

Wednesday 4th
June 2025



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

Our Christian
value this term
is Truthfulness

Charlton Mackrell Primary School & Pre-School

Welcome Back Everyone:

As we begin the final half term, it is a good time to reflect on how the children have grown in confidence over the past year. Rainbow class have made new friends and I hope you have been able to see through pictures shared on class dojo and from parents’ evenings how happy and engaged they have been in all the exciting opportunities their first years in school have brought them. They have all embraced each learning opportunity and should feel so proud of themselves - as we are. Hurricane class have proved to be very creative and have worked so hard on their presentation skills this year. Their books show how hard they have worked on handwriting and they should feel very proud of all they have achieved. Wildfire class have shown they are becoming thoughtful and informed debaters. They have had many opportunities for class discussion, and this has given them many interesting and exciting opportunities to write for purpose. Well done Wildfire - we are all very proud of how hard you have worked this year. Tornado class have shown real leadership in the school, independence and individuality in the ways they are able to approach their learning and how they are able to present their ideas. They have explored new mathematical and scientific concepts and have shown super thinking across all subjects, making connections and working collaboratively. Many visitors to the school have remarked on what a purposeful and engaging learning environment Charlton Mackrell provides and how polite and respectful the children are.

Recent Events:

Watch out for photos from Mill on the Brue this week. Staff and pupils are very excited to be able to share in this wonderful opportunity. Memories are made in these visits and the collaboration; team support and encouragement are so valuable in building confidence. There is so much joy to be seen, as they share their individual achievements and successes with their friends. A huge thank you to parents and members of staff from RNAS Yeovilton who visited us last term on VE Day. The children learnt so much and really enjoyed trying on all the kit – particularly the VR headsets! The children have also participated in Rounders and Cricket tournaments this term. Years 5 and 6 have been learning their parts for the school play, which we look forward to seeing in July.



Eat to Energise:

We are very excited to announce that Mr Tostevin, one of our experienced sports coaches, will be coming in to run a day for all classes around food and nutrition. He will be leading this learning on Friday 4th July and the children will be preparing healthy recipes to share from 2.30pm which we would like to invite you to attend. Learning about nutrition is an important part of our science curriculum and we intend to follow this up in the next academic year with regular educational visits from Mr Tostevin and more opportunities for children to learn about the importance of a healthy diet and the impact this can have on long term health. We look forward to sharing what the children prepare. If you are free on Friday 4th July please come along at 2.30pm with a picnic blanket and drink and weather permitting, we will eat together on the school field.

Formal Assessments:

SATS are over for Year 6 – well done to all. The children conducted themselves impeccably and worked extremely hard both up to and including test week. Visiting Governors were very impressed by the children’s positive attitudes and their good humour. The Year 4 Timetables Check and the Phonics Screening Check will take place over the next 2 weeks. 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 all assessments will be shared in your child’s report at the end of term.

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.

Attendance from September:

National attendance figure 94%

Rainbow – 95.6%
Hurricane – 96.4%
Wildfire – 96.5%
Tornado – 96.3%

The School Garden:

The children have enjoyed spending the warmer moments in the school garden, helping to weed and plant new seeds that are beginning to sprout! Thank you to our team of Tornado gardeners who ensure whatever the weather that plants are watered and help support the younger children with an interest in gardening.

Also thankyou to Tesco Groundworks, the WPA and Somerset Garden Trust for their grants to improve the area.

News From Preschool:

We were very busy in May!

We have been reading the story of Jack and the beanstalk, the children enjoyed hearing about the giant beanstalk and planting their own beans to watch them grow at home. They also helped pot up lots of plants that have been donated to us, our garden look amazing!

In preschool we have been eating ‘beans’ the children’s favourite food was ‘Bish Bash Bosh Butterbean Nosh’. A great butterbean dip that they enjoyed with breadsticks.

The children listened the book ‘The Amazing mud Cake’ and delighted in making their own mud cakes!



Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 10th June – Wells Moving Up Celebration

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

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

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

Friday 27th June – Wildfire & Tornado Class Trip to The Museum of Somerset

Friday 4th July – Eat to Energise (Parents/carers invited to taste at 2.30pm)

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

Friday 11th July – Whole School Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6’s Pizza & Bowling

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)

