



Newsletter – 28th November 2025

A message from your Headteacher...

Dear families,

Thank you to all those who attended our English Open Morning yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school visiting lessons across all year groups. We received incredibly positive comments, including:

- *"Lovely polite and smiley children, well done."*
- *"Thank you for inviting us in! It was so much fun and great to see learning in class."*
- *"I learnt a lot about how the children are taught – some of it was tough!"*
- *"Great time watching the children do lots of learning. Very welcoming."*
- *"Everyone was very polite. All the children were really engaged with English!"*

The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with you, and it was a pleasure to welcome you into classrooms. Look out for next terms Open Morning when the date is announced.

Christmas preparations are now well underway in school. Attached to this newsletter is a helpful Christmas Dates Sheet so you can easily see everything happening in the run-up to the festive break. We hope to make this a warm, joyful and memorable time for every child.

We are also continuing to improve our school environment. This week, new fencing has been installed around the wooded area to ensure the safety of all children, while still allowing classes to access and use the space as part of their learning. We will also soon be having new signs inside and outside school which we are excited to share with you in a couple of weeks time.

Thank you for the lovely festive contributions for the Christmas Hampers. The PTA will soon begin creating the hampers ready for our annual Christmas Hamper Raffle – raffle tickets will be on sale shortly.

Robin and Goldfinch Classes are busy practising for their Christmas production of Ralph the Reindeer with all the children learning new songs- I'm sure you'll be hearing them at home too! Tickets will be on sale soon, and we will let you know as soon as they are available.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Jo Baker-Brown

Dates for your diary!

- 03.12.25 – Beats Dance Performance for parents @ 4pm**
- 09.12.25 – Whole School Trip in the afternoon to Bristol Hippodrome Panto returning to school approx. 4:30pm**
- 11.12.25 – Christmas Church Service at Holy Trinity during the school day – children only**
- 12.12.25 – Elfridges**
- 15.12.25 – Y1/Y2 Christmas in a Box**
- 15.12.25 – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**
- 15.12.25 – School Choir trip to Mendip Lodge for Christmas Carols**
- 16.12.25 – Robins & Goldfinch Christmas Production for parents 9:30am**
- 16.12.25 – Rocksteady Concert at 2:30pm**
- 17.12.25 – Hamper Raffle prize draw**
- 17.12.25 – Robins & Goldfinch Christmas Production for parents 2pm**
- 17.12.25 – Kingfisher and Kestrel Christmas Cracker (Christmas singing 5pm)**
- 18.12.25 – Class Parties in school day**
- 19.12.25 – Last Day of Term**

Christmas Holidays!

TERM DATES:

- Term 3 – 05/01 – 13/02/2026**
- Term 4 – 23/02 – 02/04/2026**
- Term 5 – 20/04 – 22/05/2026**
- Term 6 – 01/06 – 22/07/2026**

INSET DAYS:

- Monday 5th January 2026**
- Monday 20th April 2026**



Thank you so much to our Court de Wyck community for helping us to raise a fantastic **£309.31** for Children in Need!



Reminder: Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime tickets are **due** by **December 1st** and payable on Arbor. Please speak to the office if you need help locating this.



Reminder: Y6 Kilve Deposits are due by **January 9th** and payable on Arbor.

Once these are paid, we will then put the remaining cost onto Arbor.

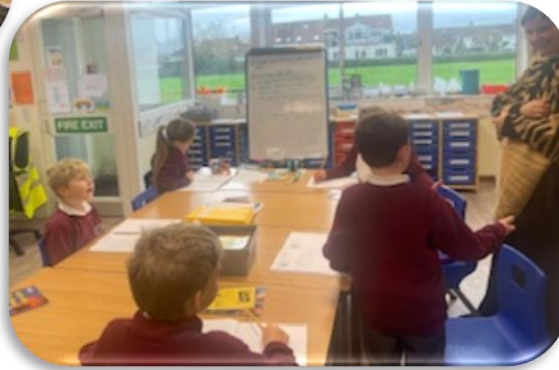
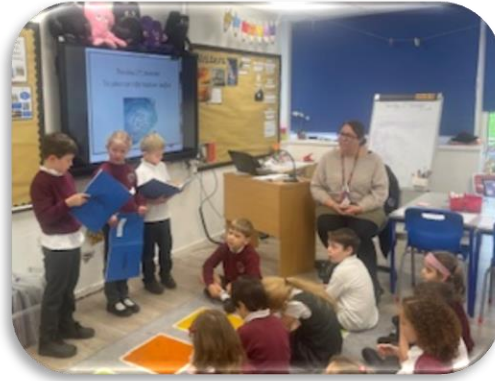


ELFRIDGES
Friday 12th December

The PTA gift shop will be open!

Children are invited to choose and wrap small gifts for their loved ones to bring home and put under the tree. Gifts cost £2.50 each, payable via Arbor. Letters will be sent home, please send your child in with the completed slip on the day so we know who they are choosing gifts for.

ENGLISH OPEN MORNING



MEET TLC MEMBER – BEN HEWETT

As part of the governors' information forum, I'm delighted to introduce myself and tell you a little more about my role on the governing board at Court de Wyck.

My name is Ben Hewett, and I have worked in education for nearly 30 years. For the last 13 of those, I've been the headteacher of a local Church primary school – a role that continues to inspire and challenge me every day. Education has always been my passion, but if there's one area particularly close to my heart, it's inclusion. Ensuring that every child feels valued, supported, and able to thrive is at the centre of everything I believe in. My two daughters were both pupils at the school before moving on to secondary education.

At Court de Wyck, I have the privilege of being the Special Educational Needs and Disability Governor, which means I focus specifically on how the school supports and meets the needs of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. Throughout the year, I meet regularly with Mrs Fear, the schools SENDCO, we look at how the school continues to develop its inclusive practices so that every child has the best possible experience.

It's always a pleasure to visit the school. The ethos at Court de Wyck is fantastic – warm, inclusive, and truly reflective of the school's values. When governors visit, we have the opportunity to see lessons in action, talk to staff and pupils, and hear from parents. It's wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning, proud of their achievements, and full of enthusiasm for school life.

You may also spot governors at various events throughout the year – whether that's assemblies, performances, or celebrations – and we always enjoy being part of these occasions.

Being a governor is both an honour and a responsibility, and I feel very privileged to be part of such a committed team working alongside the staff, children, and families who make Court de Wyck such a special place.

DANCE/DRAMA

WORKSHOPS

Monday 22nd December

Zootopia 2

2-3.15pm/4-6yrs

K Pop Demon Hunters/
Wicked- For Good

3.30-5pm/7-12yrs

Claverham village hall



Learn a unique dance routine and develop your drama skills. All abilities welcome. Limited spaces available.

beatsdance10@gmail.com

Join us for some festive fun and creativity with Beats Dance Christmas workshops. Inspired by the new movie Zootopia, the younger children will explore characters and learn a unique dance choreographed to one of the songs from the movie.

The older group will be treated to music from two popular films, K-Pop Demon Hunters and Wicked-Part 2. They will develop their performance skills and learn a fresh new dance routine plus create new characters and storylines. All with a sprinkle of festive fun and games.

YMCA

Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you



Collection for homeless outreach

Please can you help at Christmas and donate to help a homeless person.



- hats, gloves and scarves



- small blankets



- toothbrush and toothpaste



- deodorant



- woolly socks



- breakfast bars



Please donate to stepping stones or court de wyck primary school by Friday December 12th



We are teaming up with Stepping Stones Pre-School to help the homeless this Christmas.

Please bring any donations into the school. Thank you.

Safeguarding

At Court de Wyck we are committed to safeguarding – please see our policy on our website: www.courtdewyck.co.uk

Useful online safety links:

<https://net-aware.org.uk>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>