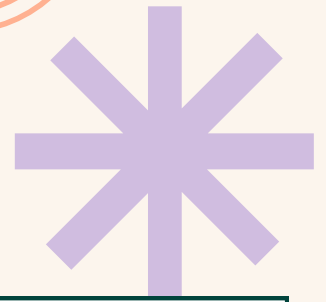




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Message from Mrs Pocock

It doesn't seem possible that we are finishing the penultimate term of the school year this week!

It has been another busy term in school with lots going on. The Year 6 children have completed their SATs and have spent the last 3 days in Devon on camp this week. I have been lucky enough to spend the time with the group and thank Mr Farmer and Mrs Parker for giving up their time to organise and take the children on camp. Please see our Facebook page for photos of events in school.

On Tuesday this week saw 6 of our children represent the school at the second ELAN Opening Worlds symposium. The children were delighted to meet the writers of Opening Worlds and they impressed him with their knowledge and deep understanding of all they have learned in history, geography and R.E this year. After dinner was served the annual quiz began and we were pleased to maintain our third place podium position. A wonderful night was had by all and ended in the children receiving a beautiful book based on their favourite area of learning.

The Friends PTA continues to gather momentum with lots of successful events happening in school. They are busy planning the summer fayre which is very exciting and a great opportunity for the community to come together. Thank you to the many volunteers who make these events happen.

At the start of term 6 we will send out further information about the class structures and teachers for September. Transition events will be planned for the children so that they have had the opportunity to visit their classrooms and teachers.

Have a lovely half term break together and we will look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 2nd June.



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Donation from Knightcott IT Services

At the start of the year, we were kindly given a generous donation from Paul at Knightcott IT Services. Paul wanted to support children in his local community, and we are incredibly grateful for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

We are pleased to share that his donation was put towards the cost of the Life Skills trip for our Year 5 and 6 pupils, which took place this month. The trip provided valuable learning experiences and helped our students develop important everyday skills in a fun and practical environment.

Thank you again to Paul and Knightcott IT Services for making a real difference to our school community.

Juno - Service Dog

You may have noticed that one of our parents has a medical service dog. She is called Juno and is insured and fully vaccinated (except for kennel cough as she's too young for that). She has passed level 1 training and now has her official coat. Please admire her from afar in the playground as it is important that she is not petted.



Diary Dates

2nd June Back to School

6th June Sports Day

4th July Class Photos

9th July Y6 production to School & Parents
13:30pm

10th July Y6 Production to Parents 18:00pm

17th July Outstanding Certificates Assembly
9:15am

18th July Leavers Assembly 9:15am

18th July Last Day of Term

21st July Inset - Closed to Pupils

22nd July Inset - Closed to Pupils

School Patrol Crossing

We are very grateful to Banwell Parish Council for providing a Zebra Crossing Escort to help keep our school children safe while crossing the main road. They are always looking for new volunteers to support this important service. Unfortunately, there are currently no escorts available at the end of June and end of July.

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering, please contact: clerk@banwellparishcouncil.org.uk.



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Attendance and Absence Notifications

We kindly remind all parents and carers to inform the school office in advance if your child will be absent due to an appointment.

If your child is unwell, please ensure you leave a message on the school answerphone or email the office each day they are absent.

We have noticed an increase in absences not being reported, and as part of our safeguarding responsibilities, it is essential that we know the whereabouts of all our pupils during school hours. Your cooperation helps us fulfil our duty of care and ensures the safety and well-being of all children.

Thank you for your continued support.

ParentPay

As we approach the half-term break, we kindly ask all parents and carers to take a moment to check their ParentPay accounts and settle any outstanding balances.

Clearing any debts over the break helps us keep everything running smoothly and ensures your child can continue to access school meals, trips, and other activities without disruption.

Thank you for your attention to this and for your continued support.

Packed Lunch Booking – Reception & KS1

We kindly ask all parents and carers of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 to please book a school meal by 2nd June if you would like your child to receive a packed lunch on 17th June.

Please note: If a meal is not booked in advance, a packed lunch will not be provided.

Nut Free School

We would like to inform all parents and carers that from 2nd June, our school will become a nut-free environment.

This decision has been made to protect the health and safety of a student with a nut allergy. We kindly ask that no nut products (including items like peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts, etc.) are brought into school in packed lunches or snacks.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school a safe place for everyone.



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Penguin & Starfish

Let's explore our country! From Banwell to Bristol and beyond in Penguin and Starfish classes we will be learning about the United Kingdom. Reception children will be learning about our local community, including people who help us at school and in the wider community. We will consider where we live, where we have visited and where we might be going in the summer holidays.

For our KS1 children we will be developing our geographical knowledge and skills and will learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We will become familiar the vocabulary used to identify human and physical geography (for example village, town, city and beach, cliff, hill and mountain) through stories, non fiction texts, maps and our own experiences. We will compare the village of Banwell to a town and a city. The highlight of the term will no doubt be our trip to Bristol Zoo Project where we can practice using maps to find our way around and notice the landscape as we travel to Bristol.

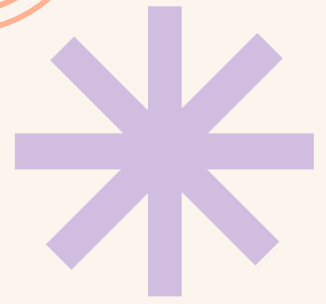
We have thoroughly enjoyed receiving postcards from your friends and family from Scotland to China and many places in between! Thank you for supporting us with that. Please keep the postcards coming - if you have any days out planned during half term you might like to encourage your child to write a postcard to bring in next term to tell their friends about it.

Dolphin

In term 6, Dolphins will be learning about money, shape, and statistics. In English, we will be writing instructions and narratives based on 'The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales' by Dawn Casey. In Science, we will learn all about electricity. In Opening Worlds, we are learning about Cordoba: City of Light in History, Deserts in Geography and Ramadan in RE. In DT, we will be embroidering textiles. In French, we will be relearning the story of Goldilocks in French! In PSHE, we will be covering changing me. In PE, we will be learning about different multi-sports and cricket. In Music we are continuing our Recorder journey, learning to play the song 'Enchanted Forest'.



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Sea Lion

In term 6 Sea Lions will be continuing with our Djembe drumming lessons and hope to be able to put on a small concert for our parents towards the end of term. We are also going on a trip to We the Curious to investigate all things science. We will be learning more about coding in computing and investigating Electricity.

In our design and technology lessons we will be learning all about construction.

We will be studying Norse mythology in our English lesson after we have finished our work on The Lady of Shalott.

Shark

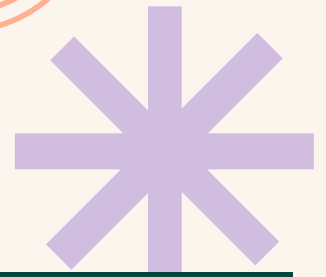
This term, we will be preparing our Year 6 pupils for their transition to secondary school. Each student will take part in transition days tailored to their future schools, helping them feel confident and ready for the next stage in their educational journey.

In addition, we are excited to announce that preparations for the Year 6 Production are underway! The children will be working hard to put on a spectacular performance for the whole school and our parent community in July. More details will be shared soon—watch this space!





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Reading Corner



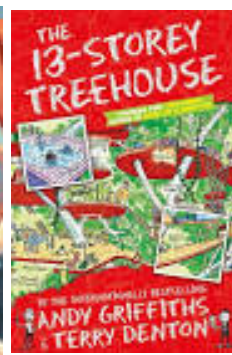
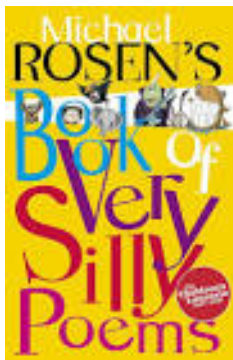
Here are a few recommendations from the class teachers that might inspire the children to read over the Half Term and during next term.



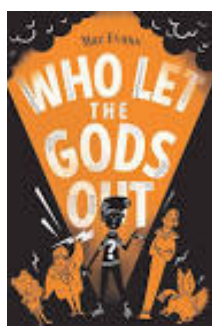
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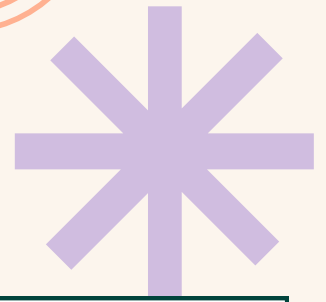


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Site Safety

Please can we stress to all parents to take note of our Site Safety Rules. It not only protects the children but all visitors to school, Banwell Buddies and members of the public

Please make yourself aware to any signage around the school site

No Mobile Phones at anytime. This means mobile phones the minute you enter the school gate needs to be kept in bags/pockets. If visiting school you will be asked to handover your phone at reception.



No Smoking/Vaping



5mph Speed Limit



Staff only Parking on Site



Please remember to close the gate when entering and exiting the school
Do not let anyone onto school grounds when you are exiting, they must use the intercom so we know who is on site

Thank you for your understanding



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Certificates

Congratulations and Well Done to all our children who have received certificates this week

Shining Stars – Abdulsalam, Mila, Hugo, Lily, Sienna, Mila-Rae, Joey



Core Values – Ralph, Zachary, Benny, Esmee



Congratulations to Mila-Rae, Lily & Sydney for sharing their achievements outside of school with everyone during assembly



Congratulations to **Sharks** who topped the charts last week with **98.8%** attendance.



2nd – Starfish 97.4%
3rd – Penguins 97.1%
4th – Dolphins 95.3%
5th – Sea Lions 93.9%





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Friends of Banwell

Thank You to Our Amazing PTA!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for their generous support and fundraising. Their contribution has helped fund Life Skills sessions for our Year 5 and 6 children this month, and has also covered transport costs for our Penguin and Starfish classes to enjoy a fantastic trip to the zoo next month.

We are incredibly grateful for everything our PTA does – your support makes such a difference to our school community.

Thank you from everyone at Banwell School!

Event Dates

Saturday 28th June - Summer Fair

You can sign up to volunteer using the below link

[Summer Fair - Volunteer sign up sheet](#)

Wednesday 16th July - Disco



Easy Fundraising

You can now support Friends of Banwell PTA while shopping online! We've partnered with easyfundraising, allowing you to raise free donations with 8000+ retailers. Sign up now: Details can be found on the poster attached or you can download the easyfundraising app.



Friends of Banwell Primary School

Charity no: 1049803



SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 28th June
2pm-6pm
Banwell Primary School



- Inflatable fun run •
- Circus Skills •
- Birds of Prey •
- Emergency Services •
- BBQ, Bar and Ice Cream Van •
- Games, Raffle, Stalls •
- Facepainting •



CHILD £5 (INCLUDES CIRCUS SKILLS AND INFLATABLE RUN)
ADULT (12+) £1



✉ friendsofbanwellprimary@gmail.com



Friends of Banwell School PTA

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?



The Department of Education provides FREE activity days for children who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals

These activity days take place across North Somerset during Easter, Summer & Christmas Holidays



All Reception to Year 2 children will receive free school meals but you could also be entitled to Income related free school meals



**SCAN TO APPLY FOR
FREE SCHOOL MEALS**



Bookings go live on 10th June at 9am
#HAF2025

Rhymetimes

We are relaunching fun free sessions,
sharing nursery rhymes, action rhymes
and musical instruments.

Thursday 5th June 9:15 – 9:45am

Thursday 12th June 9:15 – 9:45am

Thursday 19th June 9:15 – 9:45am

Thursday 26th June 9:15 – 9:45am

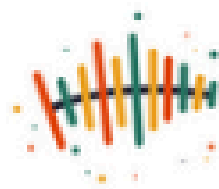
at Winscombe Library



For children aged 0-4 and their parents or carers.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/mylocallibrary





WEST OF ENGLAND
MUSIC
AND ARTS



www.wema.org.uk

Music lessons are available to children in year 3 and above. If your child is moving up to year 3 in September and would like them to start music lessons please let the office know as soon as possible.

The tutors currently visit our school and offer one to one or grouped lessons, 2-3 children that must all be at the same level. The lessons are held during the school day and are billed at the start of terms 1, 3 & 5 - 10 lessons in total over two terms.

If your child would like to sign up for music tuition from WEMA or you would like further information please contact the school office.

**01934 822498 or
office@banwell.extendlearning.org**

