



We'd like to start by saying a special thank you to our Year 6 children. The Reception children have stayed for lunch for the first time this week and our Year 6s are being fantastic buddies, showing them the ropes and playing with them in the playground. Well done to all of them for making sure our new starters are so well cared for.

We have had some sad news as unfortunately, asbestos has been found in the church so it will be closed whilst this is sorted out. It therefore means that our harvest festival, which we have traditionally held at the church, will have to be held in the school hall. Unfortunately, this means that only parents of children in Reception (first harvest festival) and Year 6 (last harvest festival) will be able to attend due to limited space.

Our wonderful PTFA are keen to welcome new volunteers to join them in their fundraising endeavours for our school. They would love to see some new faces at their meetings, of which there are only four a year, and help with event planning and fund raising activities. If you would like to join this amazing team then please let us know in the school office and we can point you in the direction of our PTFA chair Faye, who would be happy to have a chat with you about what's involved. Without the PTFA fantastic events would not happen like the Summer Fayre, Christmas Fete, Fireworks night, Friday tuck shops just to name a few. Please help support our parents and teachers to continue these fun events for our children. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull

Clubs

As in previous years clubs will run on a 10 week block. This means clubs will begin on the week commencing **Monday September 23rd** and finish on **Friday 6th December**. A Google form to sign up for clubs will be sent out next week. All afterschool clubs will run from 3.15pm until 4pm unless stated otherwise.

The exception to this will be our multi sports club run by PH sports which this year will run on **MONDAYS** with the first session being on **Monday September 16th 3.15-4.15pm**. Sign up for this club will be directly through PH Sports. Details of which are to follow.

Please be advised that the majority of clubs are run on a voluntary basis and may from time to time have to be cancelled. If this is the case we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

Macmillan Coffee Morning We will again this year be hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday September 27th at 8.50 am onwards in the school hall. It would be lovely to see you there and if you are able to donate a cake that would be greatly appreciated.





If you would like to book up for instrumental lessons, you can do so via our new West of England Music Alliance website here: <https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument/>

Certificates of the week

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Head Teacher Award this week:

Martha, Teddy, Travis, Ellis and Sam.



Well done to everyone who completed their Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables this week.

The children with the most stars in their class this week are:

Doodle Maths - Stanley, Dillon, Sophie, Kady, Darcy and Phoebe.

Doodle Tables - Louie, Alfie, Abel, Freddie and Delilah.



Other Achievements



Today Erin showed her gymnastics awards and Rory his football cup. Autumn, Millie, Albie and Enya completed the library Summer Reading Challenge. And Hera shared her swimming achievements with everyone.



Notices

- **Long hair** - For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- **Coats** - Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school. Unless it is torrential rain, children will still go outside at break, lunchtime and PE sessions.
- **Water bottles** - Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. This should be of a sensible size (holds approx 500 - 750ml). Water bottles can be refilled!
- **Medications in school** - We are unable to administer non-prescription medications in school. If your child needs medication, your Dr should prescribe it and the medication can be signed into school in the normal way. If you feel your child needs non-prescribed medication during the school day, you will need to come into school to administer it.
- **Parking** - Please can we remind parents to be mindful when parking near the school, local residents driveways have been blocked on a number of occasions and cars are being parked dangerously close to the end of Broomhill lane making it dangerous for pedestrians. Please think before leaving your car in a place that makes it unsafe for our children accessing and leaving the school. This continues to be monitored by the PCSOs.
- **School day** - Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates will close at 8.50am and after this time you will need to press the buzzer to enter the school.
- **School lunches** - Paid school lunches cost £2.80 due to the rise in food prices and need to be booked by the Thursday of the previous week.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th September	Reception parents phonics meeting 2.45pm
Friday 20th September	Swimming Starts - Enrichment Group 3
Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (8.50am)
Tuesday 8th October	Harvest Festival - am
Thursday 10th October	2.30pm Oak Class Learning Exhibition to Parents
Thursday 17th October	Year 6 Lifeskills - am
Wednesday 23rd October	3.30pm - 7pm PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 24th October	3.30pm - 5pm PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 24th October	School Photos
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY
Wednesday 27th November	INSET DAY



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

We are now recruiting for Parent Champions to join our friendly and professional team

Parent Champions are volunteers who give a few hours a week / fortnight to chat to other families about what we do and which other services are available locally

These are flexible roles during term time

For further information and to apply please visit sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us

Closing date: 4th October 2024

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PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING



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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.