



North Cadbury C of E Newsletter Spring 2026



Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

As we pause at the midpoint of the spring term, it feels right to reflect with gratitude on all that we have already shared and achieved together. In Matthew 17:20 we are reminded that even the smallest seed of faith has the power to move mountains. Whether we understand faith as belief in a higher power, faith in one another, or faith in our own potential, the message is a hopeful one: small acts of courage, kindness and determination grow into something far greater than we might imagine. Over the past half term, I have seen that quiet, steady faith is alive in our classrooms, playgrounds and corridors. In the way our children support each other, persevere with challenges and approach each day ready to learn.

This term our school value has been the *A* in FAITH: **Ambition**. That ambition has been wonderfully visible in the extraordinary number of pupils who have stepped forward to volunteer for leadership roles. Their letters were thoughtful, heartfelt and full of aspiration. It has been a joy to watch them flourishing in the early days of their responsibilities. Our new librarian team, eco leaders, equipment and playground monitors and subject champions are already helping to shape and enrich the life of the school. These roles complement the strong student leadership within our house teams and give our students meaningful opportunities to champion the areas they care about most. They remind us that ambition is not only about personal success; it is about contributing positively to a community and helping it grow.

We also extend the warmest possible welcome to the new students and families who have joined us this half term. Becoming part of a new school community takes courage and we are delighted that you are here. You are already part of our story and we look forward to seeing you build friendships, discover your strengths and share your talents with us.

As we look ahead to the second half of the spring term, there is much to anticipate with new learning, new opportunities and new moments to show faith in ourselves and each other. Let us carry forward the spirit of ambition we have nurtured so far, encouraging our children to aim high while remembering that growth often begins with small, steady steps. If we continue to believe in the possibilities within us and around us, we truly can inspire one another to be the very best we can be.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Truett

"For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

**North Cadbury Church
of England Primary School**
'To be the best we can be'



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



NATIONAL
CHILDREN'S
BUREAU
Part of the family



Our Dragon Class

This half term, the children have been immersed in an exciting and engaging geography topic all about Africa. We began by locating the continent and learning key facts, before exploring the wide range of climates and biomes found across Africa. The children were fascinated to discover how varied the continent is, from hot deserts to lush rainforests. We also compared life in busy cities with rural communities, helping the children to understand similarities and differences in daily life. Our learning then moved on to how Africa is connected to the rest of the world through trade and tourism, which sparked some thoughtful discussions.

Our class book, *The Butterfly Lion*, has linked beautifully with this topic and has completely gripped the children. They have been eager to read on and have shown great empathy and curiosity as the story has unfolded. During our English lessons, the children took part in a lively debate about whether animals should be used in circuses, linking closely to the lion in the book. They then went on to write a balanced argument, carefully presenting facts and viewpoints from both sides of the discussion. This linked nicely with the British value of Democracy that we have been learning about this term.

In art, the children have been developing their creativity through sunset silhouette pictures inspired by African landscapes. They have worked carefully to include iconic acacia trees and some of Africa's Big 5 animals, producing striking and imaginative pieces of work. Overall, it has been a rich and enjoyable half term, with the children showing enthusiasm and growing confidence across all areas of learning.



Hello year 6 parents and carers

The PTFAA will be supplying all year 6 children with a free North Cadbury school leavers hoodie.

All children will have the same logo on the front and back (see example), with their names inside the '26'. You can choose the size and colour, please see options below.

My suggestion would be to choose an adult size (S, M, L) to allow for growth and long term use through secondary school, but this is not essential.

In a post below please provide -

Your child's name as they would like it to appear on the hoodie (name or nickname).

Hoodie size

Colour

Year 6 hoodies!

Year 6 students,
Please remember
to add your details
to the Tapestry
post.

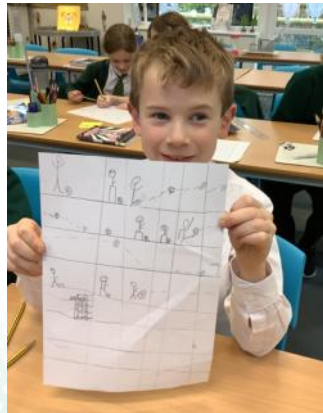
Our Phoenix Class

Spring A has flown by! This term, our learning in English has been inspired by our Ancient Egypt topic. The children spent time rewriting The Egyptian Cinderella, developing their storytelling skills and using descriptive language linked to life in Ancient Egypt. In Maths, we completed our work on multiplication and division and have begun learning about measure, preparing the children for future work on perimeter.

In Science, the children have started their learning about plants, exploring what they need to grow and how water is transported through them. Our Geography work focused on rivers, where pupils learned about their uses and discussed the positive and negative impacts they can have on people and the environment. In Computing, the children designed stick figure comic strips to support creating stop-motion animations whilst developing their creativity and technical skills. Our PSHE lessons focused on ambition, encouraging the children to reflect on their talents and think positively about their goals for the future.

Have a lovely half term.

Miss Shave and Miss Davies



Our Unicorn Class

What a fantastic start to the year Unicorn Class has had! This half term, the children have been completely captivated by our exciting topics: The Jolly Postman and the artwork of Banksy.

Through a creative, cross-curricular approach, we linked our English and Geography learning by exploring what life is like for postal workers around the world. The children loved discovering how mail is delivered in different countries and comparing this with our own experiences. These discussions sparked lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions.

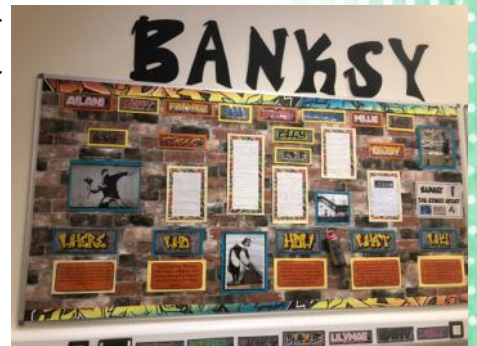
Our learning inspired some truly wonderful writing. The children worked incredibly hard to create imaginative letters and descriptions of postal uniforms, showing growing confidence in their vocabulary and writing skills. We are very proud of the creativity and effort they have shown.

Alongside this, our exploration of Banksy encouraged the children to think about art with a message. They enjoyed sharing their opinions, discussing what different artworks might mean, and experimenting with their own creative ideas.

Well done to all of Unicorn Class for their enthusiasm and hard work this half term — we can't wait to see what they achieve next!

Best wishes,

Mrs Stroud and Mrs Hawker



Our Sprites and Pixie Classes



This half term, Pixies and Sprites have been busy exploring Traditional Tales, learning all about The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Little Red Riding Hood and The Enormous Turnip. The children have really enjoyed listening to, retelling and acting out the stories, as well as exploring them through a wide range of hands-on activities. These activities have helped to develop their fine motor skills, mark making and creativity and it has been lovely to see their confidence grow.

In phonics, the Pixies have progressed onto Phase 3 and the children are becoming increasingly confident at reading words and beginning to write simple sentences in their literacy lessons. In maths, the Pixies have continued to build on their composition skills, exploring different ways of making numbers all the way up to 10.

Alongside this, we have enjoyed our Hygge learning, exploring a range of exciting topics including polar animals, snowdrops and dinosaurs, which has sparked lots of curiosity and discussion.

Fantastic work this half term, Pixies and Sprites. Well done everyone!

Miss Neville, Mrs Watson and Mrs Pett



Pancake fun!

Shrove Tuesday Fun!

We had a flipping and fantastic time celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a whole-school assembly full of laughter and friendly competition. Each class voted to nominate their very own Chief Pancake Flipper, choosing who they thought had the best skills for the job. Our brave flippers then took on the 30-second challenge to see how many pancake tosses they could complete with plenty of cheers from the audience! Much to the children's delight, the teachers also joined in and showed off their flipping talents. After some impressive performances, we had joint winners Pixies, Sprites and Unicorn classes who will proudly share the Golden Frying Pan Trophy this year. The big question is... who will take the title next year?



Somerset Safeguarding
Children Partnership



childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

As part of our continued commitment to safeguarding children, we once again took part in Safe Internet Day. Alongside this, we have continued delivering the NSPCC's Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies and workshops. The NSPCC provides a wealth of information for schools, parents, and young people, including online resources and interactive games. These can be accessed through the Childline website.

Hygge this term With Mrs Hawker



Over the last half term, our Hygge lessons have beautifully supported the History topic of Ancient Egypt, bringing the period vividly to life through creative exploration. The children learned about the significance of scarab beetles and proudly crafted their own from terracotta clay, explored the fascinating history of papyrus, and enjoyed writing their names in hieroglyphics. They have also begun creating their own canopic jars, carefully linking art with historical understanding. It has been wonderful to embed our foundation subjects into hands-on tasks that deepen learning and spark curiosity. The children's enthusiasm has been clear in every session, and their creativity has truly shone. Mrs. Hawker



What is Hygge?

In education, *Hygge* refers to creating a warm, calm and welcoming learning environment where children feel safe, comfortable and inspired to explore. Hygge sessions often focus on creativity, mindfulness and hands-on experiences, encouraging children to slow down, enjoy the process of learning and express themselves without pressure. By blending gentle structure with cosy, nurturing classroom practices, Hygge helps support emotional wellbeing while deepening engagement and curiosity.



Christian Distinctiveness

This half term we've seen our FAITH values shining brightly in action as we proudly grow our student leadership team. So many of our pupils have shown real courage and heart by putting themselves forward in areas they care deeply about — supporting our younger students, leading sports and playtime activities, helping with academic learning, and championing our Eco ambitions. Their energy and dedication beautifully reflect this term's focus value of **Ambition**: always striving to be the best we can be. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, responsibility and leadership our students continue to show — they are wonderful role models for our whole school community.



Red Team
5186



Yellow Team
4487



Blue Team
4620



Green Team
4554

Our Student Team Captains continue to lead and inspire their peers, encouraging everyone to be the best they can be and to give their all in every endeavour each week. Their energy and dedication set a fantastic example for the whole school community. Above you can see the final house team points totals for this half term; certainly a true reflection of teamwork, effort, and school spirit!



*Our Vice and Team
Captains 2025-26*



Online Safety

Supporting your child online can feel challenging, but there are excellent free resources to help.

[Common Sense Media](#) offers app and media reviews plus tips for healthy screen time. [National Online Safety](#) and [ConnectSafely](#) provide guidance on social media, privacy, and cyberbullying. [Internet Matters](#) and [Thinkuknow](#) offer age-appropriate advice for safe online use. Exploring these resources can help you set boundaries, have open conversations, and support your child in navigating the digital world safely.



Could you tell if your child was being exploited?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

18 March 7:00 - 8:30pm

30 March 10:30am - 12:00pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

18 March



30 March



Parents/Carers can access this FREE online session to

Scan me to book for the 18th March



- Learn about different types of exploitation.
- Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.
- Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline
- Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!

Led by Prevention Officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated child exploitation team.

Families are often the first to notice their child is being exploited.



Scan me to book for the 30th March



Attendance and Term Dates

Please find attached the term dates for the 26-27 academic year. I kindly ask that you consider these dates, when planning family holidays.

We know that regular attendance makes a real difference to every child's learning, wellbeing and future opportunities. The government expects pupils to attend at least **95%** of the time, with attendance below **90%** classed as **persistent absence**. While we understand that illness and exceptional family circumstances sometimes arise, holidays during term time cannot be authorised except in **very rare cases**. Schools have a duty to monitor attendance, and where concerns persist, the **Local Authority** may issue a **fine (£60–£120)** or, in serious cases, begin **prosecution**. As the DfE reminds us, *“Children who attend regularly are more likely to achieve and thrive.”* Thank you for working with us to ensure every child enjoys the full benefit of school each day.



Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year

September 2026					October 2026					November 2026								
M		7	14	21	28	Mo		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W	2	9	16	23	30	We		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th	3	10	17	24	Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F	4	11	18	25	Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27	Su		4	11	18	25	S	1	8	15	22	29		

December 2026					January 2027					February 2027							
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24
Th	3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25
F	4	11	18	25	F		1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26
Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27
Su	6	13	20	27	Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28

March 2027					April 2027					May 2027									
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25		
W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26		
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Su	7	14	21	28	Su		4	11	18	25	Su	2	9	16	23	30			

June 2027					July 2027					August 2027								
M		7	14	21	28	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu	1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
W	2	9	16	23	30	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
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Sa	5	12	19	26	Sa		3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su	6	13	20	27	Su		4	11	18	25	Su	1	8	15	22	29		

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
- Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
- Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
- Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
- Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
- Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

<https://www.northcadburyprimaryschool.org.uk/term-dates>




Decorate An Egg Competition

Decorate an egg, create a scene
Bring in to display in school on
Monday 30th March.
Prizes for everyone who enters!!



What's on in half term?




HOLIDAY FOOTBALL

FOR STUDENTS AT NORTH CADBURY, COUNTESS GYTHA, LOVINGTON, EVERCREECH, ILCHESTER

DATES:
MONDAY 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2026

Book here:
[Yeovil Town Football Coaching, Soccer School and After School Club](#)

NORTH CADBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cary Road, North Cadbury,
Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7DE




What's on in half term?

COMMUNITY SPORT'S TRUST

MULTISPORT HOLIDAY CAMP

FOR STUDENTS AT NORTH CADBURY, COUNTESS GYTHA, LOVINGTON, EVERCREECH, ILCHESTER

DATES:
TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2026

NORTH CADBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Cary Road, North Cadbury,
Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7DE



What's on in half term?

North Cadbury VHC Pancake Evening

Where: North Cadbury Village Hall
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Entry: £2.50 per person or £8 per family

Bar!!!



Tuesday 17th February

