

Futura Learning Partnership

NEWSLETTER

FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



Schools nearly out for summer ... but not before we celebrate excellent Ofsted outcomes at Puriton and All Saints primaries



WELCOME

Dear parents and carers,

We are almost at the end of another school year – and what a year it has been! For us as a trust it has been one to remember as we have come together as a larger and stronger family of schools. For each of our schools, there will have been highs and lows, but overall every one of them can be very proud of how they have come through the last 12 months. I'd also encourage each family in our organisation to take a moment to reflect on the successes their children have achieved during the year and how they have grown as an individual.

For some of you, this will be a landmark year as your son or daughter prepares to leave familiar surroundings and move on to the next stage. Whether it be nursery to reception, Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, primary to secondary, Year 11 to Post 16 or into life after school. It's a milestone to be celebrated and I wish them all the very best as they move onwards and upwards.

I have loved seeing the photos of our young people enjoying their end-of-year picnics, parties, discos, outings and proms. They are making memories that will stay with them as they make their way in life. It's exciting, but sometimes a little sad for parents and carers too. The song "One more step along the world I go ...", which will have been heard in some of our schools this week, often brings a tear to the eye.

Families play such an important part in children's learning and development. It makes me so proud to see the way our pupils develop, thanks to our strong trust values of respect, opportunity, collaboration and aspiration, which are reinforced by you at home as well as by their teachers. Working in partnership is key to success.

The links we as a trust are able to build between the different phases of learning from the ages of two to eighteen are a huge advantage too. Several of our schools have been inspected by Ofsted this year and a common theme in the reports is the benefits Futura Learning Partnership brings to its schools. The Futura curriculum, support for school improvement and strong governance all win praise.

You will see details of some of the reports later in this newsletter, while others are awaiting publication. Suffice to say, we are ending this academic year on a high thanks to all the positive comments our schools and trust have received!

Of course, we will see some of you in August when your young people pick up their GCSE, A-level and other results. We hope they all achieve their goals - but for those who fall short our staff will be there to support them and you. Similarly, for the families of the Year 6s who received SATs results this week, well done to those who excelled but remember that the children who missed out on expected grades have not failed, they are simply at an earlier stage of learning and will have plenty of time to fulfil their potential as they move into secondary school.

It's worth remembering too that academic results are not the only indicator of success. Our shared goal is

for children to grow up as kind, resilient and well-rounded individuals. I hope you have time to share family activities over the coming weeks that will nurture and sustain your offspring and yourselves.

Many of you will be looking forward to a well-deserved rest and a liberation from watching the clock. For some, though, the holidays will be a struggle, balancing childcare with earning or coping with the cost of living. Your school might already have given you details of food vouchers, out-of-school clubs and holiday camps; you could also look on your local council's website for details of help and support for families.

At the end of this school year we are marking the end of Chandag Infant School and Chandag Junior School that have served the community of East Keynsham for many decades. From 1st September the schools will be coming together as one new school - Chandag Primary School - and so begins the next chapter.

I thank the schools and community for their positive support of the merger and wish headteacher Davina Lucas and her team all the very best for what I'm sure will be a very successful future.

I wish you all well and, as always, thank you for the support you give to our schools. See you in September, when we will renew our quest to make sure your children receive the education and care they deserve. For families who are leaving us, we wish you all the very best for your future and thank you for being a part of the Futura Learning Partnership family of schools.

With best wishes,

Andrea Arlidge

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Chief Executive

POSITIVE OFSTED REPORT COMPLETES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR ALL SAINTS

All Saints Church of England Primary, which is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year is a "warm and welcoming school ... highly valued by the community it serves".

That's the description of the Clevedon located school in its latest Ofsted report, which has just been published.

The two inspectors, who visited for a day in April, say All Saints continues to be a Good school.

They report: "Pupils are happy at All Saints Church of England Primary School. They are proud to be members of the school.

"Leaders and staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour and learning. As a result, pupils behave impeccably. They are polite and respectful. Pupils have positive attitudes to their work and enjoy chatting about what they are learning.

"Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school. They typically comment that 'the school has a wonderful sense of community and support.'"

The Ofsted team praise the broad and interesting curriculum and say that pupils love to learn because they find learning



fun. Children with special educational needs are said to be supported well.

They also highlight the range of opportunities for the 122 pupils to extend their understanding of the world.

"The school is well led by ambitious and committed leaders, including governors. In turn, they are supported effectively by trust leaders. Staff are motivated and morale is high because leaders are considerate of their workload and well-being," Ofsted report.

To improve further, the inspectors

recommends that the school makes changes to record-keeping and assessment processes.

Headteacher Stephen Webber said: "This report comes at a significant time in the history of our school and confirms that we continue to prepare children for a successful future by instilling a lifelong love of learning. I am so proud that the culture of creativity, curiosity and confidence we foster here shone through for the inspectors."

OFSTED PRAISES 'INCLUSIVE' PURITON PRIMARY



Puriton Primary School has been judged Good in all areas by Ofsted, with inspectors praising the way the school supports children to “develop as curious, confident individuals”.

“This is an inclusive school. Pupils celebrate diversity and actively condemn discrimination, saying that you should ‘always treat others as you would want to be treated,’” their report said.

Two inspectors visited the 200-pupil

village school for two days in May and rated it as Good for quality of education, leadership and management, early years provision, behaviour and attitudes and children’s personal development.

“Staff manage pupils’ behaviour fairly and consistently. They teach pupils what good behaviour looks like and support them to understand that poor choices in life have consequences,” Ofsted reported.

The inspectors also praised the

children’s involvement in community life and the opportunities they have to learn new skills and develop their interests.

They said headteacher Katie Williams and her team had overhauled the curriculum so that it is progressive and ambitious and had supported teachers to develop expertise and confidence.

“Trustees and local governors are committed to ongoing improvement and collaboration. They accurately review the school’s performance, ensuring that leaders use resources wisely for the benefit of all pupils,” Ofsted reported.

Miss Williams said: “We are proud that the Ofsted inspectors recognised that we are an inclusive school where diversity is celebrated and pupils have a real sense of belonging within the community.

“We are already taking steps to tackle the areas identified for further improvement by the inspectors. Ensuring the presentation of children’s work matches the high level of content and ensuring our less confident readers become more fluent, are the focus areas for the school. We are committed to continuing to improve for the benefit of our learners and look forward to working with the whole school community in taking these next steps.”

YOGA HAS A BIG IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND STAFF

A children’s yoga instructor ran sessions with every class at **Woolavington** as part of Health and Wellbeing Week.

In each session, the children had a brief introduction to yoga and practised sun salutations before completing a mindfulness exercise and a dedicated relaxation.

Having the opportunity for a quiet moment in their day, where they could reflect and calm their minds, had a big impact on our children and the staff who took part. Such was the positive feedback, that we are looking into organising regular mindfulness and yoga sessions in the next academic year.

The week also included sports day, healthy cooking and team building exercises. Children were inspired to reflect on their own strategies to care for their



mental health and wellbeing.

Children at **The Meadows** also tried yoga during their Health and Wellbeing Week. Sessions delivered by Miss Pickerill

included being active, meditation and relaxation techniques. A big thank you to Miss P and the other staff who arranged the activities.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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VICTORY FOR VICTOR AS HE WINS VOTES OF FELLOW STUDENTS

Victor Henry-Senewo is the winner of the 2023 Sam Edwards Award at **Chilton Trinity** School. Sam lost his life in a motorcycle accident in 2001 just a few weeks after his Prom. The Sam Edwards Award is awarded in his memory to a student in Year 11 who encapsulated Sam's qualities during their time at Chilton Trinity School. This is an award voted by the students of Year 11.

Peers say they admire someone who:

- Makes a difference to the year group
- Brightens your day, always smiling and positive
- Is friendly to everyone
- Gets along with everyone in the year group
- Always has a cheery greeting for all
- Doesn't bear a grudge
- Is a peacemaker, student to student and supportive to staff in class
- Never says a bad word about others
- Is helpful to younger students
- You respect, admire and will always remember.



Victor is a worthy winner. Here is Victor receiving the award, looking exceptionally cool as always!



CHAMPION! OLIVER RACES TO UK NUMBER 1 SPOT

Oliver Bovington, a Year 6 pupil at **Puriton** Primary School, was crowned British Youth 125cc Champion on Friday July 7. Oliver has excelled in his sport and is now the UK's number 1 in his field. Oliver is following up his success at the competition in Scunthorpe by representing the UK in an event in Sweden.

We wish him the best of luck!

GEORGE IS SOUTH WEST APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

George Skuse, who left **IKB Academy** last July to do an apprenticeship with Mott MacDonald, was nominated for Apprentice of the Year for Construction and Property Industry.

Not only did George win his category, he went on to win the overall South West Apprentice of the Year 2023!

Many congratulations George - we are all super proud of your achievements.



GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Pavis from **Aspire**, who has graduated from her Psychology degree with flying colours. We wish her all the best for the future.

ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR CINDERS



Sophia as Cinderella

Sherlock and Cinders was the title of **Puriton** Primary School's summer production, which was played to four packed audiences. In a twist on the traditional tale, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson assist Prince Charming in finding the true owner of the glass slipper.

The show was put together in four weeks and involved all of Key Stage 2. As always, the children formed a powerful chorus and the Year 6s took on the leading roles. The children showed real promise with their acting skills, singing talents and impeccable comic timing!

We are very proud of all of the children for their dedication and hard work. It has been a wonderful way to end the school year.



Archie and Savannah as Dr Watson and Sherlock Holmes

CONCERT PROVIDES A JOYFUL FINALE TO THE SCHOOL YEAR



Singing in the rain featured in a joyous end-of-year concert at **Wellsway** School. It was particularly lovely to welcome so many Year 7s who were performing in their first ever concert. We said a fond farewell to our Year 13s and even enjoyed the first ever performance of a Frank Zappa piece as a finale thanks to Harvey, Ash, Noah and Laurie.



This comment from a parent summarised a wonderful evening: "Just wanted to say congratulations again to all involved in last night's excellent summer concert. As ever, it's a joy to watch so many children of all abilities being given the opportunities to shine and supporting each other through such a varied and challenging programme."

CONFIDENT PUPILS PERFORM AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Year 3 pupils from **St John's** performed alongside four other primary schools and the Bristol Ensemble orchestra at Wells Cathedral in this year's Voices For Life Stardust performance.

It was an incredible evening and the children performed with beaming, confident smiles on their faces.

Voices For Life is a charity that aims to inspire children to be happy and confident. The children learned eight songs over ten weeks of rehearsals at workshops where they also took part in wellbeing activities, exploring through the music their good and bad emotions. Each week it was amazing to see the confidence in the children grow.



HOW MANY CHILDREN FIT IN A DIPLODOCUS'S FOOTPRINT?



Reception children at **Chandag Infant School** had an amazing afternoon when Emily visited them from Time Tots. Having spent the week learning about Mary Anning, and why she is famous, the children then had the chance to bring the world of Palaeontology to life. They learned about trace fossils and body fossils and how they are created over millions of years. They then had a go at creating their own fossils using salt dough and dinosaur shapes. This led into them going and hunting for fossils in the sand, finding bones and whole skeletons. The children's favourite part was learning about coprolites, which they discovered is fossilised poo!! They picked through

pretend coprolites looking for seeds and leaves and discovering how you can learn about what animals ate from their poo. And did you know, you can fit 30 children into the footprint of a Diplodocus?!!

Following Emily's visit, the children started hiding objects in the sand pit and getting their friends to hunt for them. The role-play outside revolved around the dinosaurs and the children were using some of the new language such as palaeontologist, archaeologist, coprolite, and Mary Anning. Two children even went fossil hunting in Lyme Regis this weekend after asking their parents if they could go!

S'MORES THE MERRIER AT FOREST SCHOOL

Every class at **Tickenham Church of England Primary School** has their opportunity to learn in the outstanding forest school site that's right on their doorstep. Children enhance their learning outside of the classroom and develop skills such as collaboration, communication and problem solving. From weaving to bird feeders to den building, they are inspired

by our beautiful natural surroundings. This continues into the classroom where children's experiences are used as a writing stimulus. With the help of the forest school site owner, everybody finishes their forest school sessions making s'mores over a campfire in the roundhouse looking out over the beautiful village!



BBC VISITS ECO FRIENDLY SCHOOL



The efforts of the Student Eco Council at **Four Acres Academy** attracted the attention of the BBC. The children had been looking at how the school could be more sustainable. They tracked down a charity that recycles unwanted furniture

from local businesses and convinced them to help the school out! The results was that not only did Four Acres get lots of furniture, it also got 60 laptops donated for the children to use.

Having the BBC at school was very exciting - they even filmed Mr Cave doing an assembly! What a great way to help the planet and improve the school - well done Four Acres Eco Council.

STUDENTS WING IT AT ENGINEERING EVENT



All the Year 10 engineering students at **IKB Academy** visited The Institution of Engineering and Technology at Airbus in Filton. Accompanied by Miss Barclay and Mrs Johnson, the group had a tour of the site. They then had to work in teams to design and build the strongest and longest wing box, for the lowest cost. Great fun was had by all.

PICNIC IS THE RIGHT ANSWER TO 129,000 QUESTIONS

The top 25 homework achievers in science at **Bedminster Down School** were invited to an exclusive picnic to celebrate the exceptional effort they have put into their science homework this year. Between them, they have answered 129 000 questions on the quizzing app, Tassomai. What an incredible achievement - well done!



RUNNERS PUT THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING FOR DANIEL

The community spirit among our schools and trust was to the fore at Wellsway School when students, staff and friends took part in a charity fun run.

The event, postponed from its original date because of bad weather, was a great success and has already raised £500 for Cancer Research UK. Participants ran 433 laps of the school track - a collective 108 miles!

The run was organised to support fundraising efforts by Daniel Money, a former student of Chandag and Wellsway schools, who was diagnosed with bowel cancer last November at the age of 24.

Daniel, a junior doctor in Birmingham, says he has chosen Cancer Research UK because: "I appreciate

how important up-to-date research is in helping increase treatment options for people, like me, who are currently undergoing chemotherapy."

Wellsway principal Rob Pearsall thanked staff, students, sports leaders and sports ambassadors who led and took part in the run and encouraged and supported one another.

"This event was great fun with much laughter and a wonderful way to round off a day.

We are all keen to support Daniel's fundraising. This is a charity close to many of our hearts," he said.

To support the fun runners, please visit [Cancer Research UK](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org).





CHILDREN ENJOY COUNTY CRICKET MATCH AS PART OF WIDE-RANGING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

At Willowdown, we take pride in giving children numerous opportunities to explore new experiences. We strongly believe that this fosters their emotional wellbeing, mental health, and personal development. This ethos is central to our values. This year, the children took part in a diverse range of activities, such as dance workshops, museum visits, studying and performing Shakespeare, and many others.

This week, Willowdown Cricket Club attended the Somerset County Cricket Club match against Hampshire on

Day 3 of the County Championship. We took the train up to the ground and took part in the fun activities Somerset Cricket Foundation provided. Whilst there, the children took the opportunity to browse around the cricket shop, meet players and get autographs, learn about the history of men and women's cricket and ate a delicious ice cream. They all had an amazing day and it was a wonderful, new experience for them all.



CHANGING TIMES - CHANGING TITLES

To ensure consistency across the 28 schools in Futura Learning Partnership, we are making the following changes for September 2023:

1. Removing the title of 'principal' so all senior leaders, in our primary,

secondary and special schools, are called either a headteacher, deputy headteacher or assistant headteacher. This change only affects colleagues working in Aspire, Bedminster Down, SBL and Wellsway.

2. Calling every school-based governing

body a 'Local Governance Committee'. This affects all schools as the governing bodies were previously called a Local Governing Body (CLT) or an Academy Governance Committee (Futura).



Chandag
Primary School



You are invited to our

Celebration Picnic

**8th September 2023, 3.15pm
Chandag Primary School**

**Bring a picnic and join us for some
fun activities and entertainment**

**Due to the limited amount of car
parking around the school please
consider not driving or car sharing.
Thank you**