



# Newsletter

2024 - 2025 : Term 6

As we approach the end of what has truly been an amazing school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the many moments that have made it so special, and to thank you all - parents, carers, staff and children for your continued support, energy, and enthusiasm throughout.

There have been so many memorable highlights to celebrate this term alone! Our **Year 6** pupils wowed us all with their end-of-year production, which was both entertaining and heartfelt. Their hard work and dedication were evident in every moment on stage. It was a fitting finale to their time at our school, and we are immensely proud of them.

We were also delighted to see our **school choir** perform at the Bristol Beacon, where they represented our school with such pride, talent and joy. What a fantastic experience it was for our young singers to perform at such a prestigious venue! Our thanks go to the staff and families who helped prepare and support them. Another musical treat came in the form of our **Rocksteady concert**, which was, put simply, fabulous! The children performed with such confidence and flair, it was a joy to watch them express themselves and showcase their growing musical talents.

In **Year 2**, creativity took centre stage during their **art workshop**, which was as messy as it was magnificent! The children had a wonderful time exploring different materials and techniques. The results were as colourful as they were creative.

Our recent **Culture Week** was a true celebration of the diversity and richness of our school community. Children enjoyed a range of exciting experiences throughout the week, but standout highlights included the high-energy African dance workshops and our vibrant Food Festival, where families shared delicious dishes from all around the world. It was a fantastic way to promote understanding, curiosity and appreciation for different cultures, the sense of community spirit was wonderful to see.

As we prepare for the new school year, there are a few important updates we'd like to share:

## **Morning Routine:**

From September, the school bell will ring at 8:45am. This will be the signal for all children to line up in the playground, ready to begin the school day. In order to ensure a prompt and calm start to learning, we kindly ask parents and carers not to engage in conversations with class teachers once the bell has sounded. Of course, if you do need to speak to a member of staff, the office will be happy to arrange a suitable time.

## **Behaviour and Expectations:**

In response to valuable feedback from our recent parent and staff survey, we will be placing a renewed focus on behaviour and expectations across the school from September. Our aim is to ensure a calm, respectful, and purposeful learning environment for all children. We'll be sharing further information on this at the beginning of the new term.

Finally, I want to say *thank you* on behalf of the entire staff team for being such a supportive and positive school community. Your involvement and encouragement make a real difference in the lives of our pupils.

We wish all our families a safe, happy and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, growth, and discovery.

*Michelle Omoboni*  
Headteacher

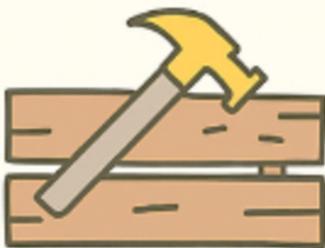
♥ CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS ♥

# PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

10:30AM – 4:30PM

We're giving our school grounds some TLC and need your help!



**FENCE BUILDING**



**PLANTING**



**WEEDING**



**TIDYING**



**LITTER PICKING**

Whether you can stay for an hour or for the whole day, every helping hand makes a big difference!

**Let's work together to make our school shine!**

*Please let the Office Team know if you are able to attend:  
[fishpondsceprimary@fceps.org.uk](mailto:fishpondsceprimary@fceps.org.uk)*



## Year 5

Year 5 has had a busy final term of the year. They proved their baking skills when making cupcakes as part of our DT curriculum. They were even heard to say it was "the best day ever". Another stand out moment was the Summer Fair, where several of our Year 5s made and ran games, in order to raise money for the school. Well done to all our Year 5s for such a successful year!

## Cultural Education Hub Celebration Event

20 of our Year 5 pupils attended a cultural event at St George's Bristol. They made 'unique' and 'expressive' models in an animation workshop with Aardman; showed off their dance moves in an African Dance session with Kenzi Ireland; and got creative with visual artist Steve Burden. They were model representatives for our school, and it was a wonderful day out.



## Year 2 - Parrotfish

Parrotfish had so much fun getting messy this term in their ARTastic workshop! The children had the freedom to do whatever they wanted with the paint and resources. They created beautiful pictures using different techniques such as rolling slinkies through paint, handprints on bin bags and rollers on metallic sheets but their favourite activity was to paint themselves! They enjoyed getting messy from head to toe and it was very fun to see! Well done Parrotfish Class!



## Smartphone Free Childhood - Parent Pact

As summer approaches, many families begin to consider whether it's the right time to buy their child a smartphone. We'd like to highlight Smartphone Free Childhood, a UK-based grassroots movement that encourages parents to delay giving children smartphones until at least age 14.

Their initiative, The Parent Pact, launched in September 2024, has already gained over 140,000 signatories from more than 40% of schools across the UK. It brings parents together to support one another in making informed decisions and giving children the gift of a slower, device-free childhood. Before purchasing a smartphone for your child, we encourage you to visit the Smartphone Free Childhood website to learn more and explore the resources available. It's a great way to feel confident and informed about your choices.

## Staff Announcements



As the school year comes to a close, we say a fond farewell to **Edward Hodgkin**, **Dana Kurhajcova** and **Rebecca Kenyon** who are all moving on to exciting new adventures. Thank you all for your dedication, care and contributions to our school community. We'll miss you greatly and wish you every success in your new roles!

We'd also like to wish **Kate Burgess** the very best as she takes a sabbatical to pursue a Masters degree in Educational Psychology. While she won't be with us full time, she will continue to work with Fishponds when she can, we're sure we'll see her around!

**Joe Wright** will also be taking a short sabbatical this autumn to pursue a unique and enriching opportunity - a Capoeira expedition to Brazil! Capoeira has long been a passion of Mr. Wright's, and this trip will give him the chance to deepen his practice and understanding of the art form in its cultural home.

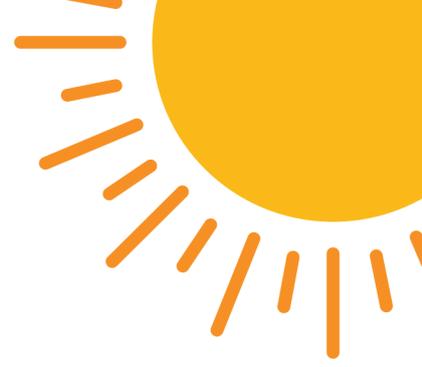
We're delighted to welcome several fantastic new team members to Fishponds Primary as we head into the new school year:

- **Jakob Harding** – joining us as the new Year 4 class teacher
- **João Cunha**, **Molly Smith** and **Dovaldena Chumney** – all joining our wonderful Inclusion Hub team.

We're thrilled to have them on board and know they'll bring fresh ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to our school community. Please join us in giving them a very warm Fishponds welcome!



# CULTURE WEEK



## African Dance Brings the Whole School Together!

As part of our celebration of Culture Week, we were thrilled to take part in **African dance sessions** across the key stages. The energy, rhythm, and joy were infectious as each class learned traditional African dance moves and explored the vibrant music and movement that reflect the rich cultures of the continent.

The week ended on a high note with a **whole-school dance performance** on the playground! It was a fantastic moment of unity and celebration, with every child dancing together in the sunshine.

We were also treated to a special **surprise performance from some of our staff**, who showed off their moves and had everyone cheering! A huge thank you to the **parents and carers who came to support us**, your encouragement meant so much and we loved seeing so many of you joining in the fun.



## A Fantastic Return for the Food Festival!

The Food Festival was back with a bang this year – what a delicious celebration it was! A huge thank you goes out to our amazing parent volunteers who generously cooked, prepared, or donated an incredible variety of dishes from around the world. Your time, effort, and generosity made the event truly special.

The children had the wonderful opportunity to taste small portions of food from many different cultures, expanding their palates and learning more about the diverse traditions represented in our school community. From savoury dishes to sweet treats, there was something exciting for everyone to try and the smiles said it all!



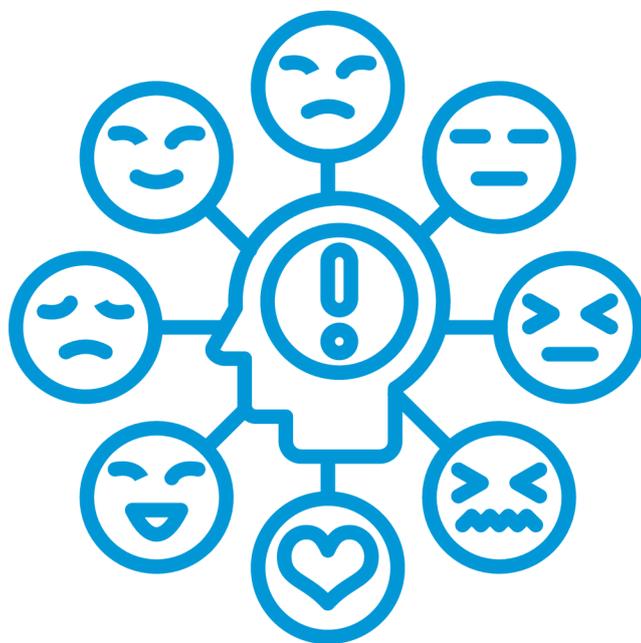
We were also thrilled to have enough food for parents to enjoy, turning the event into a true community celebration. Thank you to everyone who attended and for showing such patience, positivity, and politeness while being served. It was heartwarming to see our pupils trying new flavours, asking questions, and embracing the spirit of curiosity and respect.

The Food Festival reminded us that food is a powerful way to connect us all and we're so proud of how our school community came together to make it a success.

## Learning from Our Talented Staff!

During Culture Week, we were lucky to have some brilliant sessions led by our very own staff, who shared their knowledge and passions with the children in fun and creative ways!

Mrs Tan led a fascinating session all about emotions in different languages, helping children explore how feelings are expressed around the world and the words used to describe them. It was a great way to build empathy and global awareness while learning new vocabulary.



Mrs Seddon brought some Western flair to the week by teaching line dancing, getting everyone moving in rhythm and having fun together. Mrs Noble also got toes tapping with her lively country dancing sessions, which had classes spinning and stepping in time to traditional music.

In classrooms across the school, teachers also wove cultural learning into their everyday lessons. For example, Year 4 explored number systems in different languages, discovering how other cultures count and write numbers, it was a great way to link maths with global learning!

## Celebrating Identity Through Cultural Dress

As part of our vibrant Culture Week, children were invited to wear their cultural clothing to school, a joyful celebration of our heritages and the rich diversity within our community. The school was filled with colour, patterns and traditional dress from around the world, each outfit telling a unique story.



One of the highlights of the week was our exciting Cultural Catwalk! Each child had the opportunity to walk proudly in front of the school, showing off their cultural attire and sharing in the celebration of who they are. The atmosphere was full of pride, cheer, and admiration as children confidently expressed their identities.

This special event gave our pupils the chance to celebrate where they come from, while also encouraging everyone to learn about and appreciate the cultures of others. We hope this experience helped our children feel seen, valued, and proud of their uniqueness in our wonderfully diverse school family.

## The Corals

The Corals staff are bursting with pride at all the incredible achievements this term. Irina, Abdoulie, and Razan have made huge strides in communication and are beginning to express and understand their emotions with growing confidence. Special congratulations to Irina, Mekeal and Abdoulie for attending their EYFS graduation ceremony – it was a joyful milestone worth celebrating! Gebreal and Godson tackled their Year 2 Maths and English assessments with determination and Godson shone performing with the Rock Steady Band. Mekeal's handwriting and drawing has flourished and Hijas' sentence writing and life skills progress is truly impressive.

All the children have been trying really hard to learn how to tie their shoe laces this term – well done to you all!. Their curiosity was ignited by the sensory story “Dear Earth,” and their final self-chosen topic – a sensory rock pool filled with sand, shells, rocks and sea creatures was a creative masterpiece. Miss Curtis, Miss C, Mr. Rogers and Miss G couldn't be more proud. Have a brilliant, fun-filled Summer and we can't wait to welcome you all back in September! Well done Team Corals!!



## Thank You FOFA!

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Friends of Fishponds Primary for their incredible enthusiasm, dedication and fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Thanks to their hard work and the generosity of our wonderful school community, we've raised an amazing amount of money! These funds will go directly towards enriching our pupils' learning experiences, from new educational resources to exciting activities that spark curiosity and joy in the classroom.

We've had some unforgettable moments this year, including:

- 🎉 The ever-popular Summer Festival
- 🕺 A fabulous school disco
- 🎭 And of course, the hilarious gunging of Ms Omobononi

We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community!

## Music

This term has been full of music and performances. Our choir shone at Bristol Beacon and were publicly praised for their excellent singing. Michelle (Y5) was selected on the day for a solo in the Abba Medley and Eliza (Y5) performed an umbrella dance to Singing in the Rain. There were many stand-out performances, so well done to all the choir members!



They also did an incredible job at Party in the Ponds back in June. Thank you to everyone who came to support our choir on the day. The choir has rounded off the year by performing at Quarry Court for the residents which is something we hope to continue in the next academic year.

It has been an absolute joy to bring music to Fishponds over the last three years, and I am incredibly proud of all the performances the children have done throughout the year. Thank you to all the staff who have put time and effort into these musical endeavours, with a special thank you to Ms Ray and John Waldren who have dedicated their time to support the choir. Next year, Ms Ray will be taking on the role of Music and Performing Arts Subject Lead so look forward to everything she has got planned!

## Reception

What an amazing year Reception have had! To celebrate the end of the year, Reception hosted a delightful Graduation Tea Party. It was a special moment to recognise how far the children have come.

This term, Reception also got stuck into Culture Week, exploring music, dance, food, and stories from around the world. Their enthusiasm and open-mindedness were a joy to see! And of course,, Sports Day, where they gave it their all showcasing their determination and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all of our Reception children on completing a brilliant first year at Fishponds. We are incredibly proud of you. Keep up the amazing work!



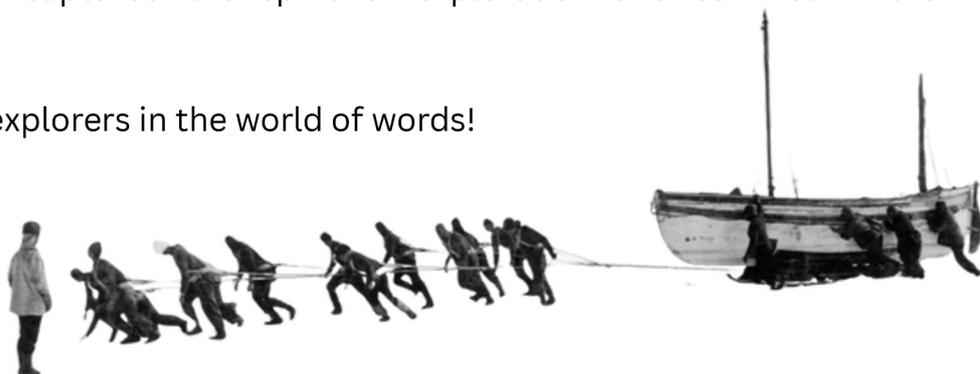
## Year 4 Set Sail with Shackleton

This term, Year 4 have dived into the icy world of Antarctic exploration with their writing unit inspired by the incredible adventures of Ernest Shackleton. The children were fascinated to learn about Shackleton's life, including a special connection to Sydenham in South East London – the very same area where Mrs Seddon grew up!

To bring the story to life, pupils created brilliant model pictures of Shackleton's ship Endurance, using paper plates and straws to recreate its journey through the frozen seas. They then put their research skills to the test by writing detailed biographies about Shackleton, discovering how his bravery, leadership and resilience made him a true hero of the age.

The unit ended with a flourish as the children used all their Year 4 writing skills to craft their own Antarctic adventure stories. With fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and vivid description, the stories captured the spirit of exploration and survival in the harshest conditions on Earth.

Well done, Year 4 – true explorers in the world of words!



## Lunchtime Litter Heroes!

A huge well done to the amazing group of children who have been giving up their lunchtimes each week to help keep our local environment clean and litter-free. Armed with litter pickers, gloves and big smiles, these dedicated pupils joined Mrs Seddon in tidying up around our school and the wider Fishponds area – and it's made a real difference!



Each week, the group collected bags full of rubbish, showing real care and pride in their community. Their enthusiasm has been inspiring, and many are keen to continue this important work next academic year.

If any parents or carers would like to support this wonderful initiative and can spare a little time over lunchtimes, please contact Mrs Seddon via Class Dojo. We'll do our best to match up availability and grow our team of environmental champions.

What a fantastic service these children have done for Fishponds – thank you!

## Party in the Ponds

On Saturday 21st June our choir were invited back to perform on Vassals stage at Party In The Ponds 2025. The sun shone and so did the choir who sang their hearts out to the Fishponds wider community. The choir have also performed for the residents at Quarry Court and the congregation at All Saints Fishponds. Experiences such as this are a wonderful opportunity for our children.



## Our Feathered and Furry Friends Have Settled In!

We're delighted to share that our school's chickens and guinea pigs have settled into their new homes beautifully! The children have loved welcoming them and are enjoying the chance to help care for them during the school day.

Having animals in school brings a host of benefits. They provide opportunities for children to learn about responsibility, empathy and the needs of living creatures. Spending time with our animals also has a calming effect, supporting emotional wellbeing and creating moments of joy and calm throughout the day. From collecting eggs to gently cuddling the guinea pigs, these daily interactions are helping to build confidence and empathy in our pupils.

We'll continue to share updates and plenty of adorable photos so keep an eye on ClassDojo future newsletters!





# WRAP AROUND CARE

**What a Wonderful Term at After School and Breakfast Club! ✨**

As we come to the end of a fantastic term, we're celebrating all the fun, creativity, and learning that's taken place at After School and Breakfast Club!

Highlights included a delicious **Curry Night** with Mrs Harrison Davie during Culture Week, thank you for the amazing flavours and cooking fun! We also enjoyed an energetic session of **Irish Dance**, where the children had great fun trying out traditional steps.

During **History Week**, we got hands-on with science and history by building and erupting our own **volcanoes**, learning all about Pompeii in the process! We also tapped into our artistic side by making colourful **Mayan masks**, discovering the rich culture and symbolism behind them.

Our sporty side shone through in a mini **Tennis** Tournament to celebrate Wimbledon, filled with brilliant rallies and team spirit.

The children wowed us with their talents in a fabulous **Talent Show**, showcasing everything from singing and dancing to jokes and magic. We also welcomed summer in style by making beautiful **flower crowns** for the Summer Solstice, and adventurous **den building** in the sunshine.

A huge thank you to all our amazing children, staff, and families. We're so proud of everything we've achieved together this year. Wishing you all a sunny and relaxing break!

*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.**

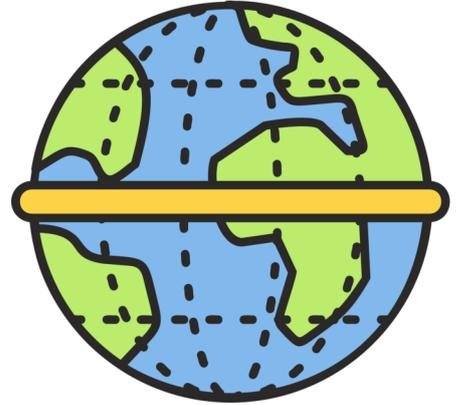
*Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme that helps working parents with childcare costs up to a maximum of £2,000 for each eligible child each year. Check your eligibility or find out more information via [Childcare Choices](#).*



# Geography

This term in our topic learning we have all be Geographers. In Key Stage One, Year 1 have been learning about hot places around the world and Year 2 have been learning about cold places. Year 2 have particularly enjoyed learning about the different animals that live in cold places.

Year 3 have been really enthusiastic when learning about Climate zones and have enjoyed sharing their work with me during the term. Year 4 have become experts about life in Northern Italy so please quiz them to find out more! Year 5 have been learning about the important role that trees and forests play in the UK and have used the local area to support their learning. We have seen some amazing Geography work this year and I know it will be a subject that we continue to learn lots in next year.



# Reading

## Get Caught Reading!

In term 6 we started our Get Caught Reading challenge and had some fantastic and interesting reading photos shared with us. We are going to continue this for the summer. Can you get caught reading someone unusual? Here are a few examples from the school so far.

## Bristol Library Reading challenge

It is really important that all children continue to read over the summer holidays. Bristol libraries are running a summer reading challenge this year for children to join in with. It would be great to get lots of children from Fishponds completing this challenge, we will celebrate this when we return in September.

# PE & Sports

It has been a busy term for PE at Fishponds. Congratulations to our wonderful Bristol Together Championships team who represented our school alongside Old Sodbury at the finals at UWE. They showed perseverance and teamwork throughout the day and played some good football. In week 6, we hosted our 2025 Sports Day. It was lovely to see how much every child enjoyed being active and there a wide range of talents on show throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the day; your support makes the day feel even more special.





## The Reef

This term, The Reef class have been diving into the fascinating world of the rainforest! We've been learning all about the unique animals that call this incredible environment home, from sloths and toucans to poison dart frogs and jaguars!

We've also been comparing the rainforest to other environments—like deserts, oceans, and polar regions—and exploring how animals have adapted to survive in these very different habitats.

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a fun-packed and emotional final term. We have seen them triumph in their play (The X-Factory) and recite wonderful memories from across their time at Fishponds in their Leaver's Ceremony. This cohort have been exceptional, having come such a long way over the last couple of years both academically and as individuals. As a well done and a thank you for their hard work and good nature, they have had a water fight, picnic and a cloudy but enthusiastic trip to Vassals Park.

The whole staff team would like to wish them all the best of luck at their secondary schools, we hope that you nip back every now and again to say hello. Have an incredible summer and as Miss Davies said in the Leaver's speech, **keep slaying!**

*We will miss you*



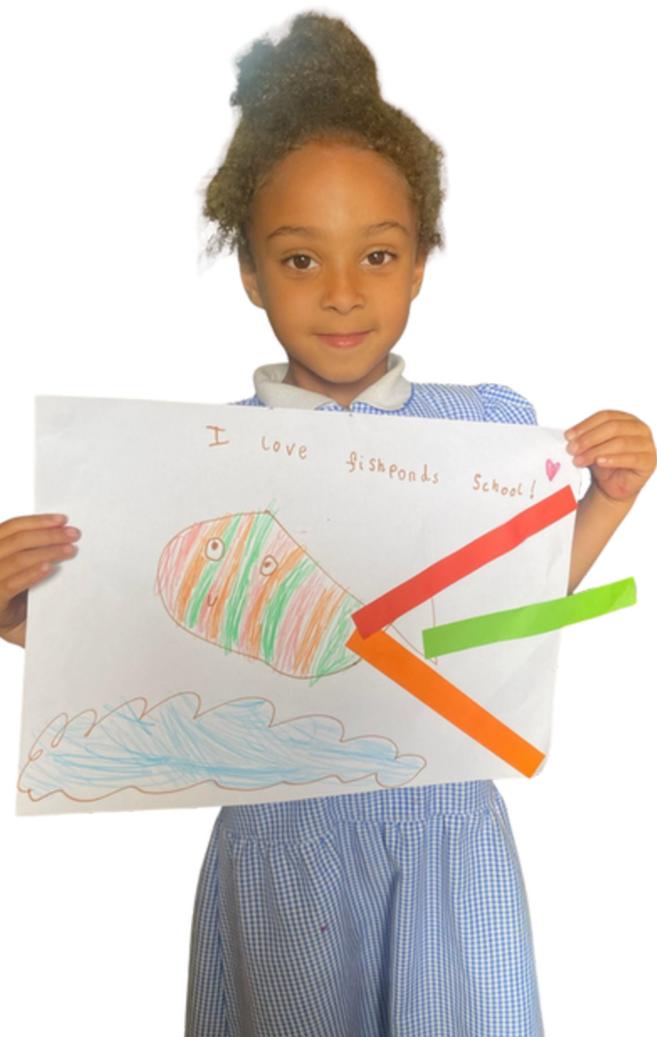
# Year 1

## Seaside Experience

Year One had an amazing day at Fishponds Super-Mare - the seaside we created on the school field! Before our activities began, we were treated to a Seaside puppet show where Year 1 laughed at all the funny things the puppets were doing, which mainly consisted of lots of mischief. We had a range of activities including paddling, sandcastle making, games and were even able to purchase an ice-cream! The children had a great time and loved how many of their adults came to join them to get involved in the fun.

## Art

Year 1 have really enjoyed using clay in their Art and DT this term. We practised lots of skills such as rolling clay and using tools to make marks. We designed our own tiles to show what we thought about Fishponds Primary and what it is like to be in our schools. We used paintbrushes carefully to paint and decorate our tiles. They are beautiful!



# Year 3

Year 3 had a brilliant time celebrating Culture Week! Dressed in their cultural outfits, the children proudly shared facts about their backgrounds, languages, and traditions. They designed creative flags and wrote thoughtful poems to celebrate their identities and the rich diversity of our school community.

The year group also had an exciting visit to the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, where they took part in an interactive Egyptian workshop and explored fascinating artefacts. The museum practitioner was impressed by Year 3's knowledge and curiosity! A highlight of the day was meeting Alfred the gorilla in the natural history gallery.



# INCLUSION

## Transition

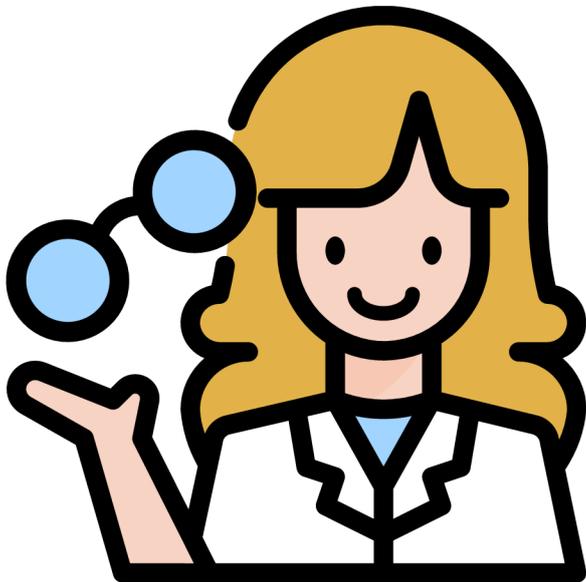
In school, we not only support our year 6 children to transition to their new secondary school but we welcome our new Reception Cohort as well as support children moving up to their new year group and teaching team. All children will have seen their class transition booklet, some may have their own copy to bring home. We hope that the children enjoyed move up morning with their new teachers and are excited to start fresh in September.

## THE SEND TEAM

**Mrs Caddell**  
SENDCo



**Mrs Hickmans**  
Assistant SENCo  
Dyslexia Specialist



## Visual Discomfort Updates

If your child feels any visual discomfort, they should be taken to your local optician. Symptoms of visual difficulties may include; headaches, eyestrain, sore eyes, tired eyes, blurred vision, double words, words jumping around, missing words or lines when reading. Children may hold the text close to their face, screw their eyes, rub eyes, avoid reading, look around or blink more. If this is happening often, the child should be seen by an optometrist and you should share these difficulties.

## SUMMER HOLIDAY TOP TIPS

The summer holidays can be a struggle for some children. Here are some resources to support them and their wellbeing throughout this time.

- Look for [local holiday clubs or activities](#)
- Have a routine – visual pictures or a calendar can help
- Take the time to increase their confidence through [independent play](#)
- Encourage physical wellbeing and time outdoors - The BBC has lots of fun [ideas](#)!
- Support emotional wellbeing through friendships, family meet ups or [gratitude activities](#)
- [Limit screen time](#) - pop to the library, draw or write, a creative activity, build a fort, have a picnic, board games, try something new
- [Look after yourself](#) as best you can!



# ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

## Meet Our EAL Team

### Ms Stephanie Salmon – EAL Lead

Ms Salmon was born in Brittany, France and raised in Valencia, Spain. She speaks French, Spanish, Valenciano, and understands Italian and Portuguese. She's lived in the UK since 2006 and holds Master's degrees in Fine Arts and Translation, plus a PGCE in Arts and Languages.



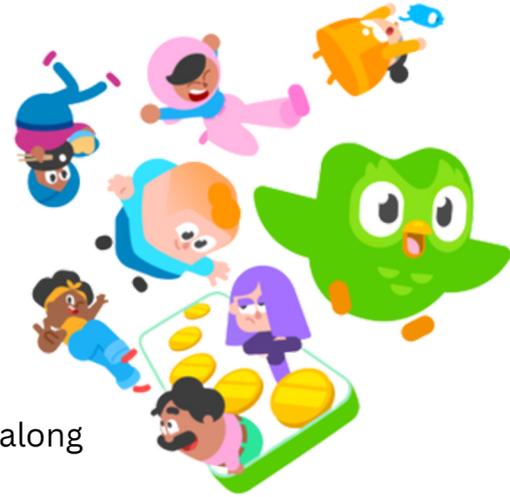
### Ms Veronica Tan – EAL Teaching Assistant

Ms Tan is from Los Angeles, USA. She grew up speaking English and understanding Tagalog and Hokkien, and has studied Mandarin, Spanish, French, Korean, and Japanese. She taught in Japan before moving to Bristol in 2023. She holds a Master's in Psychology of Education, specialising in cultural adjustment, and a TEFL certificate.

## Practice English Over the Summer!

Here are some great free ways to keep learning over the holidays:

- ◆ [The Bell Foundation](#) – Tips for families in 22 languages
- ◆ [BBC Learning English](#) – Videos and activities for all levels
- ◆ [Duolingo](#) – Free English lessons online
- ◆ [Storynory](#) – Stories, myths, and fairytales to listen to and read along
- ◆ [CBeebies Bedtime Stories](#) – Celebrities read children's books with subtitles



### Free ESOL Conversation Club in Fishponds

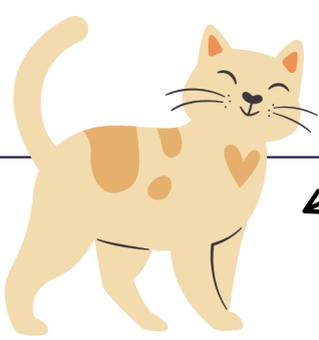
ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) [drop-in sessions](#) are designed to help adults practise speaking and listening in English in a relaxed and friendly environment. There's no need to register, and it's completely free to attend.

The club offers a great opportunity to build confidence, meet new people, and feel more connected to the local community. It's a welcoming space where everyone can learn, share, and grow together.

📍 **Where:** Fishponds Library

🕒 **When:** Every Friday (drop-in – no booking needed)

# Spanish



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## Year 6

This year, pupils focused on six key skills:

**Counting** from 1 to 100

**Introducing themselves**

(name, age, location, nationality, family)

Naming at least five **colours**

Giving the **date** (day, month)

Describing the **weather**

Saying **what they are wearing**

## Year 5

Over the last two terms, we covered two exciting units:

**"La ropa"** (Clothes)

Pupils learned to:

Name clothing items with correct gender and article

Use llevar to say what they wear

Describe clothes using colours with adjectival agreement

Use possessive adjectives

**"En el colegio"** (At School)

Pupils learned to:

Name school subjects

Say what they like/dislike and why

Tell the time (on the hour)

Say when they study each subject

## Year 4

This term included two focused units:

**"La clase"** (The Classroom)

Pupils practised:

Naming 12 classroom items with correct articles

Using possessive adjectives

Saying what is or isn't in their pencil case

**"La fecha"** (The Date)

Pupils can now:

Recall days, months, numbers 1-31

Ask/answer ¿Qué fecha es hoy? and

¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños?

## Year 3

Pupils explored two fun topics:

**"¿Tienes una mascota?"** (Do You Have a Pet?)

Pupils learned to:

Name 8 pets with correct articles

Say if they have a pet and its name

Use y (and) or pero (but) to build sentences

**"Los helados"** (Ice Creams)

Pupils can:

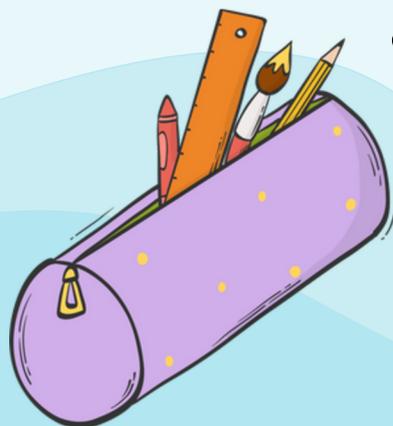
Name 10 ice cream flavours

Ask for an ice cream using quisiera

Choose between a cone or a pot



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# HAVE YOUR SAY - JOIN OUR PARENT FORUM

At Fishponds CE Primary School, we believe that strong partnerships with parents and carers are key to helping our children thrive. That's why we host a Parent Forum – a regular opportunity for families to come together, share ideas, ask questions and help shape the future of our school.

The forum is a friendly, informal space where your voice can really make a difference. Whether you want to discuss school priorities, share feedback, or simply find out more about what's happening, we'd love to hear from you!

Keep an eye out for details of our next Parent Forum meeting in Term 1 – all are welcome!

Together, we can continue building a positive, supportive school community.



## Help Eastville Park!

Do you have ideas and a bit of time to join the committee of the Friends of Eastville Park?

Friends of Eastville Park are a small group of volunteers who spend time putting on events and creating a hub for the community to share their love of this amazing space.

We hold meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at the Nissen Hut Community Hub near the bowling green and are always trying to improve the park for people and protect it for wildlife. Currently, we are conducting a survey to reflect what equipment is needed in the playground for under 10's.

If you have practical skills or expertise in fundraising or community events, we would love to hear from you.

Please email [friendsofeastvillepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofeastvillepark@gmail.com) or find me at school.

Sarah West (Mum of Arthur Y5, and Charlie Y3)  
Chair, Friends of Eastville Park Charity



# 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.

In September we will be offering Calpol as a measure to help pupils to stay in school longer so that their education is not impacted by a medical condition/minor illness.

**Our school attendance target is 96%.**

**The overall attendance this year is 93%.**

Thank you to all our families who work with us to prioritise their child's learning. We appreciate you working with us to achieve the best outcomes for your child.



## Fishponds Ce Primary School



### What is a session?

A session is a morning or afternoon of learning.

# Exciting news!

From September children will receive a 'Great Attendance' badge and special pencil when their attendance reaches 96%.



Every term we will celebrate Improved attendance and Great attendance with certificates.



If your child has received a badge at the end of this term - Well done!

# 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 various health needs such as mental health, toileting, trauma, eating and many other needs.

# 2025 - 2026 Term Dates

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

