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5th September 2025

Dear all,

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be another action-packed and exciting year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. It has been lovely to welcome new children into the school and see the number of smiling faces returning.

On Wednesday, the staff, governors and representatives from the Oak Partnership met in school to discuss the vision for the school moving forward. It was hugely affirming to talk about the number of things that makes this school special from the academic progress to the caring nature of the staff and children to the 'quirkiness' that makes us unique. It also gave us an opportunity to do some blue sky thinking and dream big.



One discussion focussed on the fact that we, as interested parties, are merely the current custodians. We have nearly 170 years of history behind us forming our DNA, but it is up to us to form our current identity. We are forming part of a legacy that will continue into the future. This led to the question 'Why do we exist?' - not from a historical perspective but right now in the present. These were some of the thoughts:

- To maintain the school's uniqueness and be a strong part of the community
- To develop the children academically and have an impact on who the children have the potential to be
- To reveal the world through our curriculum and enrichment opportunities
- To create future citizens of the world but also of Stoke St Gregory



- To serve the children of the wider community through fostering good relationships with parents
- To maintain and help thrive the relationship between the school, pre-school, village and community

Let your light shine

Our school vision is 'Let your light shine' (Matthew 5:16) and we are so excited to have brought this vision to life through a stunning mural in our entrance hall painted by the hugely talented local artist Katie Theobald. Katie's

designs blew us away but the finished creation left us speechless. An artist of that talent, who so clearly loves what she does, is a massive inspiration for the children of our school and we are looking forward to inviting Katie back in at some point to talk to the children about her work.

The mural also beautifully encapsulated our school's core values: Love, Imagination, Gratitude, Hope and Togetherness. These values have been chosen because we believe they are the most important values to share with the children of our school and all members of the school community are involved in ensuring these values are shared and upheld.

If you haven't seen our Facebook videos yet of either the revealing or the children's reactions, make sure you check them out and share them widely!

This term's value is ... Love!

What better way to start the year than with some love(ly) news that links to this term's core value? Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rogers who were married over the summer. We are all so happy for you both!

Best wishes,
David Rowland
Headteacher



Key dates:

Thursday 25 th September	Open Morning (am)
Thursday 25 th September	Flu vaccinations (pm)
Tuesday 30 th September	Harvest Service – 9.15am in the church. All welcome.
Tuesday 7 th October	Individual and sibling photos
Wednesday 8 th October	Parent Coffee Morning/EYFS Phonics Meeting
Tuesday 14 th – Wednesday 15 th October	Parents Evening

All Age Worship in North Curry Church

The local churches are organising a new time to worship, one that is for all ages and especially if you're exploring what being Christian actually is...

A New Way to Explore Faith: All are welcome!

We'd love to see you at our new All Age Worship service on Sunday September 21st at 10am in North Curry Parish Church

What to expect:

- 10am to 10.30am: A short, simple, informal service that is engaging for adults and children alike.
- Then, from 10.30: An invitation to linger over coffee and cake with crafts and activities on the theme of the day.

When: 10am Sunday 21 September

Where: North Curry Parish Church

Find out more from Revd Simon Bale, vicar@athelneybenefice.com, 07970 936325



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There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

CHOICE ADVICE

Somerset Choice Advice is a free and impartial service which supports families with advice and practical support through the school admission and appeals processes. This service exists to ensure that parents can play an active and informed role in securing a school place for their child

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For FoS to hold events, we require volunteers to help the small but mighty committee.

No need to attend meetings, just to help at events.

Please see a member of the committee to put your name down.