



Norton Sub Hamdon Church School News

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Head's Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The pace of school has got faster and faster as we approach the end of term, everything seems to go so fast.

I am pleased to report that I have hosted visits from prospective families wanting to transfer to our school. Mrs Byrne is really happy for our school netball team - that we have a very Sporty Year 6 Boy joining us in September - our children made the family feel so welcome... well done!

ONLINE SAFETY

I am sad to report we have had issues of Online Bullying come to light in school. Large numbers of our children are also in up to 50 WhatsApp groups with many individuals they do not know.

This is very risky behaviour

In one evening, one of our children's school based Whatsapp Groups had over 300 messages. It is likely these are being sent overnight, in the early hours of the morning. As the summer approaches, I will be providing you with support and resources for Parental Controls. Our children need you to keep them safe.

Kind regards,

Connel Boyle



Bath & Wells
Multi Academy Trust

New Online Safety Parent Newsletter

Next week you will receive our first Parents Online Safety newsletter. This will be a monthly edition, giving you the tools and knowledge to keep our children safe... particularly during the long summer break.

Online Safety Newsletter

July 2025

ZEPETO

ZEPETO has an age rating of over 13. Users create their own avatars and can design rooms. ZEPETO is a social networking app and therefore users can chat with others. Due to the usual risks, such as your child seeing inappropriate content or online bullying. In-App purchases are also available on this platform.

Parental controls are not available, but a user can change some settings within privacy and content settings, for example to change who can direct message you.

ZEPETO have published a Guardian's guide here: <https://support.zepeto.me/hc/en-us/articles/900005874946-ZEPETO-Guardian-s-Guide>

Nintendo Switch 2

The Nintendo Switch 2 was released last month and has a new communication feature that you should be aware of.

GameChat - NEW

GameChat is included within a Nintendo Switch Online membership and allows up to 12 people to chat while playing games. Players can share their screen, even if they are playing different games, chat with the built-in microphone and as the Nintendo Switch 2 allows cameras to be connected (sold separately), even video chat. If your child is using this feature, then ensure they know how to report other users.

You can find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-2/GameChat/Nintendo-Switch-2-GameChat-2785625.html>

Parental Controls

There is a free Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app that can be linked with your Nintendo Switch to monitor what your child is playing. The app creates a report so you can see which video games your child is playing and for how long. It also allows you to set which games your child can play, based on the PEGI age rating and restricts your child from sending or



Our whole school attendance target is

96%

We are at
95.58%
-0.16%

Willow Class current attendance

96.70%



-0.15%
Small drop

Hazel Class current attendance

95.77%



+0.02%
96% is close!

Rowan Class current attendance

94.7%



-0.31%
Oops!

**Headteacher drop-in
sessions every Friday at
2.30pm**

Mr Boyle is available for any parent to drop in to see him without the need for an appointment. Please do feel free to use this session before family assembly to answer any queries you may have.

Friday Family Assemblies

**Every Friday at 2.45pm
In the school hall**



**What a Sports
Day...**

**Amazing
memories were
made**

Congratulations to
this week's winners!

Headteacher's Award

Jacob Hudson
Lycan Aria
Layton

SHOUT OUTS!!!

Iris Jessica
Reuben Evie B
Jago Freyja
Tyson Joshua B
Archie
Maisie
Megan Ben

Diary Dates:

- Wednesday 9th July School Reports Out
- Thursday 10th July "Mystery at Magpie Manor" Play 2pm & 6pm
- Knowledge Assembly Tuesday 15th July for Willow @ 2.30pm
- Knowledge Assembly Wednesday 16th July for Hazel @ 2.30pm
- Knowledge Assembly Thursday 17th July for Rowan @ 2.30pm
- Leavers Service Monday 21st 2pm July

**The school calendar for 2025 to 2026 can be found at
www.nortonandwestchinnockschoools.co.uk/key-information/term-dates.htm**