Newsletter - 05

9th October 2026

GEM Certificates



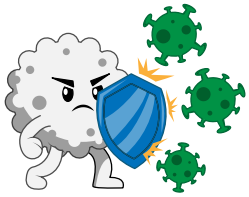
Celebration Assembly is to recognise pupils who have demonstrated exemplary use of their gem powers. Pupils from each class receive a gem certificate to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated this week:

Year 1 - Anthony, David, Lennie, Astrid, Rocco, Eva and the whole of Mars Class!
Year 2 - Nimrat, Issy, Rosa, Edie, Ingrid, Una, Ella, Alex and Parker
Year 3 - Jesse, George, Aaliyah, Adil, Bellatrix, Emilia, Leni and Isaac
Year 4 - Moss, Ariyah, Jahmiel, Bella N, Livia, Anna, Leo, Poppi-Jai and Ranjay
Year 5 - Joud, Mollie, Nicholas, Louie, Oliver, Peta, Amelia, Hayah and Sumayah
Year 6 -Phoebe, Aiden, Areej, Maya, Indie-Mei, Oliver and Nieve

Flu Vaccine Reminder

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:



Internet Issues

As you may be aware, we have been working with out the internet for the last few weeks - we would like to apologise for any delays this has caused in us being able to respond to queries or reply to emails. We are hopeful that the technical issues will be resolved shortly.

Thank you for your patience during this time.

Harvest



Thank you to everyone for their generous donations towards our Harvest Festival. Collection boxes will remain in the foyer until Monday when the food collected will be taken to the Kingswood Foodbank.

Contact

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Our School

Everyone can achieve
Everyone can learn
Everyone belongs

Speech and Language Survey

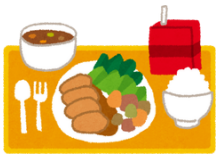


We have received a grant to improve speech and language support at Air Balloon. TALK SLT will be working with staff to deliver training and practical classroom strategies. Please tell us what you think of our current provision by completing this brief form – your feedback matters.

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Free School Meals

Did you know that ALL pupils who are eligible to Free School Meals will receive a £15 voucher to support with the cost of food over the October Half-Term holiday. Complete the form below now to check if your child is eligible so you don't miss out.
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.



Children's Commissioner Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England wants to speak to the Government about what children and young people want for their futures. To help her, it would be great if as many Air Balloon children completed this survey to share their views.
https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/



Parking Reminder

We have received complaints from the local GP surgery and Residential Care Home about parents using their parking facilities during drop-off and pick-up times. Please be aware that only patients with appointments must use the GP surgery car park. It is not a public carpark and parents must not use the surgery carpark when dropping-off or collecting children from school. The GP surgery carpark is private property with CCTV and they will take the appropriate action if unauthorised vehicles are in the carpark and preventing patients from attending their appointments.
Similarly, the Residential Care Home is private property and their carpark must not be used, or their entrance be blocked, by non-residents or visitors. Doing so risks preventing the emergency services attending the care home which could prove fatal for residents.
Likewise, parents must not park on the yellow zig-zags outside of the school to help keep children and families safe as they walk to and from school.
We appreciate that parking can be a challenge at Air Balloon but using these unauthorised options is not acceptable. We kindly request that parents and carers respect our neighbours and park responsibly in the surrounding area during drop-off and pick-up times.



Climbing Frame Reminder

To help keep all of our children safe, we kindly ask parents and carers not to allow children to play on the climbing frame behind the ball court before or after school. The signs displayed on the ball court fence are a reminder that this equipment is only to be used when children are supervised by school staff. We know the equipment is tempting and that children are often keen to have one last play at the end of the day, but following this guidance helps us ensure everyone remains safe. We would also be grateful if families could leave the school site promptly after collection, as this allows our Site Team to secure the premises and lock the gates in a timely manner. Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation.



Breakfast Club Survey

Your voice matters, and you could win £100 by telling us about your family's morning routines We are taking part in a national study about morning routines, breakfast, and before school childcare. To take the 5-10-minute survey

https://insights.ipsosinteractive.com/mrlWeb/mrlWeb.dll?I.Project=S26048194&Id=&i.user1=ZSKQ2N

Independent researchers at Ipsos want to hear from parents and carers about what your family's mornings look like. Please complete the survey by 23rd October 2026. Your answers will help inform the national rollout of free breakfast clubs.

Prize Draw

Thank you to everyone who came along to our welcome evenings to meet the teachers and find out about the year ahead. Everyone who came was entered into a prize draw to win a £10 book token. We are delighted to confirm the following winners:

Reception - Haniya
Year 1 - Reggie - Venus
Year 2 - Mason
Year 3 - Leni
Year 4 - Misha
Year 5 - Jairus
Year 6 - Summer

Please collect your prize from the school office.

Accessing the 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: Select Language

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.

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.

School Uniform Orders

We are pleased to confirm that our Uniform supplier, AWS, have provided us with a new set of sample sizes for school jumpers - if you are looking to order a new jumper, please ask at the office to try on one of the sample sizes so you can order the correct size.

A sizing guide for uniform items is also available on our website: https://www.abhps.com/uniform-and-dress-code/

Job Vacancies



We are currently advertising for a number of positions in our school including:

- Cleaner (3.30-5.30pm daily)
- After-School Club Play Worker (Tuesday to Thursday 3pm-5.30pm)
- Bank (Casual) SMSA (lunchtime assistants) - 11.30am - 1.30pm to work on an ad hoc basis

If you, or anyone you know may be interested, please visit https://www.eteach.com/careers/abhps/ to apply. Alternatively, you can collect a paper application form from the school office.

Air Balloon Hill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this position.

We particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups including ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

Online checks may be performed on shortlisted candidates as part of the school's due diligence checks

Term Dates

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

Inset Days:
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

Year 6 Reminders

Please remember that applications for Year 7 places must be submitted by midnight on Saturday 31st October. Any applications received by School Admissions after this date will be considered a late application and may affect the ability of School Admissions to be able to offer you your choice of Secondary School.

More information can be found on our school website: https://www.abhps.com/year-6/

WIN £100 AND HELP IMPROVE THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN!

We are helping the Department for Education to understand how families start their day.



THE ASK

A 5-10 minute online survey.

WHO

Everyone!

Designed by parents, for parents

ScanthisQRcode,complete the10 minute survey and have the chance to win £100!

Make sure the findings reflect families like yours!

Free prize draw: completing the survey enters the respondent into a free prize draw for a £100 voucher for each wave. Read full terms and conditions here. The free prize draw is run by Ipsos.

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Monthly Pop–In

1st Wednesday every month

10 to 11.30am – come by anytime!

Settlement Site, Ducie Road, BS5 0AX

Being a parent is the most rewarding job in the world, but it can also be the toughest.

Drop in for a chat and some free refreshments to see how our upcoming programme can support you.

No pressure to sign up - just a chance to find out more. Just scan the QR to find out more:



Call Sally or Laura on 07492 870557

Wellspring Settlement

www.wellspringsettlement.org.uk info@wsb.org.uk

Settlement Site, 43 Ducie Road, BS5 0AX - 0117 3041400

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Are you a Muslim mum with a SEND child?

Come join our new wellbeing group for connection and friendship!

'It really helped being reminded that self care is an important part of the faith and if Allah can be kind to us then we can be kind to ourselves.'
Previous participant

For help with booking contact
Amran: 07758 945894

Running on Monday mornings at Bannerman Road Children's Centre, Easton starting on 28th September



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Bristol Family Hubs

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SEND TOGETHER

GLOBAL MAJORITY SEND PARENT MONTHLY MEETING

Come and join us for a FREE community drop-in for Global Majority parent carers.
Come as you are and share experiences, find support and connect with others who get it.
Refreshments and creche provided.
All welcome!



18th June
16th July
17th September
22nd October
19th November
17th December

10am-12pm
Junction 3 Library, Baptist Mills Court, BS5 0FJ

Book here! or use:
www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/events/category/parent-to-parent/

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Cunto fudud iyo meel lagu nasto ayaa la bixiyaa.
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تعال كما أنت وشارك تجاربك، واحصل على الدعم وتواصل مع الآخرين الذين يفهمون وضعك.
يتم توفير المرطبات وحضانة الأطفال.
الجميع مرحب بهم!

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17 سبتمبر
22 أكتوبر
19 نوفمبر
17 ديسمبر



صباحًا 10 ظهرًا 12
مكتبة جنكشن 3، باپتيست ميلز كورت، BS5 0FJ

احجز هنا! أو استخدم الرابط التالي:
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আপনি যেমন আছেন তেমনই আসুন এবং অভিজ্ঞতা বিনিময় করুন, সমর্থন খুঁজুন ও এমন মানুষদের সাথে সংযোগ স্থাপন করুন যারা বিষয়টি বোঝেন।
জলখাবার ও শিশুযত্ন কেন্দ্রের ব্যবস্থা আছে।
সবাইকে স্বাগতম!

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সকাল ১০টা–দুপুর ১২টা
জাংশন ৩ লাইব্রেরি, ব্যাপ্টিস্ট মিলস কোর্ট, BS5 0FJ

এখানে বুক করুন! অথবা ব্যবহার করুন:
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