



FINAL ISSUE (2025-26)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is my very last newsletter as the Headteacher of North Road Community Primary School.

I feel incredibly privileged to have been a Teacher and the Headteacher of our school. Over the past 14 years, I have worked with dedicated colleagues and amazing governors, who have shared and supported my desire and vision to provide the very best education and primary school experience for the children of North Road Primary and their families.

Looking back over the years, I have so many happy and fond memories that will always stay with me. I have watched hundreds of children grow, learn, achieve and mature into young people that I am very proud of, and it has been an honour to have been a part of their childhood.

North Road Community Primary School has been a huge part of mine and my family's life for the past 14 years. I am immensely proud of our school, all that we have achieved and all that it represents. It will always have a special place in my heart.

So, as I sign off for one last time, I would like to thank you all for your support over the years. I sincerely wish all of the children of North Road Community Primary School and their families all the very best for the future. I am looking forward to spending lots of time with the children during the last three weeks of term as we make more happy memories together.

Mrs Sarah Stillie

SEPTEMBER 2026 - NEW CLASSES

Today, Mr Pavey has announced the class teaching teams for September as the children spend the next two mornings together in their new classes.

The class teams will be:

Pluto Class: Miss Hobbs, Mrs Pearce, Miss Fuller

Mars Class: Miss Ali, Mrs Cobb, Mrs O'Neil, Mrs Bernhardt, Mr Stillie

Neptune Class: Mrs Thomerson (Monday, Tuesday, alternate Wednesdays), Mrs Oliver (Thursday, Friday, alternate Wednesdays), Miss Jones, Mrs Bernhardt

Jupiter Class: Mrs Daone (Monday, Tuesday), Mrs Wilson (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), Miss Fuller, Mrs Bernhardt

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have two co-opted governor vacancy roles on our governing body.

If you know of someone; a colleague, friend, family member etc. who would like to be involved in the planning for the future of our amazing school and help to make positive impact on the education of our children, please contact the school office for more information.

FAMILY PICNIC – THURSDAY 16th JULY



Please join us on the field at 11:15am on Thursday 16th July for fun and games and a family picnic to celebrate the end of the school year.

Please head straight to the field and set up your picnic mats and chairs

around the edge of the field. Children will be brought to the field one class at a time and delivered to parents. Please keep your child/children with you on your picnic rug. If you are unable to attend, your child will remain with their class teacher. We will start our celebrations with a few North Road traditions, including welly wanging and KS2 tug of war, before the kitchen serves lunch and we picnic together at 12pm. At 1pm, staff will take all children back down to the main school building. Children will be able to go home with parents following afternoon registration and can be collected from the playground in the usual way. Alternatively, children can remain in school for the afternoon with teachers and be collected at 3:15pm as usual or attend Roley's Afterschool Club.

We look forward to seeing you there!

END OF YEAR – SCHOOL DISCO TO CELEBRATE YEAR 6

The Year 6 parents have kindly organised an end of year celebration for us all to come together and celebrate our Year 6 pupils. It will be held at Chipping Sodbury Rugby Club on **Friday 17th July**. Tickets can be reserved/paid for via Arbor, in the 'shop' area of the app, at a cost of £3 per adult and £2 per child. All children attending need to be accompanied by a supervising adult. Ticket sales are now live with physical tickets being sent home with your child nearer to the event. Ticket numbers will be limited so do not miss out!



READING AWARDS



During our recent Celebration Assemblies, we have said 'Well Done' to Jacob as he received his Bronze 100 Reads Award, Brogan, Taylor J and Darcy as they received their silver 300 Reads Award and Stanley as he received his 400 Reads. We have also celebrated with Jake G as he received his 800 Reads Award, Reggie on receiving his 1,000 Platinum Reads Award as well as Jayden as he received his 1,300 Reads Award! Well done to everyone for reading daily and making super progress with your reading.

Parents, remember to sign your child's reading record when you have listened to them read and have asked

them some comprehension questions from their bookmark about their book. **Children may have up to two reads counted in their reading totals on any one day – teachers will sign your child’s Reading Record in school if they have listened to them read. This will count as one read. We ask you to listen to your child read every day. This will be the second read.**



‘NORTH ROAD STARS’

Congratulations to Xander, Saul, Parker, Caleb, Callie, Logan and Brandon who were all awarded a North Road Star during our recent Celebration Assemblies. We are very proud of you all.

UPDATING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please can parents of children in Reception and Years 1 – 5, log into their Arbor account before the end of this academic year and check that all personal information held by school is correct. If any information is incorrect, for example contact details for yourself/adults that can collect your child etc, please can you amend in Arbor. Please email the school office with any changes or updates that you are unable to complete yourself. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Please may I remind you that we have a NO PHONE POLICY at our school. Whilst on the school site, mobile phones must be kept away in a pocket or bag. This includes on the school playground during the start and end of the day. This is in place to ensure the safety of pupils and is part of our safeguarding policy. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAY ABSENCE

Attendance at school is incredibly important for your child’s academic progress as every school day missed results in lost learning. High attendance levels also supports good physical and mental well-being. Term time holidays are therefore strongly discouraged. Please read the following changes carefully so that you are aware of the additional financial impact of taking a term time holiday and other unauthorised absences.

If a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, a parent may be issued with a Penalty Notice. There are two sessions in each school day (morning and afternoon). The sessions of absence can be consecutive (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised holiday in one week) or not (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, spread across the 10 school weeks).

On the first occasion that a parent is issued with a Penalty Notice in respect of their child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This amount will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

If a second Penalty Notice is issued, within 3 years

of the date of issue of a previous Penalty Notice, to the same parent in respect of the same child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160. There will be no reduction if the Penalty Notice is paid within 21 days. This will apply even if the previous Penalty Notice has been issued by another local authority.

If the threshold for issuing a Penalty Notice is met for a third time (or subsequent times), within three years of the first Penalty Notice being issued, a third Penalty Notice cannot be issued. Instead, alternative action will be considered, which may include prosecuting a parent for the offence of failing to ensure their child’s regular attendance at school. This will apply even if one, or both, of the previous Penalty Notices were issued by another local authority.

Permission for absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, where the reason for the request is very clear.

LUNCH BOX REMINDER

Please look carefully when packing your child’s lunchbox, as we are a **Nut Free School**. Food containing nuts or traces of nuts **must not** be brought into school, this includes Nutella chocolate spread.

In addition, as a Healthy School, sweets and chocolate bars **must not** be included in your child’s lunch box. Please remember all food packaging should be able to be opened independently by your child.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance Matters



TERM 6 DATES FOR THE DIARY

29/6/26	Mars Class trip to The Wild Place
1/7/26	Neptune Class Poetry Recital Assembly to parents 2:45pm
1/7/26	Year 6 Transition Days to Brimsham Green and Chipping Sodbury Schools. New Classes morning – North Road
2/7/26	Year 6 Transition Days to Brimsham Green and Chipping Sodbury Schools. New Classes morning – North Road
3/7/26	Fundraising Tombola – only £500 until we hit our target
8/7/26	KS2 Pantomime to Parents (PM)
9/7/26	KS2 Pantomime to Parents (AM)
10/7/26	North Road Has Talent (AM)
16/7/26	Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly (pupils and Year 6 Parents) 9:15am
16/7/26	Family Picnic on the Field including Fun and Games! 11:15pm – 1pm.
17/7/26	Year 6 Leavers’ Celebration (EVENING). Tickets available through the Shop on Arbor
17/7/26	School Annual Reports to Parents
21/7/26	LAST DAY OF TERM

INSET DAYS 2026– 2027

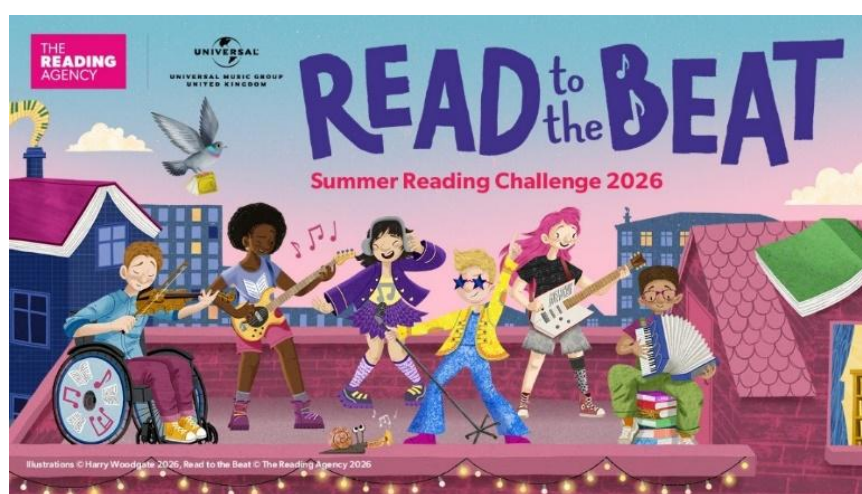
Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 18th June 2027

Friday 9th July 2027



A poster for the Yate Rugby Academy. It features a young player in a blue jersey and black helmet, holding a rugby ball. The text 'YATE RFC' is in a crest at the top left. The main title 'YATE RUGBY ACADEMY' is in large, bold letters. Below it, it says 'INVITES YOU TO RUGBY PRE SEASON TRAINING'. The start date 'STARTING WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY' is prominently displayed. To the right, it lists details: 'FOR AGES U10 / U11 / U12', 'TIME 6.30 - 7.30 PM', 'LOCATION YATE OUTDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX', and 'FREE RUGBY FOR ALL!'. At the bottom, it says 'CONTACT PETE 07860941637'.

A flyer for the 'Read to the Beat' Summer Reading Challenge 2026. It features a snail playing a trumpet and a gramophone. The text 'THE READING AGENCY' and 'UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP UNITED KINGDOM' are in the top left. The main title 'READ to the BEAT' is in large, stylized letters. Below it, it says 'Our local library has visited our school to tell the children about the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat!'. It then states 'It's FUN and FREE, and every child aged 4 and above is invited to take part! Children read any books they enjoy and take part in fun activities over the summer to collect stickers and rewards including a medal and certificate.' Below this, it says 'See the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to your child's reading!' and includes a quote from Patchway Library: 'I love that the reading challenge happens each year. My child struggles with English and reading so this is brilliant for him and keeps him off his tech. It's a great skill to have.' (Patchway Library). It then says 'Join at a South Gloucestershire library during staffed hours from Saturday 4 July finishing by Saturday 12 September and pick up your FREE activity bag.' Below this, it lists 'FREE holiday activities: West African Drumming Workshops with Batch Gueye, Crafts, Junk Modelling Workshops and Lego™ Challenges.' At the bottom, it says 'southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge' and includes logos for 'Active Libraries' and 'South Gloucestershire Council'.