caring natures and thirst for learning. It has been a privilege to have seen them grow over the years and they are now ready and prepared for their next step.

We are so proud of you all. Good luck Year 6!





# Extra Year 6 News...



Lily has been training very hard during this year for two big gymnastics competitions.

The first one was on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, where she competed in the Tumbling English Qualifiers in Bristol. Lily's hard work and determination paid off and she was placed third out of 11 other gymnasts and received a bronze medal. As Lily received bronze, this meant she didn't get through to English finals as it was only the top 2, but it means she is first reserve if someone pulls out. English finals are competed in Telford in the middle of July.

The second competition was 3<sup>rd</sup> July, again in Bristol and this one was for the Tumbling National Qualifiers where Lily competed at Regional 1 Level.

Once again Lily made us extra proud where she came 1<sup>st</sup> and received the GOLD medal. Lily was one of the gymnasts out of 11 others who competed at this level. Getting a Gold in this competition means Lily is through to the NATIONAL FINALS! Lily has got herself into the South West Squad and will be representing the South West and her club Shepton Mallet Gymnastics Club. Here she will be competing against other clubs from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales up in Sheffield in the first weekend in September. This is a huge competition which will mean a lot of training, time and determination from Lily but we know she can do it 😊

Jamie joined the school running club in Reception and started running at the Mendip Schools XC races in Y1 together with his friends. By Y3 Jamie was selected to represent Mendip at the Inter-Area Event. After a break due to Covid, competition has restarted this year. Jamie and his teammates have enjoyed competing in this year's races, including the SW XC Champions where Jamie finished 12th in the SW and 4th in Somerset.







Selina from Somerset Libraries joined us to launch the Summer Reading Challenge. The event is designed to keep children reading over the Summer Holidays and this is something that we know is SO important for our children. We encourage every single St Aldhelm's child (and any due to join in September) to register and get reading for this very important event. Please visit any Somerset Library to register and choose some wonderful books to read.



More information, including a Book Sorter, activities and online game are available on the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**summerreadingchallenge.org.uk**

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest **free** reading for pleasure programme for children.

The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to **keep reading during the summer holidays**.

At the heart of the Summer Reading Challenge is a child's ability to shape their reading journey. Help us to spread the word that reading for pleasure is free and fun!



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## 374 Ways to Change the World Performance

Owls took part in the Community Learning Partnership Performance last week. Six local primary and infant schools helped to write the script earlier this year. Each school then worked on one section; St Aldhelm's had 'Everyone's an Artist' and their part centred around Artland.

A dramatist and choreographer has worked with the children each week this term to learn lines, stage cues and a dance. The children did a fantastic job and enjoyed the opportunity.

We've certainly got some future actors, dancers and creative talent in this year group!

Well done Owls – you did St Aldhelm's proud ☺



## Reading Shed

As part of our continued work to establish a strong reading culture at St Aldhelm's, we are creating a Reading Shed for children to access at playtimes. If you are clearing out any beanbags, cushions, picnic blankets, magazines or good quality books then please consider donating to us!





## After School Club Activities

Please see below Autumn Term 1 Activities for After School Club. To book, please go to the School Gateway App and book directly here.

September 2022						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 INSET	2 INSET	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
← MINI BEASTS →						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
← MINI BEASTS →						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
← MINI BEASTS →						
26	27	28	29	30		twinkl
← AUTUMN →						

October 2022						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
← SPACE WEEK →						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
← SPACE →						
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← DIWALI →						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HALF-TERM						
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## About The Guide

# Stay Safe Online this Summer

📅 Published 20th July 2022

A free online safety guide on staying safe online this summer.

The summer holidays are almost here! That means no school for over a month, more sunny weather to enjoy and extra chances to have fun online. Lazy mornings on Minecraft. Bonus time on TikTok. Days watching Disney Plus. Whatever your child enjoys doing online, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some top tips for helping them to stay safe in the digital world this summer! In the guide, you'll find tips such as reporting bad behaviour online, making time for other hobbies and not giving out personal information.

This is part of our Online Identity, Online Bullying and Online Information categories.



# St. Aldhelm's Community News

## Friends of St. Aldhelm's PTA

The Doultong Village Fete was an event that the Village had been looking forward to this year. A mixture of stalls, refreshments of BBQ with refreshing glasses of Pimms (and other choices at the bar!) cream teas, cakes and ice lollies and entertainment, provided something for everyone. Congratulations to everyone who won on the raffle – and thank you to everyone who contributed prizes.

We were lucky and the weather was kind to us with glorious sunshine. It was good to see the community of Doultong working together and enjoying the event free of previous restrictions.

We had the pleasure of watching performances from the Performing Art Academy and Chapel Dance Studio, who are both local groups. The funds raised of £1,470 will be split between St Aldhelm's Primary School, the Church and Doultong Social Club. ~ Chris Pulsford PTA Chair



### Have you a little time to help?

Mr Body, our school caretaker, will be tidying up the Nature Area – Forest School and planting spaces – whilst the children are not at school. He will be at school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August between 11am and 3pm. If you have a little time to spare, please come along to help prepare the area for next academic year. Your help is much appreciated.





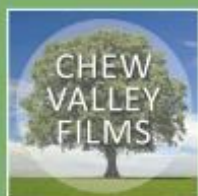
# Young Film Makers Competition



**GREAT PRIZES!**  
**VARIOUS CATEGORIES**  
**FREE TO ENTER**  
**U16s**

**Who will win this**  
**inaugural competition?**

**Shortlisted entries will be**  
**broadcast by Chew Valley Films**  
**with details in Mendip Times**



**Further details from Peter Brownlee**

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**YouTube: Chew Valley Films**

**Instagram: [@chew\\_valley\\_films](https://www.instagram.com/chew_valley_films)**



**Doultong Social Group are holding a Car Boot & Table Top Sale on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**, 12pm-4pm. Refreshments will be also be available. To book a pitch/table, please email [doultongsocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:doultongsocialgroup@gmail.com) or call 01749 880731/880219**



**Shepton Mallet Hockey Club in partnership with RM Hockey Summer Hockey Camp for both outfielders and goalkeepers with specialist goalkeeper coaches (Years 3-11).**

**10<sup>th</sup> August 9:00-15:00 - £35 for Outfielders £85 for Goalkeepers**  
**Location: Shepton Mallet Leisure Centre**  
**To book email: [smhchockeycamps@gmail.com](mailto:smhchockeycamps@gmail.com)**

**RM HOCKEY**



**We hope our children,**  
**staff, families and friends**  
**have a lovely summer!**