Everyone can achieve

Everyone can learn

Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 02

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Gem Certificates



Celebration Assembly is to recognise pupils who have demonstrated exemplary use of their gem powers. Pupils from each class receive a gem certificate to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated this week:



Year 1 - Ruun, Akram, Scarlett, Dylan, Tommy, Luke, Reggie and Francesca



Year 2 - Nimrat, Mahir, Frank, Freya, Khalid, Zaina, Kayson and Aviannah



Year 3 - Azania, Dominik, Piotr, Kaleb, Ruby, Mason, Aniyah and Etienne

Year 4 - Jimmy, Aaleyah, Jahmiel, Ollie, Aston and Gigi



Year 5 - Elray, Ethan, Hanna K, Isa, Jahtayon, Darla, Finn and Brandon

Year 6 - Mohamed, Peter, Noah M, Evelyn, Jack, Dolcie, Zakariya and Annabel P

Welcome to the Year Groups



Reminder that we are holding our open evenings next week for parents and carers to come into the classrooms to meet the teacher, find out about the year group, curriculum and events planned and to see children's work.

For everyone attending, your child will be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 book token - just fill in an entry slip in the class and hand it to the teacher before you leave.

Tuesday 22nd September:	**Year 1** 3:40pm - 4:30pm **Year 4** 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 23rd September:	**Year 2** 3:40pm - 4:30pm **Year 5** 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Thursday 24th September:	**Year 3** 3:40pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday 29th September:	**Reception** 3.40pm - 4.30pm **Year 6** - 4.30 - 6 including a Secondary School Admissions Presentation (Please Note change of date)



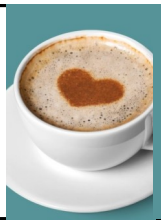
Flu Vaccines

The annual flu vaccination programme is scheduled to be carried out in school for all children on the Monday 2nd November, for children who have consent for the vaccination. To sign up for your child to receive the vaccine please click: https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2026/consent?v=3 or scan the QR code:

SEN Coffee Morning with Bristol Parent Carers

Wednesday 23rd September from 9-10.30am

Come along and chat with Bristol Parent Carers and school staff to find out about services locally to support your family and children



Bristol Parent Carer Forum
Shaping the Future Together

Free School Meals - Changes to entitlement



As you may have heard, eligibility to Free School Meals has changed. Now all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive free school meals.

There are now 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing income threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.

Expanded FSM, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit

These changes mean that more pupils may be eligible to receive a free school meal and so **we are asking all families to complete the eligibility checker form** so that we can find out if your child is eligible.

You can complete the online form here: Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Checker Form 2026 – Fill in form and we will check your child's eligibility. Alternatively, you can complete a paper form which can be collected from the main foyer and returned to the school office.

You only need to complete the form once, and your child's eligibility will be re-checked every year.

If you have any questions about the Free School Meals Changes or the form, please speak to a member of staff in the school office.

If you have not already completed the Free School Meals Application Form, we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible so that if your child is eligible, we can provide them with a free meal.

Class Fundraising 2026 Christmas Project

Keep an eye out next week as your child will be bringing home an artwork template for the Class Fundraising 2026 Christmas Project!

Year 6

Letters have been sent home this week about how to book for Year 6 Camp and Day Trips. Bookings go live at 6pm on Sunday.

Details to follow next week on ordering Hoodies.



Music Lessons

Bristol Beacon host a number of Music Teachers in our school offering a wide-range of instrument lessons for children in Year 3-6. They currently have spaces available for Violin and Piano lessons on Wednesday mornings.

For more information, please see the flyer attached to the newsletter. To sign-up, please visit https://ukbristolbeacon.speedadmin.dk/play/catalogue/courses



Mobile Phone Policy: a reminder

At the start of the academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our school mobile phone policy. **No pupils are allowed to bring an internet enabled smartphone onto the school site.**

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Pupils who walk to or from school alone may bring a **non-internet enabled phone** (a basic phone without internet or apps). These phones must be handed in each morning and will be stored in the school office.

Year 6 - Important Information about Year 7 Applications



Although children are only just starting Year 6, we need to inform you that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for September 2027 is **midnight on 31st October 2026**. Online applications are open via the Council's website: Apply for a new year 7 secondary school place (or if you are a South Glos resident: South Glos LIFE | Apply online for a school place)

We have confirmed the key open event information for local school websites and have added this on to the Year 6 page of our school website: https://www.abhps.com/year-6/

Please take some time to look at the open event information for the schools - many of them are happening very soon, within the next few weeks. We would recommend that you look around as many schools as possible in order to help you and your child make an informed decision about where they would like to go after Air Balloon.

We will be holding a Parents' Information Session on Tuesday 29th September, immediately after the Welcome to Year 6 Open Evening to outline the admissions process and answer any questions you may have on applying for secondary school places. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs King in the school office.

Term Dates 2026/27



To assist parents/carers to book holidays and arrange other events please find detailed below the term dates and inset days for this academic year:

Term 1: Thursday 3 September 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026
Term 2: Monday 2 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3: Monday 4 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4: Monday 22 February 2027 to Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5: Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6: Monday 7 June 2027 to Friday 23 July 2027

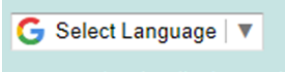
Inset Days:
Thursday 3rd September 2026
Friday 4th September 2026
Wednesday 2nd December 2026
Thursday 25th March 2027
Wednesday 7th July 2027
School will also be closed on Monday 3 May 2027 for the Early May Bank Holiday

For details on 2026/27 term dates: BCC-school-term-dates-2026-to-2027.pdf

If you want to be really organised, you can find the term dates for 2027/28 here: BCC School Term Dates 2027 2028

Accessing the school newsletter

Did you know that the school newsletter can be translated into 130 different languages on our website? To access the newsletter in a different language, visit https://www.abhps.com/newsletters/, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on this icon:



Choose the language you prefer and the whole page will be translated by Google.

Remember, you can view all pages on the website in a different language by clicking on this option at the bottom of every page.

In addition, if you would prefer to have any information on the website in audio-format, this is also now available (on desk-top or laptop computers only – not currently available on mobile devices). To hear any information, you currently need to access the website using **Google Chrome**. On the website, highlight any section of text then right-click on your mouse and select **Read Aloud Section** to hear the information.

If you are unable to access the email or website copies of the newsletter and need to receive a paper, please speak to the School office who will be able to arrange this for you.

Key Dates for Term 1

Wednesday 23rd September: SEND Coffee Morning at 9.30am

Thursday 24th September: Reception 2027 Open Event - 9:45am (to book a space, click here: Air Balloon Reception 2027)

Tuesday 22nd September: Year 1 - Welcome to Yr 1 Open Evening - 3:40pm - 4:30pm



Tuesday 22nd September: Year 4 - Welcome to Yr 4 Open Evening - 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 23rd September: Year 2 - Welcome to Yr 2 Open Evening - 3:40pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 23rd September: Year 5 - Welcome to Yr 5 Opening Evening - 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Thursday 24th September: Year 3 - Welcome to Yr 3 Open Evening: 3:40pm - 4:30pm

Tuesday 29th September: Welcome to Reception Open Evening: 3.40pm—4.30pm

Year 6 - Welcome to Yr 6 Open Evening & Secondary School Admissions Presentation: 4:30pm - 6pm (Please Note change of date)

Thursday 1st October: National Poetry Day

Thursday 8th October: Harvest Festival (Tins and food donations for East Bristol Foodbank)

Wednesday 14th October: Reception 2027 Open Event - 9:45am (to book a space, click here: Air Balloon Reception 2027)

Saturday 31st October: Deadline to apply for Secondary school places (Year 6 pupils)

Other Key Dates for your diary:

Inset Day - Wednesday 2nd December

Winter Disco planned for Thursday 3rd December

Walking to and from school alone



Every September we know many of our Year 6 (and some Year 5) pupils want to start walking to and from school alone in preparation for going to secondary school. Ensuring that your child arrives at school safely and offering you peace of mind when your child walks to school alone is extremely important. To do this, we will always check their names in the register first and if they have not arrived, we will telephone you. We also ask that if they are absent for any reason, you leave a message on the school absence line before 9am each day, so that we know not to expect them and that they are safe.

If your child walks to school or home alone, we recommend that you talk to them about how to stay safe and what to do if they feel unsafe i.e. returning to school, going to a neighbour, or calling an adult.

Bristol Parent Carers - Need help supporting your child? Free Information Sessions Available

Bristol Parent Carers are offering free sessions on the following :

- **School Based Anxiety & School Trauma including EBSA**. For more information please click here
- **A guide to support, services and speaking up for your child -** For more information please click here
- **Neurodiversity without a diagnosis -** For more information please click here
- **Understanding Autism, ADHD and AuDHD -** For more information please click here
- **Understanding Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Other Specific Learning Differences -** For more information please click here

Morning Timings

A reminder that children should be at their lining up locations by 8:40am - the time when teachers come out to meet and greet the children and parents/carers. We aim to get children into school, ready for registration, at 8:45am so please ensure your children are on time. Please also note that, apart from the office and foyer, parents are not permitted into the building (corridors, halls and classrooms) when they bring their child to school. This can really impact on us being able to start the day's activities and learning on time.

Prize Draw

Come along to our "Welcome to the Year Group" events and be entered into a prize draw for your child's chance to win a £10 book token *

Simply add your child's name to a raffle ticket in the classroom at the Welcome event and they will be entered into the draw

* One Prize per Year Group

Draw will be made on or after 30th September