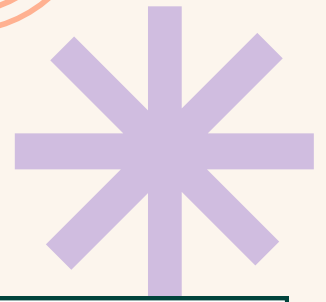




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Message from Mrs Pocock

Dear families,

As we reach the end of term 4, I would like to thank all families for their ongoing support at Banwell. The spring terms have whizzed by and the children have been extremely busy in school. I would also like to thank our wonderful Friends of Banwell School who continue to arrange such lovely events for our children. The disco last night was a resounding success and these things can only happen when so many people are willing to volunteer their time. Thank you!

As you are aware there will be a change to the leadership structure at Banwell from September 2025. Roxanne Simpson will become the Executive Headteacher, working across Banwell and Locking schools and I can now confirm that there will be a Head of School at Banwell. Recruitment is currently underway for this post and more information will be shared by Mrs Simpson and Banwell governors in due course. Mrs Simpson is planning further visits to us in the summer terms and we will keep you updated with when these will be.

When we return to school we will be making a change at the start and end of the school day to enhance the safety of pedestrians on our site. The double gates at the bottom of the drive will be closed at 8.30am and will reopen at 9am. They will also be closed at 3pm and opened at 3.30pm. Pedestrians will need to use the separate gate at the bottom of the drive. Please can I take this opportunity to remind all families that they should not be bringing vehicles on to the site at any time. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our site is as safe as possible for everyone.

The Easter break provides a good opportunity to check the children's uniforms and ensure everything still fits ready for the summer terms. We seem to have a number of children having rapid growth spurts at the moment! Please could skirts and shorts be of a length that is sensible and appropriate for school. We have noticed some very shorts skirts and shorts being worn into school by some of our older children.

Hopefully the sun will continue to shine when we return. Please ensure your children have had their suncream applied before they come to school in the morning and that they bring a full water bottle and sun hat.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Easter break with your family and friends. We will look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Best wishes,
Claire



Newsletter



Goodbye to Miss Dennett & Maggie

Today we say Goodbye and Good Luck to the amazing Miss Dennett, we would like to wish Miss Dennett the best of luck as she moves on to start a new chapter. We all will miss her very much.

We are also saying farewell to Maggie our cleaner who will truly be missed by us all we hope you enjoy your retirement.



Free School Meals

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



New Staff

At the beginning of next term we welcome some new members of staff to Banwell. I know you'll join us in welcoming Miss Lily Bartlett who will be our new Dolphin Class Teacher and Mrs Claire Hardwich who will be here on a Tuesday as our Senco.

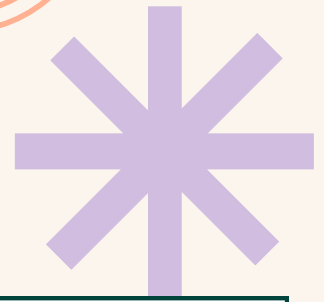


Diary Dates

- 21st April - Easter Monday - School Closed
- 22nd April Back to School**
- 5th May Bank Holiday - School Closed
- 7th May Year 5 & 6 Life Skills Trip
- 12-15th May Year 6 SATs
- 21st-23rd May Year 6 Residential Trip
- 23rd May Last Day of Term**



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Penguin & Starfish

How does your garden grow? That is the question we will be investigating in Penguin Class in Term 5. From planting sunflower seeds to growing vegetables, we will learn about the life cycle of a plant. This will influence our book choices - we will learn a story about a boy called Jack and his magic beans which will inspire our art and writing.

In Starfish Class our science learning will be about plants. We will learn about the parts of a plant and what they need to grow. We will spend time planting seeds and watching the flowers and vegetables grow. We will be scientists and will investigate all of this first hand. In music next term we will be learning how to play the glockenspiel using both hands, learning a song called 'Time'. In English we will be thinking about myths and will learn about a boy called Maui. By the end of Term 5 we will have produced our very own quest story.

Dolphin

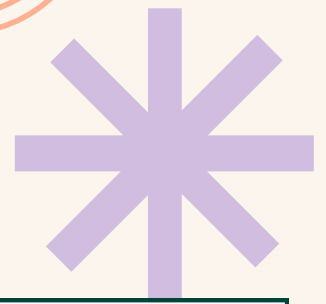
In Term 5, Dolphins will be starting a poetry unit in English with the book focus being 'Give yourself a hug' by Grace Nichols. They will continue their learning about time in Maths before moving onto decimals and money. Dolphins will be continuing their learning about Christianity in R.E. and will start units on Earthquakes and 'Arabia and Early Islam' in Geography and History respectively. In Music, they will be learning to play the recorders and to read music.

Sea Lion

In the summer terms, Sea-lions will be using the poem 'The Lady of Shalott' by Alfred Lord Tennyson, as a springboard into narrative poetry, eventually writing and performing our own poems, followed by Norse Mythology and a hero's return tale. In maths, we will build on the fraction, decimal and percentage work, moving onto degrees of turn to help with position and direction, as well as convert units. Geography will be examining earthquakes, which will link to the science of rocks and soils. The spread of the Christian message will be the RE focus, before we look at the Islamic faith, starting with Ramadan. To complement RE, history will investigate the Arabian world. As the weather improves, PE will develop the individual skills needed for athletics as well as the team focus of cricket.

Shark

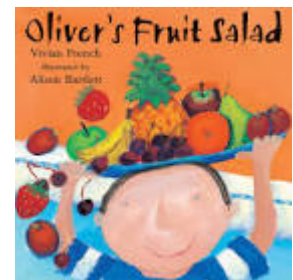
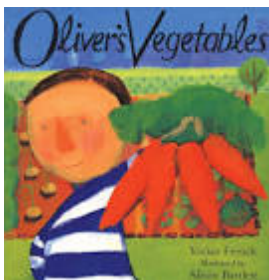
In writing we will be continuing our quest narrative learning based on Wolf Brother and then start our work on Holes by Louis Sachar. In maths, we will be learning about statistics and then shape and space. In Opening Worlds, we will be studying Arabia and Early Islam in History, Earthquakes in geography and the message of Jesus spreads in RE. In P.E. We will be developing our athletics skills in preparation for sports day. For DT, we will complete our potatoes project and then use textiles. In science, we will be studying animals including humans, in computing we will be creating media for 3D modelling and in music we will be learning the song Nobody Knows by the Lumineers.



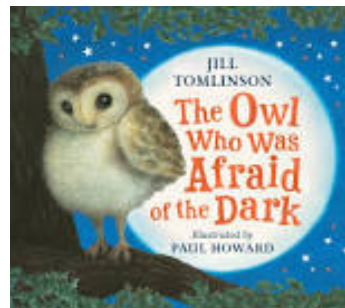
Reading Corner

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

Penguin & Starfish



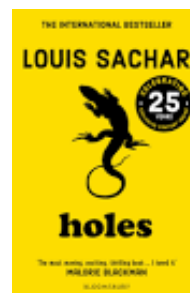
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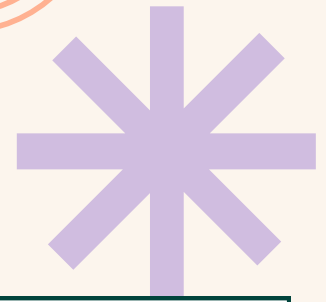


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Site Safety

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

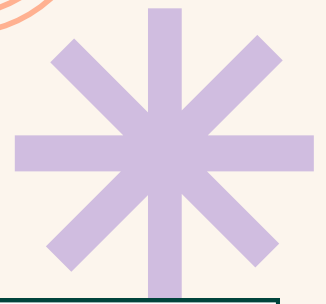


Please remember to close the gate when entering and exiting the school
Do not let anyone onto school grounds when you are exiting, they must use the intercom so we know who is on site

Thank you for your understanding



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Certificates

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

100% Attendance - Daisy & Ema

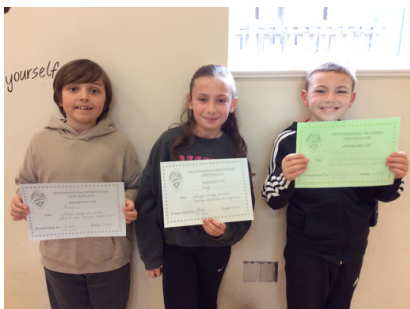


97% Attendance - Elise, Isaac, Jaxon, Austin, Esme, Eddie, Sage, Andrew, James, Lily, Willow, Ozzy, Lilia, Jacob, Teddy, Jamaldean, Jamie, Mila, Spencer, Phoebe, Abdulsalm, Alfie, Benny, Felicity, Berkley, Mila-Rae, Ivy, Eric, Amelia, Riley, Martha, Mikey



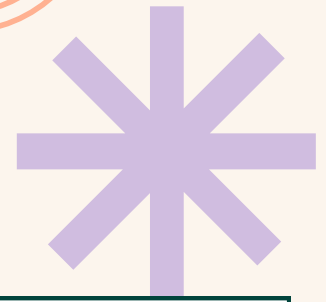
Outstanding Behaviour Award - Imogen, Issac, Lily, Samuel, Melisa-May, Harper, Terrence, Nelly, Grace & Ivy

Outstanding Progress Award - Avalon, Finnley, Ema, Paige, Rosie, Spencer, Reece, Kai, Riley & James





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Friends of Banwell

Up and coming dates for your diaries from our wonderful volunteers at the PTA



Friday 25th April - Tuck Sale
Tuesday 6th May - Bake Sale
Saturday 28th June - Summer Fair
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.



Shop with your favourite retailers
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Scan the QR code to visit our cause page



Summer Fair

We are in the very early stages of planning a summer fair for 28th June. More details to follow later in the term.

If you have your own business and would be interested in having a table at this event then please speak to Alice, or email friendsofbanwell@gmail.com to request more information.

