



Dear North Star 180 Families,

It has been another vibrant and purposeful week across the school, with students engaging in a wide range of learning experiences. Our primary classes have been busy exploring rivers, experimenting with shadows, enjoying woodland learning, and celebrating the end of SATs with well-deserved rewards. In secondary, students have taken part in LOTC visits, met farm animals, explored heritage sites, and developed impressive research and presentation skills.

I would like to give particular recognition to our Year 10 students, who have shown real maturity during their work experience placements. Whether supporting within school or working with external companies, they have demonstrated teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills that will serve them well in the future. Year 11 have also completed their first set of written exams this week, approaching them with focus, resilience and a positive attitude. Their commitment to revision and their support for one another has been excellent to see.

Across the school, it has been heartening to see students showing kindness, welcoming new peers, and engaging so positively with their learning. Our celebration pages this week highlight students who have achieved 100% points, made significant improvements, or stood out as stars of the week. Thank you for continuing to support good attendance routines as we move towards the end of term.

As a reminder, the end of term is Friday 22nd May. Monday 1st June is an INSET day; however, we will be running our GCSE PE exam on that day for the students involved. Term will resume for all students on Tuesday 2nd June.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes a real difference to the atmosphere and success of our school community.

Warm regards,

Serra Orumlu
Headteacher

Our Mission

We Navigate Success Together with Ambition and Relevance

WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

Owls: We have been continuing our learning about Rivers this week and have started to learn a river poem. We enjoyed some time in Greyfield wood, playing in the stream and waterfall and listening to the soundscape.

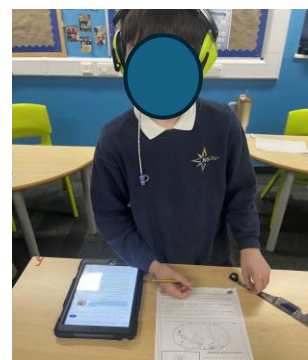
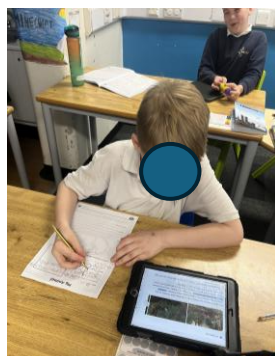
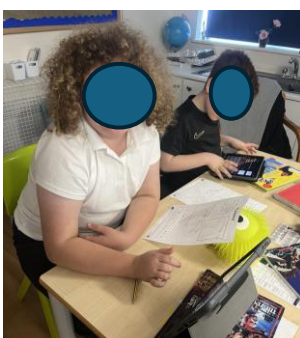


Badgers: We have completed our SATs this week. Everyone has been incredibly proud of the effort and resilience we have shown to sit through some really long exams and try our hardest the whole time. We've earned a well-deserved day full to the brim with rewards!

Hedgehogs: We did our science experiment exploring how the distance of the light source affects the size of the shadow. Children enjoyed using the equipment and recording their results. Tomorrow the children will be looking at the results and seeing what they found out and what this tells us about shadows.



Otters: The Otters have had a busy week! Our highlight was exploring the world of extinct animals. Each student researched an animal of their choice and developed a PowerPoint presentation to showcase what they learned.



WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

8A: During our Learning Outside the Classroom (LOTC) lesson, we visited Prior Park and made the most of the glorious sunshine while exploring one of our city's beautiful heritage sites. We spotted wildlife such as moorhen and coot chicks and looked at different types of trees, including elm and yew. We also enjoyed the stunning views and peaceful surroundings. It was a great opportunity to get outside, learn more about nature, and appreciate the local environment. We also made some delicious pizzas and pizza rolls in food technology!



Y9: Our Year 9 LOTC trip to Bath City Farm was full of sunshine and smiles! We met a very friendly little lamb who was keen for a stroke, and couldn't get over the gorgeous, fluffy llamas—like walking clouds! We enjoyed exploring the grounds, learning all about the different farm animals, and spotting lots of beautiful flowers in bloom. With the glorious sunshine, it was a lovely day outdoors and a great chance to enjoy nature together.



Y10: This term year 10 have been taking part in work experience and it has been amazing to see the positive attitude towards their work. These work placements have provided the students opportunities to develop key life and employment skills, such as organisation, teamwork, communication and problem solving. Students have been working in the school canteen and teaching assistants in school, whilst other students have been working with outside companies in fire and security and mechanics. Well done year 10!

Y11: This week, students completed their first set of written exams in Biology, Maths and History. We are immensely proud of how they approached these assessments — all students showed a positive attitude and put in strong effort. In lessons, we have been focusing on targeted revision, covering key topics and predicted exam questions. Students have also helped identify areas where they feel they need additional support, allowing us to tailor revision to their needs. To support their preparation, we have been completing past papers and using a range of resources, including BBC Bitesize, revision guides and online quizzes.

11X: I have been so pleased this week to see the positive way the group has accepted a new student to the group and made him feel most welcome to North Star 180.

LET'S CELEBRATE
PRIMARY

Students with 100% Points

- Louie
- Oakley
- Jackson
- Kailon
- Michael B
- Theo
- Aubree
- Bentley
- Georgie
- Ronnie

- Valerie
- Kingsley
- Evan
- Laurie
- Percy
- Toby
- Violet
- Amelia
- Harrison
- Mia

- Isaac
- Jacob
- Kobi
- Kodi
- Logan
- Eloise
- Corban
- Connor
- Riley MW
- Alexander

Most improved student of the week: **Corban**

Class Totals



Stars of the week: **Corban, Eloise, Violet, Valerie, Kailon, Klayton**

Attendance: **Badgers 100%, Otters 97.5%, Hedgehogs 90%**

LET'S CELEBRATE
SECONDARY

Students with 100% Points

- Alistair D
- Albie H
- Ayrton F
- James HC
- Olivia C
- Ellis N

- Dylan G
- Adrian W
- Ethan B
- Leo P
- Logan H
- Harvey P

Most improved student of the week: ***James HC***

Student of the week: ***Riley HS***

Class Totals

1st

Y11 97.2%

2nd

8A 94.7%

3rd

Y7 94.4%

4th

11X 92.9%

5th

Y9 90.4%

6th

8B 80.5%

7th

Y10 80.5%

Attendance: **8A 86%, 8B 80%, 11X 70%**

SCEPTRE WEEK OF ACTION

Tackling Knife Crime Together

18–22 May 2026

Knife crime can have a devastating impact on **young people, families and communities**.
Keeping people safe means **working together** — police, partners, parents, carers, schools and communities.

What are Avon & Somerset Police doing?

- ✔ **Highly visible patrols** in areas most affected by anti-social behaviour and serious violence
- ✔ **Intelligence-led action** to identify and protect those most at risk
- ✔ **Working with partners** to prevent violence through education, early intervention and support
- ✔ **Reducing access to weapons**, including working with retailers to ensure knives are sold responsibly and lawfully

What can you do as a professional?

- Talk to children and young people about **the risks and consequences of knife crime**
- Be aware of **online content and influences** that may promote violence or carrying weapons
- Trust your instincts — if something doesn't feel right, **speak up**

Advice young people, parents and carers

- 🚫 **Carrying a knife will not keep you safe**
- ⚠️ Carrying a knife increases the risk of serious injury — including from your own weapon
- ❤️ Even a small blade can cause **life-changing injury or death**
- 🔒 Carrying a knife can result in **up to four years in prison**, even if it's never used

Resources are available at the [Ben Kinsella Trust](#)

What do I do if I am worried about someone carrying a knife?

You can report concerns **100% anonymously**:

- 🔒 [Fearless](#) (for young people) – not the police
- 👮 [Avon & Somerset Police](#)

Knife surrender bins

- 🗑️ **Don't risk your life**

[Knife surrender bins](#) are available across the region so weapons can be handed in **safely and anonymously**.

Bleed kits save lives

- 🩸 In a serious incident, **minutes matter**

Bleed kits are publicly accessible and can help control bleeding until emergency services arrive.

- 👉 [Find locations via HeartSafe – Bleed Kit Map](#)

Very few people carry knives.

Together, we can prevent harm and keep our communities safe.

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