

Newsletter – October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our first term draws to a close, the cold weather has arrived and the dark nights are drawing in. Children now need to have warm coats in school daily and the need for hats and gloves is not too far away. Please continue to make sure all items are named.

Thank you to those of you who were able to come and join your child's reading lesson last week. We had lots of positive feedback and we are glad that many of you found the model of an information session followed by a lesson useful. We hope to repeat similar events for different subjects later in the year.

I would like to share that Miss Surridge has welcomed her baby daughter, Callie Vanessa. Both Miss Surridge and Callie are doing well and we send our best wishes to the family as they embark on a wonderful new chapter together.

There are a couple of staffing changes to inform you about in school. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Murden at the end of term. Miss Murden has contributed a significant amount to Princecroft since starting with us, but she leaves to pursue a new challenge in a secondary school. We wish her all the best for her new role. We have successfully appointed Mrs. Sanger to continue to deliver high quality PE lessons. Mrs. Sanger has worked as a sports coach and as an outdoor adventurous activity instructor. We feel she will be a great addition to the team. Mrs. Christopher will now run breakfast club, and we hope to appoint another assistant soon. This will be covered by existing school staff in the interim.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,



Mrs. Gemma Pierson

Headteacher

News

Anti-Social Behaviour

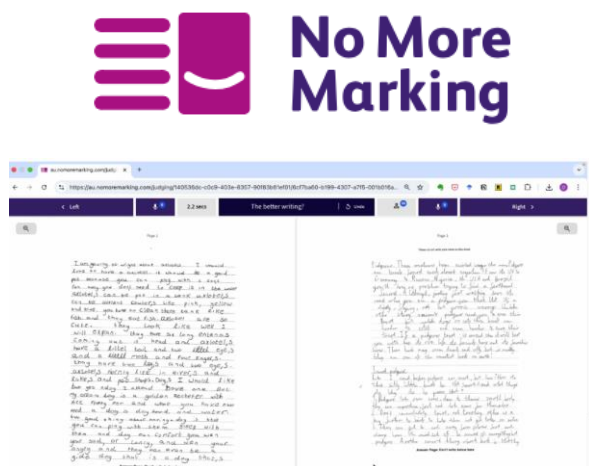
We are increasingly being made aware of incidents involving anti-social behaviour, particularly on the Swaledale estate. Please ensure that you know where your children are and what they are doing. If pupil behaviour is problematic and they are wearing our uniform, this brings the school's reputation into disrepute. Please bear this in mind for Halloween as well – not everyone wants to partake. Thank you for your cooperation with this. We all want to make sure everyone stays happy and safe.

Remembrance

This year's Remembrance Day Parade and Service will take place on 9th November in Warminster.

The parade will begin from East Street at 2.40pm. The service will begin at 3.00pm at the War Memorial and will finish at approximately 3.40pm.

Orders of service are available in advance from the Civic Centre and can be downloaded from Warminster Town Council's website. They will also be available on the day.



No More Marking

For some time, we have used a programme called No More Marking who provide thousands of schools with a robust method of moderating pupils' writing once a year. We are looking to improve the efficiency of how we implement No More Marking and we will be trialling their AI-based method which validates our moderation process. The method requires us to share anonymised images of pupil writing that will be transcribed and shared with AI cloud services. No personal information is shared. If you would like to read the privacy notice, it can be found here:

[Privacy+and+Data+Protection+Statement.pdf](#)

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for all your donations and for coming to support our Harvest Festival this year. We are always blown away by the generosity of our families, and this year was no exception. We collected a huge donation, weighing an impressive 173kg, which we donated to Warminster Food Bank. The children put on a great performance and a great time was had by all.



Break the Rules Day

Don't forget the next popular FoPS event on the last day of term! Please see the image below for further details...

Friends of Princecroft

BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform in a fun way
2. Wear a funky tie
3. Have crazy hair
4. Temporary tattoos
5. Nail varnish
6. Snazzy socks or tights

Here's how it works:

When?

Wednesday
22nd October

School uniform must be worn.
Wine to be brought into school
by an adult.

Parentkind
Member Association

If you want to break the rules, **for 1 day only**, please bring 1 bottle of wine, per family as a donation.

The wine will go towards our Water or Wine stall at the Christmas.

Here are some autumn recipe cards Year 6 made to share with families

EASY PUMPKIN SOUP



Melt the butter



Cook the onion



Add pumpkin & broth



Add milk & spices



Blend (optional)



Serve warm

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cups canned pumpkin puree (1 can, 15 oz)
- 2 cups chicken broth (or vegetable broth)
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar (optional, for sweetness)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional)

Fresh Pumpkin Option

- Use 3 cups of peeled, cubed fresh pumpkin instead of canned.
- Place pumpkin cubes in a pot with 2 cups of water.
- Boil until soft (about 15 minutes).
- Drain, then mash or blend until smooth.
- Use this puree in place of the canned pumpkin in the recipe above.

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Melt the butter – Heat butter in a big pot.
- Cook the onion – Add onion, stir until soft.
- Add pumpkin & broth – Stir in pumpkin puree and broth.
- Simmer – Bring to a boil, then simmer 10 minutes.
- Add milk & spices – Stir in milk, sugar, salt, cinnamon.
- Blend (optional) – Make it smooth with a blender.
- Serve warm – Top with croutons, cheese or sour cream.

EASY APPLE & BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE



Heat oven



Prepare fruit



Make crumble topping



Assemble



Bake



Cool and enjoy

Ingredients

For the fruit filling:

- 4 medium apples (peeled, cored and sliced)
- 2 cups blackberries (fresh or frozen)
- 100 g sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour (to thicken)

For the crumble topping:

- 125 g flour
- 50 g oats (optional, for crunch)
- 100 g brown sugar
- 115 g butter (cold, cut into cubes)

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Preheat oven to 190°C.
- Slice the apples.
- Place sliced apples and blackberries in a baking dish.
- Sprinkle sugar and 1 tablespoon of flour over the fruit, mix gently.
- Make crumble topping – in a bowl, mix flour, oats and brown sugar.
- Add the butter cubes.
- Rub with your fingers until the mix looks like breadcrumbs.
- Sprinkle the crumble topping evenly over the fruit.
- Bake for 35–40 minutes, until the top is golden and the fruit is bubbling.
- Let it cool a little. Tastes great with ice cream, custard or yogurt!

Diary Dates

TERM 1	
Wednesday 22 nd October	Last day of term and 'Break the rules day'
TERM 2	
Monday 3 rd November	Start of term 2
Thursday 6 th November	Open Day for prospective families
Monday 10 th November	Year 5/6 football tournament at Kingdown
Monday 17 th November	Assessment Week
Wednesday 19 th November	Reception and Year 1 Stay and Play 9am
Monday 24 th November	Year 2 Book Look 2.40pm
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 3 Book Look 2.40pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 4 Book Look 2.40pm
Thursday 27 th November	Year 6 Book Look 2.40pm
Friday 28 th November	Year 5 Book Look 2.40pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	Book Fair Delivered Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 rd December	Parents' Evening Open Day for prospective families
Friday 5 th December	Whole school walk to the Christmas Tree Festival (Minster Church)
Tuesday 9 th December	Book Fair collected
Thursday 11 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert in the hall at 2pm
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon – Year 1/2 Nativity Evening – Reception Nativity
Wednesday 17 th December	Afternoon – Reception Nativity Evening – Year 1/2 Nativity
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of term

Term Dates for 2025-26		TD Days (School Closed)
Term 1	1 st September – 22 nd October	Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd September
Term 2	3 rd November – 19 th December	Friday 19 th December
Term 3	5 th January – 13 th February	Friday 13 th February
Term 4	23 rd February – 27 th March	
Term 5	13 th April – 22 nd May	
Term 6	1 st June – 22 nd July	Monday 1 st June

School policies can be viewed on our school website. If you wish to view other policies please contact the school office via email. Photograph consents can be changed at any point; please contact the school office should you wish to do so. We use a lawful basis for collecting certain data, please contact the school office by email if you wish for us to change or remove any of your data.



**DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED GIFTS
FOR OUR ELFRIDGES STORE!**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR NEW STORE AT
THE XMAS FETE.

THIS ADULT FREE STORE IS RUN BY OUR ELVES WHO WILL
HELP YOUR CHILD PICK A GIFT FOR A LOVED ONE, WRAP
AND LABEL IT, READY TO GO UNDER THE TREE.

PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT DONATIONS ARE IN A NEW, OR AS
GOOD AS NEW CONDITION

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR GOOD-QUALITY BOOK DONATIONS for our exciting Christmas Fete stall!

All genres, all ages — from picture books to page-turning thrillers, romance to recipes, and classics to comics — we'd love them all!

AT OUR "DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER" STALL,
BOOKS WILL BE WRAPPED AND SOLD AS MYSTERY
TREASURES FOR READERS TO DISCOVER AND ENJOY.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR PRELOVED OR NEW BOOKS
and help us share the magic of reading this Christmas!

WARMINSTER HOLIDAY CAMP



**Princecroft Primary School, Warminster
BA12 8NT**



Thursday 23rd - Friday 31st October



Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00

Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00

Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00

Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

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MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Early Bird Prices

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£28.50	£128.25
Extended Club (15:00 - 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



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Wiltshire Council

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Time Out For Parents - The Early Years

Are you the
parent/carer of a
child (or more) aged 5
or under? Then this course
is for you!

Come and join other parents/carers to discuss ideas
and ways that you can boost yours and your
child's confidence and self esteem during their early years.

All children deserve the best start in life, and so together we will see
how we can understand our children's emotions, learning needs,
development and behaviours.

You'll leave with a whole toolkit of ideas and strategies which you can dip
into whenever you need!

Join us via Microsoft Teams
Starting on Wednesday 29th October
6:00pm - 8:00pm until
Wednesday 10th December 2025



Scan QR code to
register your interest

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Support for Families
to Build Healthier
Relationships

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At the Family Hub we recognise that there are times when the family dynamic can become increasingly stressful with communication that often ends in conflict.

Why not try Within My Reach?

Within My Reach is a four-week programme offered by Wiltshire Family Hubs, designed to support parents and carers living under the same roof who are seeking help in rebuilding a healthier relationship.

This program is ideal for couples and individuals alike—the flexibility allows either joint or solo participation.

Want to Get Involved? Here's How:
Request your place online. Sign-up is easy:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Why not try -

Triple P Family Transitions

Triple P Family Transitions is a five-week programme where co-parents can come along, separately, to learn strategies and skills to manage their emotions, learn coping strategies during separation and divorce and balance play, work and life as you transition through the change.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Choking and Strangulation

Did you know?

- Asphyxia (which also includes choking and strangulation) is the third most common cause of child accident deaths in the UK. Most of these accidents happen to children under 5.
- It takes just a few minutes for a baby to suffocate, and they are too weak to move themselves out of a position where they can't breathe.
- For some top tips to avoid risk for your little one click the link –



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