



Newsletter

2024 - 2025 : Term 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a wonderful term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy, exciting, and enriching five weeks at school. From inspiring workshops to new initiatives, there's been no shortage of activity—and the energy and enthusiasm from both staff and pupils has been truly uplifting.



We had the most **amazing visitor** at Fishponds CE Primary this week - Robin, who attended the school 72 years ago! He brought in photographs of his time at the school and toured the school to see the changes. He was incredibly impressed but agreed it looks very different today. He was shown around by his friend and fellow choir singer, John Waldron. Mr. Waldron is a key volunteer in the school, supporting the choir during rehearsal and events. Recently, Mr. Waldron donated £100 to the school for a class set of recorders. We are eternally grateful to Mr. Waldron and the Avon & Somerset Police Choir for their support.

One of the standout events this term was the Year 5 **Adhesive Workshop** - a brilliant hands-on experience that combined science, teamwork, and plenty of sticky fun! A big thank you to the staff and facilitators who made it such a memorable learning opportunity for the children.

We had a fantastic response to our **Parent Survey**. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts. Your positive feedback was very encouraging, and your suggestions for improvement are invaluable as we continue to develop our provision. Congratulations to Alijah and Adillah's mum, who was the lucky winner of our £25 voucher prize draw! Now that we've worked out how to create surveys more efficiently, you can expect to see many more opportunities to share your views.



We're very pleased to be reintroducing **African Dance** into the curriculum - a vibrant, culturally rich form of expression that supports physical development, rhythm, creativity, and cultural understanding. We know the children will love it.

Another area that has seen improvement is **uniform standards**. Thank you for your support in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately and smartly. Those not in uniform do stand out, and going forward, parents of children not wearing the correct uniform will receive a friendly reminder slip to help keep expectations clear.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for completing their **SATs** this term! We are incredibly proud of the focus, determination, and resilience they've shown. A big thank you to our Year 6 staff team for their hard work as well as to our wider staff team who provided unwavering support and encouragement, and to parents and carers for helping the children feel prepared and confident. Well done, Year 6 - you've done yourselves proud!

And finally - some egg-citing news to end the term! Over the holidays, we will be welcoming our **school chickens**! These are a very special addition to our school, which we believe will offer wonderful learning opportunities around animal care, responsibility, and the natural world. It also supports our school Sustainability Action Plan, helping children connect more closely with nature.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Michelle Onoboni
Headteacher

Culture Week (23rd - 27th June 2025)

We're looking for volunteers to help us celebrate the rich diversity within our school community. Whether you'd like to share traditional stories, lead a cooking or craft session, teach a dance or song, or simply talk to a class about your heritage, we would love to hear from you. Your involvement will help make the week truly special and provide our children with meaningful, hands-on experiences that broaden their understanding of the world.

Let us know if you'd like to volunteer to make a dish for the Food Festival, If you'd prefer to be a visitor to class please complete the class volunteer form.



If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Hickmans, Mrs Salmon or Mrs Tan.

The Corals

In art, the Corals have been exploring colours through fun, hands-on activities. They learnt all about the primary colours and how to mix them to create new ones. They enjoyed colourful, sensory ice puzzles and ended the week by hunting for colourful objects to create a classroom rainbow. Their colourful journey included messy play, sensory trays, painting, play-doh activities and chalk drawing, sparking creativity and excitement as they discovered the magic of colour blending.



Year 2 - Parrotfish

To celebrate Deaf Awareness Week, Parrotfish class had a wonderful opportunity to learn how to sign "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." The children were fully engaged and found the experience both fun and fascinating. They specifically loved the signs for Mum, beautiful, over, under and through. A big thank you to Miss Curtis for introducing them to sign language in such a meaningful and enjoyable way!

Year 1 Trip to Bristol Beacon for KS1 Summer Sing

Year One went on exciting trip to the Bristol Beacon to perform with 5 other schools as part of their Ks1 Big Summer Sing! We learnt lots of songs that matched the Summer theme including Under the Sea and our personal favourite The Rockpool Rock! The children were brilliantly behaved on the bus into town and their excellent behaviour was commented on by the staff members running the event. The chair of The Bristol Beacon said about the children taking part in the event "the elation and joy on their faces reminds us what it is all about... a great deal of delight today as well as an invaluable experience." Miss Burgess was so proud of how Butterfish Class represented their school and our community at this event.



Deaf Awareness Week (5th - 11th May 2025)

Last week, Key Stage One celebrated Deaf Awareness Week with a special visit from Miss. Curtis, who signed stories for Butterfish and Parrotfish alongside Miss. Burgess and Mr. Jones. The children enthusiastically learnt some British Sign Language and eagerly joined in. They asked many fantastic questions about Deaf culture and the children showed great interest and curiosity about new ways to communicate. It was heartwarming to see their enthusiasm as they explored Deaf culture and embraced new ways to communicate.



History

This term we have been historians and I have loved talking to the children about their learning. Here are a few snippets from my conversations. Year 1 children were so knowledgeable about Seaside holidays now and in the past. I was very impressed with their knowledge about Victorian Seaside holidays.



Children in Year 5 talked with confidence about the Benin Empire and impressed me with their knowledge. I learnt some interesting facts about a period in history I did not know a lot about – thank you Arthur and Tabreze for sharing your learning with me.

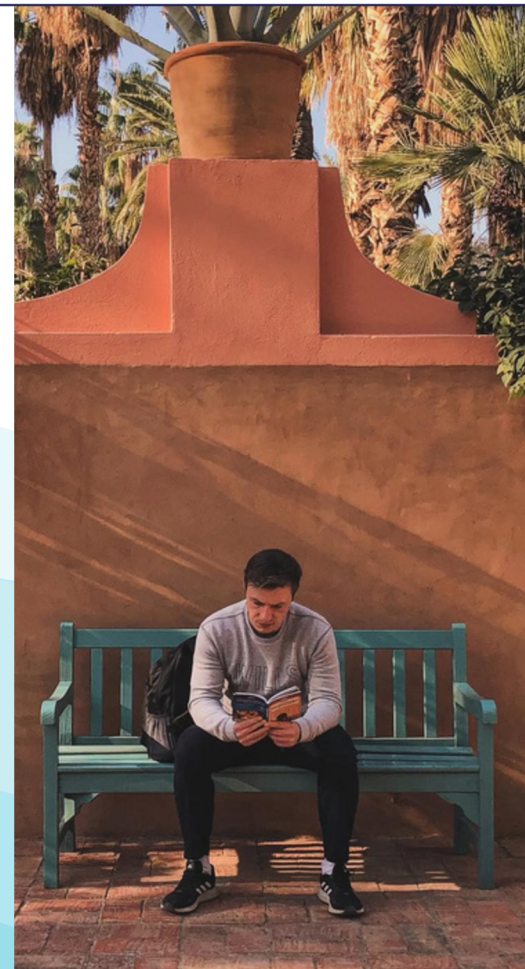
Year 2 children were so excited to tell me about seafaring. Their enthusiasm for sharing their knowledge about John Cabot sailing from England and discovering America was infectious. I was so impressed with how much they understood about life on his boat The Matthew. Well done Year 2 for being fantastic historians.

Mr Lancaster, our School Improvement Partner from Lighthouse School Partnership visited this term to look at History books and speak with the children. He was impressed with the quality of learning and the history knowledge that our children were able to share.

Get Caught Reading - Holiday Challenge

Reading at Fishponds is going from strength to strength and we are really enjoying our new approach to teaching reading. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 are reading much more than they used to and talking about their Reading Revolution lessons with enthusiasm. Children in Reception and Year 1 are continuing to make good progress in their Little Wandle reading lessons and we are so proud of them! A huge thank you to everyone who listens to their child/children read at home, it makes a big difference.

Your half term challenge is to get caught reading in exciting and unusual places (make sure they are safe though!) Please share photos via Class Dojo with Mrs Noble or your child's class teacher so we can create a display in school. Here are some examples of staff taking on the challenge. We look forward to seeing your photos.



Year 6

This term, year 6 have finally completed their SATs. They have been working tirelessly in preparation for them and we are so impressed with how they handled them. As a reward for their wonderful effort and as a way to unwind after a pretty crazy few days of tests, we took the year group to Vassals Park for a day of games and fun.

We had an incredible day out: we created fairy villages, played games on the field, had time in the playground and had a gorgeous picnic.

At our picnic, we were lucky enough to be joined by many of our parents, who wanted to celebrate the end of tests along with us. Thank you so much to those who came and for those that couldn't make it, I hope we took enough pictures for it to feel as though you were there anyway.

Well done year 6!



Year 3

On Safety Day, Year 3 focused on safety in the sun, safety on the road and safety in the home. The children looked at hazards in the kitchen, the living room and in the bathroom. They designed posters to inform family and friends how they could stay safe at home and avoid accidents. Stop, Look, Listen, Think! That's what the Super Cat Safety Rap says! Year 3 also learnt a simple rap to help them remember how to stay safe on the roads.

Year 3 have really enjoyed Art this term. They created some lovely abstract Art in the style of Kimmy Cantrell. The children also developed their observational drawing skills using a pen. Can you guess which famous Pharaoh they drew?





WRAP AROUND CARE

What a brilliant term we've had!

We celebrated VE Day with a tea party, including home made scones and jam! We also made our own bunting and decorations.

We loved making our own tomato pasta sauce, especially working out which extra ingredients can make it especially delicious!

Next term, we're really looking forward to hosting our very own tennis tournament, it won't quite be Wimbledon but if we're lucky we may get some strawberries and cream!

We're also looking forward to our talent show. We know that there are lots of particularly talented children at Fishponds so we're looking forward to seeing what they do!

We're very excited to be welcoming the school chickens! Breakfast and After School Club children will be responsible for waking the chickens up and putting them to bed as well as ensuring the chickens have food and water and collecting any eggs from the coop.



Thank you to everyone that popped in to see us for our Open Evening. We loved showing off what we do and why we have so much fun! We hope to see you again!

If your child would like to join our Breakfast and / or After School Club, please **register and book online**. They can attend for ad-hoc sessions or for the same days each week.

We accept Tax-Free Childcare Vouchers.

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme that helps working parents with childcare costs up to a maximum of £2,000 for each eligible child each year. Check your eligibility or find out more information via [Childcare Choices](#).



INCLUSION

Individual Support Plans

This term we have introduced a new layout for our Individual Support Plans (ISPs). Any child on the SEND register has one of these plans as it shows their targets and the extra provisions they receive. The Parent Carer SEND Working Party will be meeting soon to feedback and discuss any potential changes.

The SEND Team

Mrs Caddell
SENDCo



Mrs Hickmans
Assistant SENCo
Dyslexia Specialist

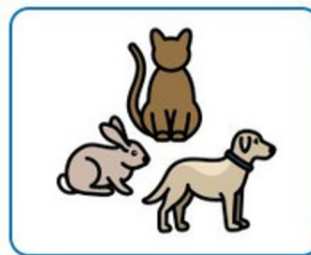


SEND TOP TIP

Hand hygiene is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and/or vomiting and respiratory infections. Teach your child to wash their hands properly with soap and water:

- before and after meals
- after playing outside
- after touching animals / pets
- after being in contact with someone who is sick

Listen to a 'wash your hands' song with your child.



Deaf Awareness Week

As part of Deaf Awareness Week, Mrs Curtis taught some classes a few signs so that they could sign along to a book. Year 2 particularly enjoyed signing to We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

Why not learn a few signs together?



TOP 10 BEGINNER SIGNS



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Music

This term in music the choir has been busy preparing for Party in the Ponds (21/6/25) and Bristol Beacon's Summer Sing (1/7/25). We are very excited for both of these performances and hope that you will come along to support. Our Rocksteady bands are also hard at work, practicing for their upcoming concert next term (9/7/25). All the details will be posted on Dojo ahead of time for these events.



BRISTOL BEACON YOUTH FOLK DAY – SATURDAY 7th JUNE WORKSHOPS, CONCERT, CEILIDH.

Calling all those aged 10-25 and interested in folk music!

Join us for an exciting workshop fusing folk music, song and dance, with sessions exploring social music-making and singing. This event is open to musicians and singers of all backgrounds and experiences.



Teaching is led by Melrose Quartet, which comprises Nancy Kerr, James Fagan, Jess and Richard Arrowsmith: four highly acclaimed musicians, singers, and educators.

Presented by Melrose Quartet and The National Youth Folk Troupe of England

Age: Ages 10 – 25 (under 16s must be signed in and collected by an adult) Further information can be found [online](#).

A full day of options – morning workshop, afternoon concert, evening ceilidh.

Reception



This term in EYFS, we have been looking at recycling and caring for our local environment. We went litter picking around the school, organised recycling into the correct boxes and composted biodegradable waste. We have learnt about how to keep our environment safe and clean. We have also continued to care for the flowers that we planted at the end of term 4 and they have begun to grow in our EYFS garden!

Year 5 Adhesive Workshop

This term our year 5s have been getting stuck in (pun intended) to an adhesive workshop.

Both classes made 2 different adhesives from household items including corn flour, milk and vinegar.

The children had to wear protective clothing and glasses and were also responsible enough to use a heat plate to stir solutions.

In the end, we tested some of the adhesives and found that they could hold over 3 kilograms!

Both classes listened and worked really well. Well done year 5!



PE & SPORT

It's been a busy term for PE. Year 2 made the trip to Chester Park where they took part in a variety of collaborative multisport events. It was great to see lots of teamwork between the two schools. A group of Year 4 and 5 children got to experience first class test cricket as we watched Gloucestershire play Kent. We got to meet first team players Marchant de Lang and Ahmed Syed, tried our hand at bowling in an inflatable bowling cage and received some batting coaching too! Our Year 5 Bristol Together Championships continued to train alongside Old Sodbury, ready for our tournament in Term 6. Across the school, we have begun our preparations for Sports Day and will continue to work on these skills throughout next term.




Sports Day

7th July 2025

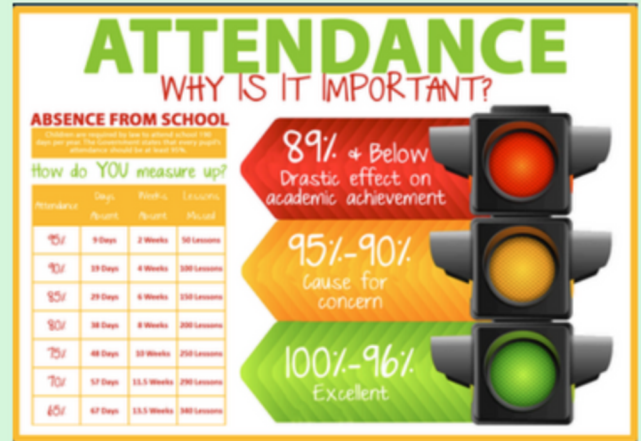
Our school attendance:

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes.

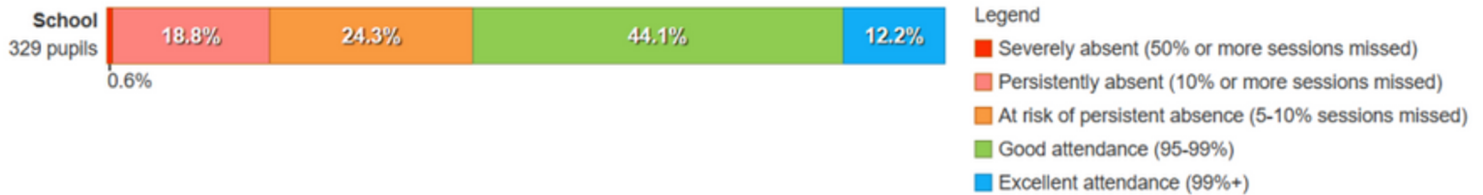
We understand children get unwell at times, however most minor illness do not require a child being kept home. If in doubt visit  for guidance.

What is a session?

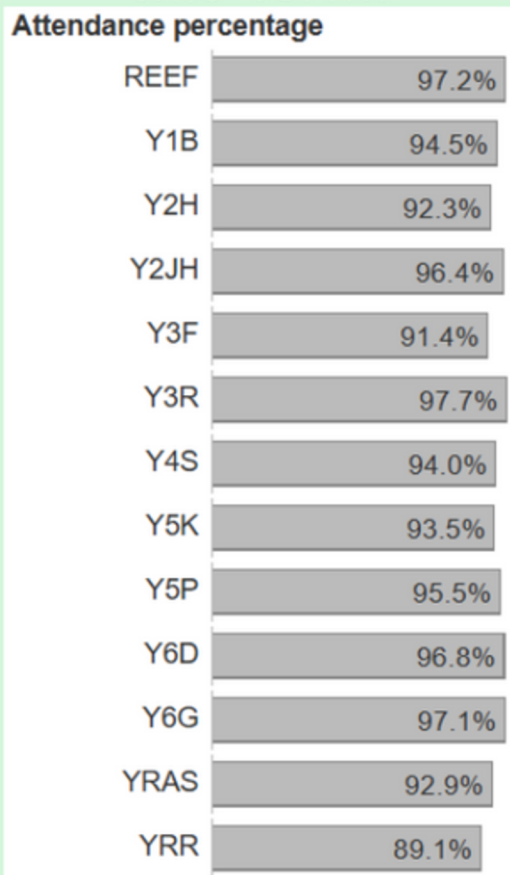
A session is a morning or afternoon of learning.



Fishponds CE Primary school attendance:



Our class percentages this term:



Positives this term:

- Our good attendance overall this term has improved.
- A big shout out to Mandarinfish class! They have worked really hard as a team to improve their attendance this term!

Thank you for your continued support.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB



All Saints Church
Grove Road Fishponds

Whizz! Bang! Wow!

Holiday Club

Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th July
9.15pm - 12.30pm

**Exploring God
through science and
technology**

For children between
4 - 12 years of age
To register email
hbc@allsaintsfishponds.co.uk
or use this QR Code



LOCAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



Does your child need extra help? You do not need a diagnosis to find support.



Bristol Parent Carers is a friendly group run by parents to help other parents.

We run free sessions to support families and also work with the council and health services to try to make support better for families.



Bristol City Council have a Local Offer website that provides key information about services and support for children and young people in Bristol.



Sirona have information on carious health needs such as mental health, toileting, trauma, eating and many other needs.

ALL SAINTS FAMILY CAFE

What we do.....

Every school holiday, we provide a space for families to explore, create and have fun.

We play sports & games, get creative with crafts and make new friends.

We end each session cooking and eating together.



Families say:

"The kids loved today. This time is very crucial for families due to the rising cost of everything. Thank you very much. You are doing a great job and keep the community together."

"It has been great coming here this summer as it was something to look forward to and the kids were always excited to come."

This summer. . .

We will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays 3 - 5pm
29th July - 21st August 2025

Sign up to our whats app community to find out more and to find out about other free/low cost activities

Get In touch...

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What's on Next Term

Week 1	
Week 2	Monday 9th June - Friday 13th June - Phonics screening (Year 1) Thursday 12th June - Year 3 trip to Bristol Museum
Week 3	Monday 16th June - Friday 4th July - Repair-Ed in to work with school - further information to follow Monday 16th June - Art-Venturers Workshop (Year 2) Tuesday 17th June - EYFS Induction Evening for children starting in September 2025 Thursday 19th June - Mr P sabbatical for summer boxing camp begins - no more boxfit until September Friday 20th June - FoFA Summer Festival
Week 4 Culture Week	Monday 23rd June - Eid Al-Adha Tuesday 24th June at 3.00pm - join us in the playground for African Dance Wednesday 25th June at 3.45pm - Come to the annual Food Taster Festival to try small bites of different cuisines. Thursday 26th June - Cultural Clothing Day
Week 5	Monday 30th June - Art-Venturers Workshop (Year 2) Tuesday 1st July - Choir attending Big Summer Sing at Bristol Beacon Wednesday 2nd July - Move-Up Day Wednesday 2nd July - Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day Thursday 3rd July - Wraparound Care Open Evening for children starting in September 2025
Week 6	Monday 7th July - Sports Day Tuesday 8th July at 10.00am - Year 6 Leavers Service at All Saints Church Wednesday 9th July - Rocksteady Concert Wednesday 9th July - Year 6 Art Workshop Friday 11th July - Year 6 Play (afternoon)
Week 7	Monday 14th July - Year 6 Play (evening) Wednesday 16th July - Reports sent home Friday 18th July - Non-uniform Day

2025 – 2026 Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 2nd September - Friday 24th October 2025 Inset Days - Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025 - Friday 19 th December 2025 Inset Day - Monday 3 rd November 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 th January 2026 - Friday 13 th February 2026 Inset Day - Friday 16 th January 2026 Inset Day - Friday 13 th February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 rd February 2026 - Thursday 3 rd April 2026 Bank Holiday - Friday 3 rd April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 th April 2026 - Friday 22 nd May 2026 Bank Holidays - Monday 4 th May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 st June 2026 - Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 Inset Days - Wednesday 22 nd July 2026

