



Mrs Watts
Assistant Principal and
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Dear Middle School,

Welcome to Term 1 of our new academic year: 2023-2024, and to our Middle School bulletin. It has been an absolute pleasure seeing how quickly our children (both new and returning) have settled back into school, reconnecting with friends and making new ones. *Well done for a smashing first week!*

Your teachers have been busy over the last few weeks, planning and preparing to support you as you continue your learning journey with us. Our site team have also been busy all summer painting and tidying our spaces; a massive thank you to them for all of their hard work in continuing to develop our Middle School area.

We are looking forward to holding our first ever Middle School Celebration assembly next week – it will be so lovely to see everyone together for this.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact teachers/tutors in the first instance and they will be able to work with you, or to guide you in the right direction to access support.

Emma Watts

Upcoming Dates	
Sept 13	Open Evening for Year 7; entering through Upper School Office
Mon 25 / Tues 26 Sept	Year 8: Navy Attract Day
Tues 26 Sept	Open Morning (Y7) Open Afternoon (Y7)
Weds 27 / Thurs 28 Sept	Year 7: Navy Attract Day
Fri 29 Sept	Year 6: Navy Attract Day
Tues 17 Oct	LS/MS Disco
September	Year 5 Pedestrian training
October	Year 6 Swimming Tuesday afternoons 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st October 2023 7th & 14th November 2023
November	Year 5 Swimming Block Swimming Week (every day) Mon 10th - Fri 14th June

Key Reminders and Updates

Uniform

Just a reminder that children in Years 5-8 are not to wear their PE kit into school in the mornings: all year groups change in school for this activity. Where children are not wearing correct school uniform, they will be provided with the correct uniform to change into in the morning. Many thanks for your ongoing support in this.

Middle School Office

Thank you to the parents/carers who have raised that we are having issues with our telephone system. We have advised our IT team, who are looking into this for us.

Bikes and Scooters

We now have our very own, Middle School bike shed, in which they are able to lock their bikes and/or scooters. If your child wished to use this area, please ensure that they bring an appropriate lock into school with them, to ensure that their bike/scooter is stored securely.

Book Corners

Year 5 and 6 classes now have their very own book corners to enjoy. If you have any Year 5/6 appropriate books (fiction, non-fiction, poetry etc.) that you would be happy to donate, please send these if with your children. Thank you! Year 5/6

Camp

Year 6 and 8 are going on camp this academic year! Year 6 will be off to PGL Liddington, while Year 8 will be going to Mendip Activity Centre. Please look out for any letters regarding these experiences over the next couple of weeks.

KOA Sport Clubs (Term 1/2)

Day	Year Group	Activity (Staff Member)	Location
Monday	7-11	Netball (RHD/AJS)	Courts
	7-11	Fitness (JCK)	Gym 2
	7/8/9	Boys Rugby (AHH/DJN)	Field
	5/6	Multi-sports (AST)	Gym 1
Tuesday	2-6	Survival Skills (Sporting Chance)*	Lower Site
Wednesday		Rugby Fixtures	
		Netball Fixtures	
		ESFA National cup football fixtures	
Thursday	5-11	Table Tennis (AWN)	Gym 1
	6-10	Girls Football (ESE/RHD)	Gym 2
	3-6	Football (Sporting Chance)*	Lower site

*Sporting Chance: £4.00 per session. Bookings to be made via the website and payment via debit/ credit card / childcare vouchers or BACS. FSM places available - speak to the office for a letter