

Wednesday 7th
May 2025



‘The one who gets wisdom loves life’ Proverbs 19:8

Our Christian
value this term
is Forgiveness

Charlton Mackrell Primary School & Pre-School

Summer Term Events:

The summer term has begun, and this term is traditionally a very busy one. Staff have been working very hard, planning exciting learning opportunities for the children and considering how we can make the very best use of our wonderful outside spaces.

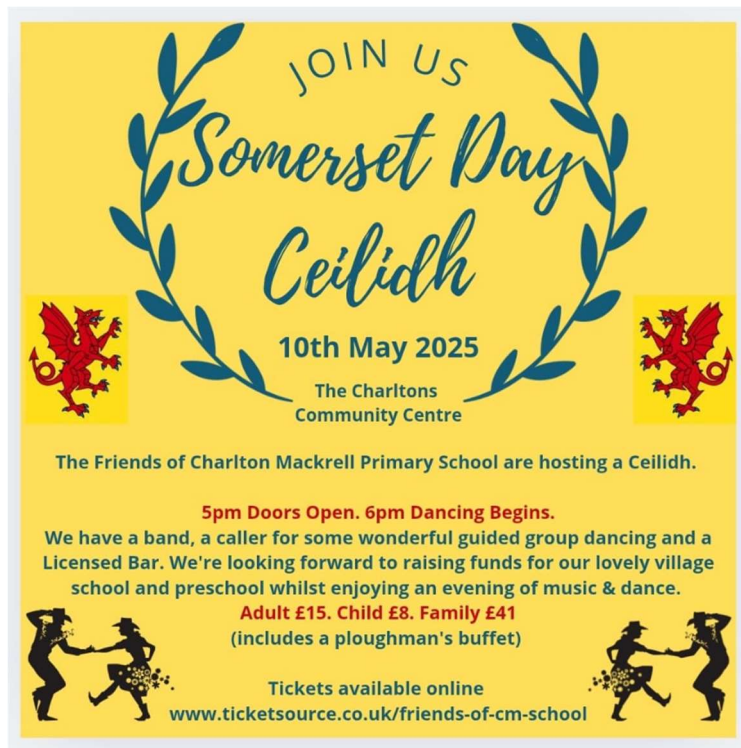
Thank you once again for all the hard work and creativity which went into the designing and making of the Easter Bonnets and to all of you who came to support the school at the Easter church service. The times the school comes together to celebrate with you are where memories are made and can be shared in the years to come. The Easter egg hunt was particularly popular, and it was lovely to see the older children helping the younger ones in their search. The children also showed their support for military families by wearing purple to school and you might have seen the group photo on class dojo. We will be marking the anniversary of VE Day this Thursday in our collective worship time. Thank you in advance to the parents from military families who will be coming in on Friday afternoon to talk to the children about this. We very much appreciate the time you are giving to school.

Upcoming Trips and Visits:

This term teachers have planned different learning experiences which are linked to individual class learning. Years 4-6 will be visiting Somerset Museum in Taunton to enhance learning around ‘The Romans’. Rainbow class are planning to visit the Sealife Centre. Dates and further information for these are to follow. Years 4,5 and 6 will be taking part in our residential visit to Mill on the Brue outdoor adventure centre in Bruton. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience these adventurous activities in a safe environment with their friends. Teachers will be posting pictures on dojo – so keep a look out for these. If you have any queries or questions you would like to ask – please call the school office.

Sport in and Outside of School:

This term the children participated in a rugby tournament in Somerton and Year 5 and 6 showed great enthusiasm and teamwork. Individuals were highlighted for their exceptional effort and as always, the children were a credit to the school. It was wonderful to hear how new players had built their confidence and how they were encouraged by their teammates. Please see the list of dates below for sports day!



New Class Names:

As we look ahead to next year, the staff felt it was an opportunity to refresh the class names. The children were invited to make suggestions around the theme of nature and the natural world. There have been so many inspired entries for the class names. As staff we have considered all the different ideas and have decided upon the following from September:

School Year group	New Class Name	Teacher
Preschool	Cygnets	Preschool staff
Reception/Year 1	Kingfisher	Mr Collicutt
Year 2	Swan	Mrs Marklew
Year 3/4	Heron	Miss Websdale
Year 5/6	Starling	Miss Murray/Mrs Allen

The school staff felt that the water birds of the Somerset Levels would be a wonderful reflection of our local heritage here at Charlton Mackrell. Teachers are all looking forward to meeting their new classes on the transition days, which will be held towards the end of term. In September, Mrs Oliver will be stepping down as class teacher. We wish her well in her new adventures and are looking forward to continuing to work with her in her role as SENCO here.

Formal Assessments:

This is also the term where statutory assessments take place. These include the Year 6 SATS, The Year 4 Timetables Check and the Phonics Screening Check. Teachers have been working hard to prepare the children for these assessments and to make sure the children are able to approach them with confidence. The outcomes of these will be shared in your child’s report at the end of term.

Friends of School:

We are holding a VE day cake sale on Thursday 8th May at 3.15pm. Donations to the school office, the theme is red, white and blue (no nuts please). Don’t forget to also buy your tickets for our Somerset Day Ceilidh on Saturday 10th May at Charltons Community Centre via www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-cm-school or scanning the QR code on the poster outside school. We hope to see you there.

Safeguarding:

As a school we have a duty to safeguard the children. They are aware of who the adults with responsibility for keeping them safe are. As a staff we will always listen to your children and follow ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ guidance and guidelines. Our safeguarding policy is available on [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#). For your information, the adults with specific responsibility for safeguarding in the school are: Alison Allen (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Jenna Marklew, Vicky Carver and Kim Headley, who are the Deputy Designated safeguarding Leads.

News From Preschool:

At preschool the children have been listening to the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. As part of their learning, they have been measuring porridge oats with spoons, counting out the spoons they need to fill the bowls.

This week the children have talked about cold, warm or hot food and sweet or salty food.

The children have been singing new songs, including ‘When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears’, ‘Mix the porridge up’ and ‘Oats & beans and barley grow’.

After acting out the story, the children sat on a hard chair and a soft chair. We let the children feel inside the feely box, take out an object and choose if it needed to be put on the hard or soft tray. We have also looked at different sized chairs and the children have learnt lots of words to use for small, medium and big.

During outside play the children played with a parachute bouncing teddy bears up high in the sky, then they spent time mixing shades of brown paint to paint bears pictures.

We are already preparing ready for our celebration of Somerset day. We have been making bunting to decorate the hall for the Friends of the school's Ceilidh on the 10th of May (a barn dance!). We hope you can come along to celebrate with us.

Attendance from September:

National attendance figure 93.4%	
Rainbow – 95.5%	
Hurricane – 96.3%	
Wildfire – 96.2%	
Tornado – 95.2%	

Well done all classes!

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 8th May – VE Day 80th Anniversarychildren invited to wear red, white and blue (or normal uniform). Friends cake sale after-school

Saturday 10th May – Friends Ceilidh (barn dance), Chalrtons Community Centre

Monday 12th May – SATS week

Tuesday 20th May – Cricket day (in school)

Friday 23rd May – INSET Day

Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June – Residential

Tuesday 10th June – Wells Moving Up Celebration

Monday 16th June – Childrens Parliament (selecetd year 6 children)

Tuesday 17th June – School Photographs (Leavers and class photos)

Wednesday 25th June – Sports Day (1pm start)

Wednesday 9th July – Tornado class production (afternoon and evening performance). Further information to follow.

Wednesday 23rd July – Leavers Service in the church at 9.30am. School Finishes at 1.00pm.

With our best wishes for a happy Summer Term,

Ali Allen (Headteacher)

