



# Weekly Roundup

## 27th September 2024



This weeks certificates were awarded to:

**Penguin:** Oscar, Ronnie

**Starfish:** Alfie, Ozzy, Maya-Ann, Paige, Samuel

**Dolphins:** Cosmo, Harper, Lilia, Mila, Rosie

**Sea Lions:** Berkley, Mila-Rae, Owen, Zeenat

**Sharks:** Bobby, Coby, Elora, Harry



### Dates to remember:

22nd & 23rd October—Parents Evening & Book Fair

15th November—Individual School Photos



## Sidcot Sports

The children are improving so much in their Sports skills their Coach is super proud of them in what they are achieving each week.



Congratulations to **Dolphins** who topped the charts this week with **98.8%** attendance.

Well Done

2nd Sharks—98.8%

3rd Starfish—97%

4th Penguins—94%

5th Sea Lions—89.3%



## Bikeability

Year 6 this week have been getting their bike skills put to the test



## Menu Change

**Census Day—3rd October**

Choose from a

**Beef Burger** with a choice of toppings

Or

**Tomato Pasta**



## Bubble & Squeak Round Up



More photos from our fabulous week at school can be found on our [Facebook](#) page. We never share children's full names in our posts. Please can we ask that you do the same if commenting on a post. This is to keep our children safe. Many thanks.

# Are you looking for a primary school in September 2025?



## BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

We would love for you to come and join us at our open mornings/afternoons. This is an opportunity for you to hear from our reception teacher Mrs Bevan, to meet the team and to take a tour of the classrooms.

**2nd Oct -9:15am - 10:15am / 7th Oct -1:30pm - 2:30pm**

**16th Oct -9:15am -10:15am / 11th Nov -1:30pm -2:30pm**

**20th Nov -9:15am -10:15am**

Please can you confirm either by phone (tel: 01934 822498) or email ([office@banwell.extendlearning.org](mailto:office@banwell.extendlearning.org)) if you would like to attend.

We hope to see you!

If you cannot make these dates or times, please do make contact with us as we will be happy to arrange a suitable visit for you.

Admissions window for applying for school places is now open and closes at 11:59pm on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



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**WE NEED YOU!**

Join  
our team!

We need at least 3 volunteers for the PTA to continue this year.

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Social Media Coordinator

More are always welcome!

Email us on [friendsofbanwellprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbanwellprimary@gmail.com) to find out more.

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**AGM**

**WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER**

**3.20pm - School Sports Hall**

Come join us for tea and biscuits and hear about what we achieved last year and help make plans for the coming year.

Children very welcome.

Email us on [friendsofbanwellprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbanwellprimary@gmail.com) to find out more.



# School Aged Flu Immunisation 2024

Scan the QR code to complete your  
child's consent form for Winter 2024



Email: [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net)  
Telephone: 0300 1245515

# Free School Meals



All reception –Year 2 age pupils are entitled to universal infant free school meals. But you may also be entitled to income related free school meals. Which you would receive When your child gets to Year 3 you will need to pay for their school meals, £2.55 per day unless you qualify for free school meals.

## Are you entitled?

### Qualifying benefits for free school meals

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included

In order to find out, please register the North Somerset citizens portal. This is a simple and easy application process. [https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

If you are eligible for free school meals you can also qualify for:

- Free holiday club provision - HAF
- Household support fund vouchers – The last voucher released was £60 per child, per family eligible for free school meals.

The school also receives funding for every child in receipt of free school meals which goes towards providing subsidies for school trips, quality curriculum provision and interventions staffing as well as much more.

If you are unsure sure if you are eligible or need help making an application, please contact our office team who will be happy to help you.

## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the below changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines that are accrued after 19th August 2024.

Education Penalty Notices are issued to the parents of statutory school age children.

### Per parent, per child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent from school without prior approval by the school.

*For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.*

### 5 days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more days which have not been authorised by the school.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

<p><b>First Offence</b></p>	<p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.</p>
<p><b>Second Offence (within 3 years)</b></p>	<p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.</p>
<p><b>Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</b></p>	<p>The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.</p> <p>Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.</p>

