

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Welcome back to Term 2, with darker evenings and colder days! It was lovely to see so many of you at our end of term Harvest event and the cosy book evening, we look forward to seeing you all again for the Christmas activities.

Next holiday (Christmas) many of you will receive the HAF vouchers for your child. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) you should receive the voucher for them – if you have other children in your family (potentially younger ones at school) then please ensure that you have registered them for the Free School Meal (FSM) scheme as well. Free School Meals means that your child is entitled to a free hot meal every day (although you can still opt to bring a packed lunch if you choose), you will then receive the holiday vouchers 3 times a year for your child. The school will also receive money for your child. This means we can help you by paying an amount towards school trips, uniform or other activities such as after school club or music lessons.

Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility is determined by income/benefit, whereas the Universal Free Infant School Meals (UIFSM) offers a hot dinner to all children in EYFS & KS1 and does not come with any additional funding or vouchers. If your younger child has the Universal Infant Meal, you may still be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) with additional funding attached – please speak to the Office who will give you a Free School Meal eligibility form to complete.

This term we continue our Open Morning visits for any Yr R pupils for September 2025 – if you have a child who will start in Yr R in September 2025, please look out for the visit dates.

We will also be holding Parent's evenings this term – you can sign up for your slot via Parent mail.

Over the half term, I was shocked to see the amount of school uniform in lost property that was unnamed – this included coats and shoes, as well as sports kit and football boots. We know how expensive these items are – please ensure your child's clothing is labelled. Please take time to look through the lost property boxes in KS2 if your child is missing items. Anything that is not labelled or unclaimed will donate to the FoS Pre-loved stall or it will be donated to charity.

Finally, some more staffing news. At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Brown, who is leaving teaching. She has been at Covingham for 10 years and has taught across the school. I am sure that you join with us to wish Miss Brown well for her new adventures ahead.

Our SENDCo, Lucy Smith, will be working at Covingham every Friday until the end of this term, and we have extra support from an experienced SENDCo, Mrs Caron Hitchen, who will be with us on a Tuesday and Thursday until Christmas.

We are delighted to welcome our new caretaker Mark Edgington to the Covingham Team!



Mrs J C Andrews

Headteacher

## Dojo Assemblies



This term we continue to invite you to watch your child receive their Dojo certificate.

The class teacher will inform you if your child has reached the next Dojo milestone.

## TD day reminder

Our next TD day is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. School is closed to pupils on this day.



Please remember that all schools are no smoking or vaping sites. If you are seen vaping or smoking, you will be asked to leave.



The Lighthouse Team will next be visiting Covingham for a drop in and coffee morning on **27<sup>th</sup> Nov and 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**. Please let us know if you will be attending or would like an appointment time with one of the team, They can help parents by providing advice and support on a range of children's issues such as eating, sleeping, behaviour, anxiety etc,



Please remember that all schools are no dogs allowed sites, this includes breakfast and after school clubs

## Parking reminder



Please be respectful of our neighbours around school and do not block their driveways or access. Our neighbours get very upset and become cross with the ladies in the school office. Please be kind.



We will be selling items from the Pudsey shop – pens, wristbands, badges and Pudsey ears, until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, your child may come to school dressed up to support Children in Need by wearing spots or something yellow. Please send them with a money to donate.

## Dates for parents

### New events added

WHEN?	WHO?	WHAT?
04/11/24	All	Term 2 starts
07/11/24	New Parents	Yr R for September 2025 open morning
<b>07/11/24</b>	<b>Yr 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Swimming gala – Yr 5&amp;6 (specific pupils, not whole year group)</b>
<b>11/11/24</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>	<b>Yr 5 author visit at Dorcan School</b>
12/11/24 15:30-18:00	All	Parent's evening
13/11/24	Yr 4	Saxon Experience Day
14/11/24 15:30-19:00	All	Parent's evening
<b>15/11/24</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Children in need day – items available to buy. Dress up in yellow or spots.</b>
18/11/24	Yr 1	Visit to Windsor Castle
19/11/24	New Parents	Yr R for September 2025 open morning
20/11/24	Yr R & 6	Height and weight screening
22/11/24	All	FoS non-uniform day - more details to follow
22/11/24	Yr 5	Parents invited for end of topic celebration – more details to follow
26/11/24	All	Parents invited to Maths stay and play sessions KS1 09:30-10:30, KS2 10:45-11:45
<b>27/11/24</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Lighthouse drop-in session</b>
<b>27/11/24</b> <b>3:15-3:45</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Book fair – Lower School Hall</b>
<b>28/11/24</b> <b>3:15-5pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Book Fair – Lower School Hall</b>
<b>28/11/24</b> <b>5pm-6pm</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Christmas Cosy Story Evening – Upper School Hall</b>
29/11/24	All	FoS Table top sale
<b>02/12/24</b> <b>3:15-3:45</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Book fair – Lower School Hall</b>
09/12/24	Yr 6	'Bikeability' week
10/12/24	All	School Choir and Wootton Bassett Brass Band concert – more details to follow
11/12/24	All	Rock Steady Concerts - pm
12/12/24	All	Christmas Jumper Day
12/12/24	All	Christmas Lunch
12/12/24	All	FoS – school disco – more details to follow
13/12/24	Yr 4	Yr 4 parents invited to end of topic celebration – more details to follow
17/12/24	Yr R	Nativity performance pm
18/12/24	All	Christmas celebration at St Paul's Church – more details to follow
18/12/24	Yr 1	Nativity performance pm
19/12/24	All	Lighthouse drop-in session
19/12/24	Yr 2	Nativity performance pm
20/12/24	All	Christmas parties – end of term



# COVINGHAM

## Park Primary School



WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OF RECEPTION INTAKE 2025, TO COME AND VISIT OUR RECEPTION CLASSES AND OUTSIDE AREA.

We are holding open mornings for any prospective parent to come along and visit the school. Please telephone the school office to book on 01793 525465.

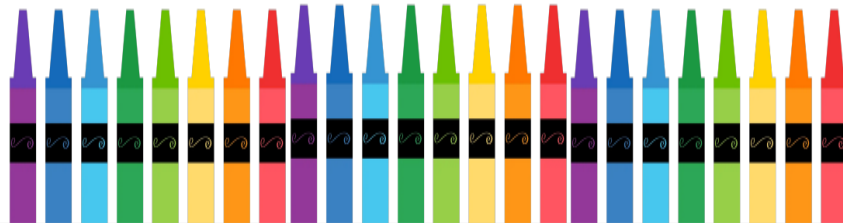
Our Open Morning dates are:

Sept - Thurs 19th & Tues 24th

Oct - Tues 8th & Thurs 17th

Nov - Thurs 7th & Tues 19th

OPEN MORNING TIMES 09:30-11:30



*Friends of CPPS*  
**Colour Tabletop Sale**

Here's how it works...

- Friday 22 Nov - will be a non-uniform day**  
 In exchange, we ask that you donate a new/nearly new gift in the colour allocated to your child's class: -
 

Oak & Sycamore - Purple	Willow & Hazel - Blue
Ash & Hawthorn - Red	Birch & Aspen - Green
Elm & Cedar - Orange	Cherry & Rowan - Gold
Beech & Maple - Silver	
- Friday 29 Nov - Colour Tabletop Sale**  
**2:15pm**  
**Entrance - Main office**  
**Exit - Upper school hall**
  - Lower school hall - colour tables. All gift donations available to buy at reduced prices  
 There's usually a great bargain to be had!
  - Upper school hall - games, refreshments, raffle and more!

Then come and visit  
**Rather Christmas**  
 in his grotto\*

All games 50p, Cash preferred. Card and Apple Pay also taken.

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Friends of CPPS present...

# UPPER SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 12 December 2024

Admission £3 5:15pm til 6:45pm

Tuckshop & children's raffle available at a small charge

Enter through upper-school cloakroom door.

ALL children must be collected by an adult at the end of the disco.

Polite Reminder to parents and children: mobile phones will need to be left with the school office until the end of the disco.

We ask that children do NOT bring food or drink into the disco as drinking water is freely available.



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FRIENDS OF CPPS  
PRESENTS



# LOWER SCHOOL DISCO

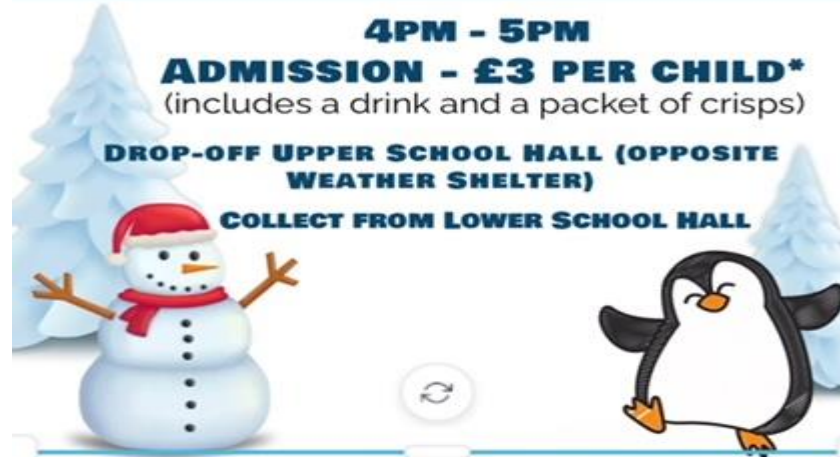
**THURS 12 DEC 2024**

**4PM - 5PM**

**ADMISSION - £3 PER CHILD\***  
(includes a drink and a packet of crisps)

**DROP-OFF UPPER SCHOOL HALL (OPPOSITE WEATHER SHELTER)**

**COLLECT FROM LOWER SCHOOL HALL**



**REMEMBER: GOOD BEHAVIOUR = GOOD FUN = GOOD DISCO!**

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