



St Margaret's CEVA School

Newsletter 5 – December 2025

As we bring our Christmas celebrations in school to a joyful close, we are reminded of the true meaning of this season. Beyond the carols, crafts, and festive fun, Christmas is a time to pause and give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. It is through Him that we find hope, love, and light in our lives.

Now, as we step away from the busy excitement of school festivities, may this season be filled with moments of peace and togetherness. We encourage everyone to cherish time with family and friends, sharing laughter, kindness, and gratitude.

Let us carry the spirit of Christmas into the weeks ahead, remembering that the greatest gift of all is love.

Thank you's...

The Poppy Appeal

We raised an amazing £147.35 for the poppy appeal this year, thank you for your support.

PTA Christmas Fayre

We would like to extend our thanks to the PTA and all the staff who worked so hard to set up the Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November. It was a fantastic event, enjoyed by many, and together we raised an incredible **£750.00!**

Paulls of Martock

We are incredibly grateful to Paulls of Martock for donating our beautiful school Christmas tree once again this year. Their kindness and generosity brings so much joy to our community.

The children love seeing the tree outside school, it truly makes us all smile and adds festive cheer to our days.

Thank you for helping us keep this wonderful tradition alive!

Panto

The children had a wonderful time watching Beauty and the Beast, with some even getting the chance to join the cast on stage!



Nativity

We are so proud of our EYFS and KS1 children for their wonderful nativity performances this week! Every child took part with enthusiasm, and it was a joy to see their hard work come to life on stage.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for all their hard work in bringing the nativity to life, and to our families for your support and encouragement

Well done to all our amazing children - you truly lit up the stage!



Disco



Reindeer Run

Yesterday we did our reindeer run in support of our friends at St Margaret's Somerset Hospice & Save the Children 🎅🌲 Together we have raised **£111.00** to be split to each charity - thank you for your support.



Christmas Lunch





Upcoming roadworks

We have been notified by Wessex Internet of works taking place on Vicarage Street in the new year from January 5th.

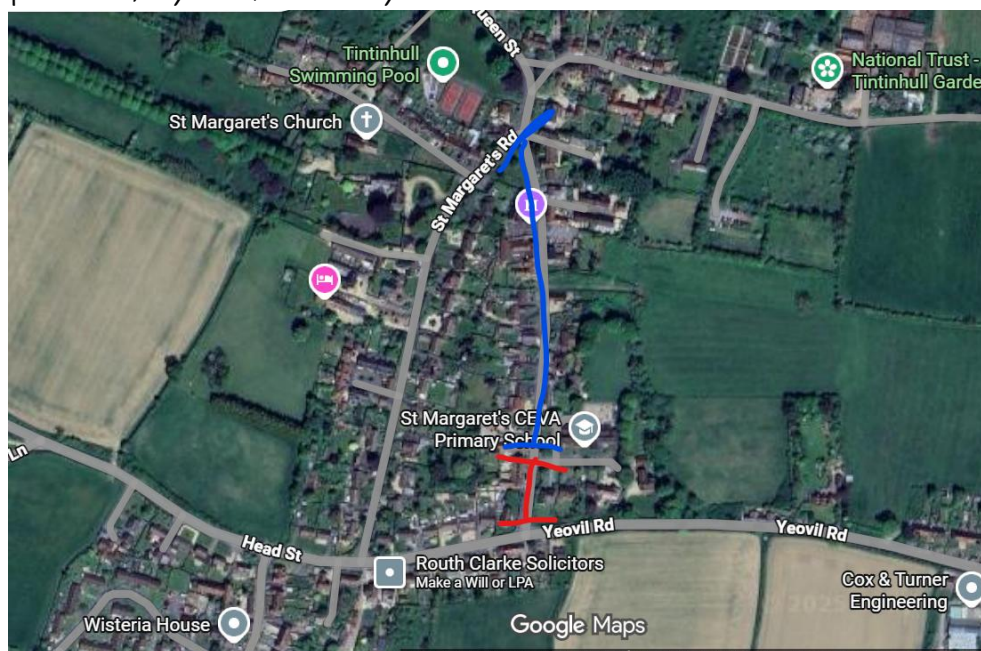
Access to the school will be significantly affected during this time.

Referring to the attached image, the red section will be closed first to allow access from the northern section of the road. Once this is complete, they will switch to the blue section being closed with access being maintained from the south. Unfortunately, they cannot give specific dates as to when sections will be completed as work progresses at various speeds.

Please do consider your travel arrangements as drop off and collection times are going to be extremely busy and will likely get congested with the traffic, particularly with the red section being closed so near to the main road.

Our breakfast and after school provision will run as normal and utilising these may ease the school traffic.

Please continue to consider our village residents during this time and park safely and sensibly.



Staff carpark

We kindly remind you that the school car park is reserved for staff use only. Recently, we have noticed that the entrance area, including the disabled bay, is being blocked at around 8:00am during drop-off. This makes it very difficult for staff to access the car park and park safely. Please ensure that you do not stop or park in front of the entrance. When parking in the disabled bay, please ensure you are not obstructing anybody trying to enter or leave. This will help us keep the car park clear, safe, and accessible for staff who need to arrive promptly to support the children. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please be considerate of our neighbours and please do not obstruct drives and park on any dropped kerbs.

Top Tips for looking after yourself over the festive season

December 16, 2025

Including information around which health and care services are open over the bank holidays

As Christmas approaches, Somerset health and care partners are sharing top tips on how to stay healthy and happy over the festive season.

From ordering repeat prescriptions early and accessing mental health support, to making the most of local services like NHS 111 and community pharmacies, there are lots of things that people in Somerset can do to help themselves – and friends and family – stay well.

Bernie Marden, Chief Medical Officer at NHS Somerset said: “Winter is often a challenging time for the NHS, particularly over the festive season when services become busier and are more limited over the bank holiday periods. It’s important to know how you can get the help you need.

“The easiest and quickest way to order your repeat medicine is via the NHS App or GP Online Services – you can do this from the comfort of your own home. And do remember that community pharmacies can help you with many winter illnesses and can also provide prescription only medicine to treat seven common health conditions such as sinusitis, sore throats and earache.

“Mental health support is also crucial, especially during the festive season. We have face-to-face safe spaces and a 24-hour helpline available. You can also access help and advice via our Open Mental Health website. Remember, help is always at hand, and it’s important to reach out if you’re struggling.”

NHS Somerset put together a handy guide on its website to help you access services has to look after your health in Somerset over the festive season well guide all NHS services in the area: <https://nhssomerset.nhs.uk/my-health/winter-2025/>

If you rely on repeat medication, make sure to place your orders now to avoid running out over the holidays. The easiest and quickest way to

order your repeat medicine is via the [NHS App](#) or GP Online Services – you can do this from the comfort of your own home. Before you order, check what medicines you already have and only order what you need. Please do not stockpile medicines as excess supplies can be dangerous and wasteful.

NHS 111

For non-emergencies, you can get medical advice 24/7 by calling NHS 111 or using the [111 online service](#). They have trained professionals who can direct you to the appropriate care.

While most GP surgeries will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day, some pharmacies will remain open and are the best place to go for minor health concerns.

Community pharmacies

Your local pharmacy can offer clinical advice for common winter conditions such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy troubles, and aches and pains. Check their opening hours via www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-Pharmacy.

Some pharmacies will be open over the bank holidays during the festive season for more information on which community pharmacies will be open over the bank holidays visit [NHS England – South West » Pharmacy opening hours](#) (*this website will be updated nearer the bank holidays*).

Pharmacy First is a service that allows community pharmacists to provide prescription-only medicines to treat seven common health conditions, without a visit to a GP, including sinusitis, sore throat, shingles and uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women.

Cost-of-living support available this winter

Somerset Council and its community partners are offering food, energy and housing support to help residents cope with rising costs this winter. The kind of vital local support that the Council is encouraging people to access includes:

- food pantries,
- advice and support for people with caring responsibilities,
- Council Tax support for people on a low income or who receive certain benefits,
- discretionary housing payments to help pay rent,
- and financial support for elderly residents to heat their homes.

Details about the full range of support available, as well as how to check eligibility and to apply, is on the Council's [cost-of-living support](#) page.

Domestic abuse

Sadly, we know that cases of domestic abuse increase over the festive season. This is not just physical but also emotional abuse. In an emergency, please call 999.

For support, contact the [Somerset Domestic Abuse Service](#) or call 0800 69 49 999. The helpline is available from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and on bank holidays.

Emergencies

If you need emergency care, please call 999 or use your nearest accident and emergency department. Do not contact 111 first if you are unsure if you need to use A&E services.

Getting your loved ones home for Christmas

If your loved one is in hospital and well enough to leave, help support them to get home at the earliest opportunity.

Looking after children

Download Somerset's Handiapp with advice to help with everything from if they have a high temperature to if they are vomiting or have diarrhoea to help you look after you

child. <https://nhssomerset.nhs.uk/my-health/parent-zone/>

You can also contact 111, your local community pharmacy or urgent treatment for non-emergency care.

Support with your mental health

People can struggle with their mental health over the festive season.

Open Mental Health's [Festive Wellbeing Kit](#) is packed with resources and support options from across Somerset, whether it's family tensions, money worries, or the stress of holiday preparations.

Remember, [Mindline Somerset](#) is open any time of the day locally on [01823 276892](tel:01823276892) or freephone [0800 138 1692](tel:08001381692). And with [Crisis Safe Space](#) appointments available, you never have to face mental health struggles alone.

Urgent Dental Care

If you need emergency or urgent dental care, you can get advice from NHS 111, or contact a dentist and ask for an appointment.

[How to find an emergency or urgent NHS dentist appointment – NHS](#)

Urgent Treatment Centres and Minor Injury Units

You can attend your local Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) or Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) for urgent not life-threatening conditions and injuries such as sprains, fractures and burns. For the latest information on opening hours and services, visit the [UTC/MIU pages](#).

Winter vaccinations

Free vaccinations for flu, COVID and RSV are available at GPs, community pharmacies, your GP and at pop up clinics. For more information on who is eligible and where to get your vaccinations visit [Vaccinations – NHS Somerset ICB](#)

ENDS

For media enquiries or interview bids/filming bids to see our services in action please contact Helen Ashley at NHS Somerset mobile 07775 823649 email somicb.communications@nhs.net For more information on how we can support you this winter visit NHS

Somerset <https://nhssomerset.nhs.uk/my-health/winter-2025/>

Achievements

Martha has received her Gold award at Rainbows. She is only the third child to achieve this at her troop. A big well done Martha, we are really proud of you!

Reminders

- **INSET dates for 25-26** – Can be found [here.](#)
- **Dates for diaries** – Can be found [here.](#)
- **INSET Day – Friday 19th December**
- **INSET Day – Monday 5th January**

If something is worrying you, please do speak to me, as my door is always open. Please also speak to your class teacher or a member of staff if you have any concerns. We also love to hear happy things too!

Best wishes



Ms Robinso

Discoverers

December is always an exciting month and Discoverers' Class has been a hive of activity and anticipation! After working really hard to learn the words and signs for the Nativity songs, our children took part in the performances, and we are really proud of how marvellously they sang and signed. They have also been very busy, making an assortment of Christmas decorations to take home with them to share with their families. Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas break and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



See you all in 2026!

Mrs Hobson, Miss Taylor, Mrs Wilton and Mr Jordan



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