Newsletter – 06

16th October 2026

GEM Certificates



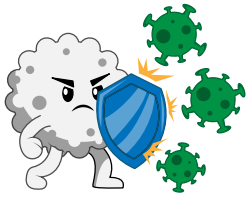
Celebration Assembly is to recognise pupils who have demonstrated exemplary use of their gem powers. Pupils from each class receive a gem certificate to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated this week:

Year 1 - Darcie, Nella, Vinnie, India, Salma, Hugh, Jalal and Charlie
Year 2 - Nevaeh, Odin, Aria, Fabian, Nora, Nellie, Megan and Olenna
Year 3 - Max, Ollie, Josephine, Isabelle, Manel, Cora, Orly and Wolf
Year 4 - Pedro, Rae, George, Zaki, Walter, Leo, Moses, Grace and Muna
Year 5 - Albery, Ivy TJ, Jasmine, Daisy, Kaiya, Ryleigh and Sofia C
Year 6 -Sebastian, Ollie, Noah, Ollie, Shyann, Poppy and Ramiz

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:



Christmas Card Orders



If your child handed in a Christmas Card Template, they will be bringing home their sample card and order details today. The card contains details on how to order. You will need the unique Organisation Reference and Design Code printed on the card to place an order.

There is a wide range of products to choose from, not just cards. All orders are placed directly with Class Fundraising and payments made online.

Please keep your card sample until you have received your final order.

The deadline to place an order is **6pm on Monday 2nd November.**

Contact

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airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk www.abhps.com

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.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScd8OxIRY4HvqYakd3uyx4Zj1lO5gWCmPvuxuIm2eTQgXhh1A/viewform

School Photos

Advance Notice - School Photo day for individual and sibling groups will be on Friday 13th November.

All in-school siblings will automatically be photographed together during the day but if you would like to have any family groups taken with children who don't attend Air Balloon (i.e. older and/or younger siblings), you are welcome to come to the hall from 8.30am in the morning.



Year 5 Swimming

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT SWIMMING NEXT WEEK

Next week, our swimming session will focus on water safety. For the session, please ensure your child wears sports shorts and a T-shirt that you are happy for them to get wet. They will also need their full school uniform to change into afterwards, along with a bag for their wet clothes.

Please note that children should not wear goggles during this session. This is a hugely important session that will help develop the children's understanding of water safety and equip them with essential knowledge and skills for staying safe in and around water.



Year 6 Hoodies



We are pleased to confirm that orders are now open for the Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies.

These can be ordered via School Shop in Arbor for a donation of £10 towards the cost. The remaining cost will be funded by FAB.

If you would like to order an additional hoodie, you can do so via Arbor - paying the £10 deposit and the remaining £15 in cash at the school office.

Sample sizes are available to try on at the school office - we regret that we are unable to exchange items that are the wrong size.

Available sizes are: Age 12/13, Small, Medium and Large Adult. If your child requires a 9/11 size or a XL Adult size, please speak to the school office to order this seperately.

The deadline to order is 3pm on Friday 13th November. Hoodies will be delivered by the beginning of January for children to start wearing immediately.

Library News

We are delighted to announce that tickets for Storytale Festival 2026 are now available to book!

Storytale Festival is a children and YA book festival happening on the 24th and 25th of October at We the Curious in Bristol. Over the course of the weekend, there is a packed programme of storytelling workshops and activities for children, teens and the family! We have a diverse and exciting line up of authors, illustrators and creatives from the local area and beyond.

Bring along your book-loving kids and aspiring authors, or give more hesitant readers a reason to start their storytelling journey. Tickets are available at: https://www.storytalefestival.com/whats-on/#fullevents

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.



New Menu

Next week children will bring home a copy of the new Autumn / Menu that starts on Monday 2nd November.

A copy of the menu will be available on our website along with a copy of the allergens for each menu item.

If you have any questions about the menu or folld allergens, please ask at the school office to speak to Mrs Nichols, our Kitchen Manager.

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/

Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever

Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever invites you to our

HALLOWEEN PARTY

at Fisher Road, Kingswood, BS15 4RQ

Saturday 31st October 3:30-6:30PM

- BEST FANCY DRESS: ADULT & CHILD AWARDS
- RAFFLE TICKETS AND PRIZE DRAW
- SWEETS & TREASURE HUNT
- HALLOWEEN GAMES
- THRILLER DANCE COMPETITION
- DISCO

Cafe open with drinks and food available
Free car parking on site
Baby changing and Disabled access

COME FOR THE TREATS, STAY FOR THE SPOOKY FUN

Venue: kingsmeadow @ MadeForever COMMUNITY HUB, CHARITY SHOP,GARDEN & CAFE
Fisher Road, Kingswood - Bristol BS15 4RQ
Facebook and Instagram: kingsmeadowmade4ever
Website: www.kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk
Registered Charity No: 1148905

Storytale Festival

October 24th-25th 2026

We The Curious, BS1 5DB



GO ALL IN.

Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Storytalefestival.com



October Half-Term Programme 2026

Date	Time	Event	Session
Tuesday 27th October	10:15am - 11:30am	Under 5s	Taste Safe Messy Play
Tuesday 27th October	1:45pm - 3:00pm	Stay & Play	Messy Play for All
Wednesday 28th October	10:15am - 11:30am	Under 5s	Messy Play
Wednesday 28th October	1:45pm - 3:15pm	Stay & Play	Box Monsters
Thursday 29th October	10:15am - 11:45am	Stay & Play	Frankentoys
Thursday 29th October	1:45pm - 3:15pm	Stay & Play	Playing with Light & Shadow
Friday 30th October	10:15am - 11:30am	Stay & Play	Scrappy Explorers
Friday 30th October	1:45pm - 3:15pm	Stay & Play	Family Autumn Crafting
Saturday 31st October	10:15am - 11:45am	Stay & Play	Halloween Crafting

Under 5s Creative child led sessions for under 5s.
(Tuesdays are taste safe, better for little ones likely to put things in their mouths while Wednesdays have paint, scissors, glue & some small parts).

Stay & Play These sessions are best for ages 5+, but younger siblings are welcome and adults stay & play.

To **book your place** on any of our sessions or to find out more, please visit Children's Scrapstore's website at www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/events, or scan the QR code. You'll also find pricing details and other upcoming events there.

Children's Scrapstore

Super Saturday!

at Children's Scrapstore

FREE

Arts, Crafts, & Play in our Playroom

Join us for **FREE** and crafty fun, aimed at primary school children and their families. This drop-in session runs the first Saturday of every month from **10:00am - 12:00pm**
www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/free-events
You may need to wait for a moment in our Children's Corner if the room is full.*

*This activity is drop-in on a **first-come, first-served** basis. There is no guarantee of a place when extremely busy.
No unaccompanied children.

BROOKESDYEWORKS

Join us on Saturday 7th November 2026!

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.

MURMURATION COMMUNITY THERAPY

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



COMMUNITY FUND

Bristol Family Hubs

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK, VISIT MURMURATIONCOMMUNITYTHERAPY.COM

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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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22 October
19 November
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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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22 أكتوبر
19 نوفمبر
17 ديسمبر

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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 যাঁরা বিষয়টি বোঝেন।
জলখাবার ও শিশুযত্ন কেন্দ্রের ব্যবস্থা আছে।
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www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/events/category/parent-to-parent/