



2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents/carers

What an incredible week we've had! Dragon Charity Week has been a fantastic celebration of teamwork, generosity, and school spirit, and we couldn't be prouder of everyone who has taken part. Throughout the week, students and staff have thrown themselves into a brilliant range of activities—from the fiercely competitive Badminton Tournament to the adventurous Dragon Hunt, the ever-popular Bingo, and the suspense-filled fun of Traitors. Of course, one of the biggest highlights was the much-anticipated "Sponge the Teacher" event, which brought plenty of laughter (and very soggy teachers!). Events continue today and if you are able to contribute the link can be found here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dragon-house-fundraising-week>

Thanks to the enthusiasm and kindness of our school community, the money raised will be donated Cancer Research and our ongoing House Planter Project. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference, and we are truly grateful. A massive thank you to everyone who has participated, donated, helped organise, or simply came along to cheer others on. Dragon Charity Week showed once again what a special community we are. Well done, Dragons—your compassion and spirit shine brightly!



As a reminder, students are back for Term 5 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This will be a week 2.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

### **Reminder regarding Upcoming Vaccinations – Year 9**

Parents/carers are required to give their consent for the upcoming Meningococcal ACWY and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccinations. These are happening on 14<sup>th</sup> May and the consent link is here: <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/dtp/2025/consent?v=2>

### **Eggcellent attendance**

We would like to thank all our families for supporting strong attendance this term. Being in school every day is vital for students' progress, confidence, and sense of routine, and we are delighted to celebrate the commitment so many of our young people are showing.

This term, over 400 students achieved a three-week attendance streak, attending school every single day for three weeks—an outstanding achievement! From this group, 20 students were randomly selected to receive a chocolate egg of their choice as a reward for their fantastic consistency. Well done to every student who kept their streak going! There are 24 school days in term 5 and we will be continuing to recognise excellent attendance next term with more rewards and celebrations.

Please continue to encourage your child to be in school, on time, and in their seat each day—every lesson really does matter, and every streak starts with day one. Thank you for your ongoing support.



## Uniform changes in Term 5

As a reminder ties are no longer part of the uniform from next term. Students are being asked to hand in their tie to their Heads of House so that they can be used at a later date in an upcycling project. For the rest of the academic year students can continue to wear their school shirt and jumper without the tie. In addition to this, the new polo shirts are available to be worn from term 5. These will be compulsory parts of the uniform in September. The only exception will be for students that will be in year 11.

## Golden Valley Bridle Path

North Somerset Council and Nailsea Town Council are requesting local feedback on a small number of potential changes to the bridleway. Because this route is used daily by pupils, parents and school staff - particularly for walking, cycling and scooting - views from the school community are especially important

<https://bit.ly/GoldenValleyBridleway>



## Reporting absence

The way to report an absence has changed. Any holiday, lateness, sickness or other absences can be reported via the MCAS app which automatically updates all relevant staff and the register. You do not need to phone or email the Absence Line, Reception or other staff.

## Year 11 and 13 Arrangements

Year 13 Leavers Week will run from Tuesday 5th May - Friday 8th May, with students expected to attend all lessons up until lunchtime on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Subject revision sessions following this week will be coordinated by curriculum areas and communicated to students and parents/carers through Bromcom.

Year 11 Study leave will begin on Friday 8th May 2026 at 3pm. Students are able to attend their usual lessons the following week (w/c 11th May 2026) in between their exams, but this is optional and they are able to sign out at reception following exams.

From Monday 18th May 2026, lessons will not continue to run, but some subjects will run study sessions, and details of this will be sent home in advance from curriculum areas.

We will celebrate Year 11 leavers' day on Friday 22nd May 2026.

- There is a GCSE PE exam scheduled for the morning
- If your child does not take GCSE PE, they should arrive in school at 11:30am for an assembly starting at 11:45am in the Auditorium.
- Shirt signing and year groups celebration will follow the assembly, with students leaving school by lunchtime (1:20pm).



**Finally...** last weekend we moved into British Summer Time, with the clocks going forward by one hour, we also (hopefully!) will welcome longer, lighter evenings—a sure sign that spring is well underway. While the lost hour of sleep can make early mornings feel a little tougher at first, the extra daylight brings a real boost to energy, focus, and wellbeing for everyone.

Please do take a moment to embed those adjusted routines over the break where needed so that everyone arrives rested and ready for the school day. A good night's sleep will help students stay engaged, keep their attendance streaks going, and make the most of the learning opportunities ahead.

Here's to brighter mornings, lighter evenings, and a positive start to Term 5.

Have a restful break



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