



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the harvest donations we have received today. Mrs Brown has kindly taken these to a local foodbank. The school took part in a harvest celebration this morning where a group of children read a harvest poem and children sang a school favourite 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'.

As a school, we have enjoyed welcoming parents into open classrooms and also parents of Little Acorns for their first parents evening. For term two dates, including parents evening for years 1-6, please look to the right of this page. Further information will be shared shortly as appropriate.

Today is Mrs Greenwood's final day in school before beginning her maternity leave and I know that you will join me in congratulating and wishing Mrs Greenwood well at this exciting time.

I hope you enjoy reading about our school highlights over the last few weeks. As always, if you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Best wishes,

Emily Harris
Headteacher



Reminders

- Children must not bring in PRIME bottles as a water bottle.
- We ask that children do not climb on any play equipment or facilities such as bikes stands at school drop off and pick up times.
- Parking on the yellow zigzag lines will block the view of the school entrance. This will endanger the lives of children wanting to cross the road on their way to and from school. Please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines.
- For the health and safety of our children, parents/carers and staff, children must not be present in the carpark at any time before, during or at the end of the school day.

Key dates

Term 1

- o Tuesday 17th October- FoW Ks1 film night (3.20 - 4.15pm).

Tickets sold by FoW.

- o Thursday 19th October- Ks2 film night (3.20- 5pm). Tickets sold by FoW.

- o Friday 20th October- last day of term

Term 2

- o Monday 30th October- inset day, school closed to children

- o Tuesday 7th November- Parents evening, for parents with children in years 1-6 (more information to follow)

- o Wednesday 8th November- Parents evening, for parents with children in years 1-6 (more information to follow)

- o Thursday 9th November- Parent tour EYFS intake 2024 (9.30am)

- o Wednesday 29th November- Wreath marking workshop in the hall, all welcome (ticketed event hosted by FoW)

- o Friday 10th November 2023- EYFS Parent/carer workshop- What does Maths look like in EYFS? (2.45-3.15pm)

- o Monday 13th November- Antibullying week

- o Friday 17th November- Children in Need, the school community are invited to wear spots

- o Thursday 30th November- Rocksteady concert (2.30pm)

- o Friday 1st December- Christmas Jumper day for all.

- o Wednesday 6th December- Parent/carer coffee morning with the school nurse (9am)

- o Wednesday 6th December- KS1 Christmas afternoon performance

- o Thursday 7th December- KS1 Christmas evening performance

- o Friday 8th December- Christmas lunch

- o Friday 8th December- Wansdyke Christmas shop for children (more information to follow)

- o Wednesday 13th December- KS2 Christmas afternoon performance

- o Thursday 14th December- KS2 Christmas evening performance

- o Friday 15 December 2023- last day of term

Term dates for the academic year 2023-24 can be found [here](#).

Camp meetings

A reminder that class teachers will be delivering camp meetings on the following dates. This will be an opportunity to learn more about each residential trip and ask any questions you may have at this time.

Year 2 camp Folly Farm meeting-
Thursday 19th October, 3.30pm

Year 4 camp Kilve Court meeting-
Tuesday 17th October, 3.30pm

Year 6 camp Simonsbath meeting-
Friday 20th October, 3.30pm

Click on each logo to the left to explore the website of each camp location.



BeeZee Bodies work with Bristol Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Food Champions have put together a resource which shares information around Food Services in the South Bristol area.
Food services: South Bristol
September 2023



Big Draw

Children are invited to enter the The Big Draw Festival 2023. Entries will also be used to create a brilliant reading display in Cedar.



School meals

After careful consideration, the cost of school meals will be increasing to £2.45 due to significant increases in food and energy costs during the last year. This will be with effect from 30th October 2023. Zest Catering provides high quality, healthy menus that conform to the government's guidelines and, where possible, include sustainably and locally sourced ingredients. Zest are confident that they continue to represent good value for money.



Community Bonfire AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday 4th November at 7pm
Counterslip Baptist Church, Wells Road
Everyone welcome! Free hot chocolate and cake available.



Celebrations

Congratulations to the children photographed below who have been awarded a certificate of achievement in this celebration assembly over the last fortnight.



Children in year 5 entered a poetry competition and have all been awarded a certificate to celebrate their poetry writing skills



Congratulations to the children photographed below who have won one of our weekly reading raffles recently.

Children who read at least four times in a week are entered into the raffle and the winner can choose a book of their choice purchased by the school.



A HUGE thank you for all donations brought in today as part of our harvest celebration. All donations have been given to Counterslip Cares food bank

Attendance

Attendance award winners during term 1

- Week 1 - Year 4 (99.4)
- Week 2 - Year 4 (99%)
- Week 3 - Year 4 (97.7%)
- Week 4 - Year 2 (97.7%)
- Week 5 - Year 6 (97.3%)
- Week 6 - Year 6 (99.6%)

Overall attendance 95% (school target- 96%)

The school's [attendance policy](#) can be found on our school website and an informative school attendance information leaflet can be found [here](#).

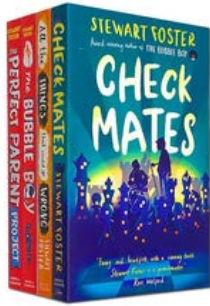
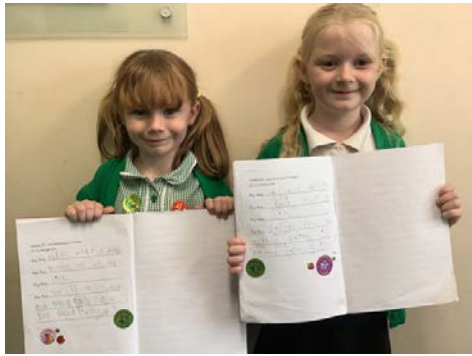


Exciting highlights...

Children wore yellow to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day. The Young Minds team delivered a brilliant assembly explaining the importance of talking about our feelings and ways to feel good!



Children in year 1 have been produced lots of impressive writing about the story The Bog Baby over the past week.



KS2 enjoyed a visit from author Stewart Foster this week who was incredibly interesting to listen to and answered questions children had about the world of books!



A special thank you to the open the book team who delivered a brilliant assembly the week with the help of some volunteer actors.



BATH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Some children in KS1 met Dapo Adeola an illustrator, author and character designer who was awarded illustrator of the year in 2022. They loved listening to Speak up!, learning to draw and asking Dapo lots of questions.