



## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual photos
- 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – All Saints Church Celebration of Music Festival, 3pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct - No choir after school today
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Open Afternoon, 1.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – PSA 'Break the Rules Day!'
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of term for pupils
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET Day
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- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Children return to school
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – PSA Textile Collection
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu immunisations
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – INSET Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 residential visit to Charterhouse
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Choir to sing at Long Ashton Community Centre, 11.00am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery & Reception Nativity, 9.30am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – PSA Christmas Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity performance, 9.30am
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term

## Reminders

Please remember that any photos, or video, containing other people's children taken in Celebration Assembly (or any other school event), **MUST NOT be uploaded** to any social media platform. Thank you.

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Don't forget that **next Friday (20<sup>th</sup>) is an INSET day!** Children return to school for Term 2 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please also remember that there is another **INSET in November** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.

## A prayer for peace

God our Father, Creator of the world, please help us to love one another.

Make nations friendly with with other nations; make all of us love one another like brothers and sisters.

Help us to do our part to bring peace in the world and happiness to all people.  
Amen

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone that was able to donate some items to the [BS3 Community Foodbank](#) as part of our harvest celebrations this week. Your generosity meant we delivered 207kg of groceries which filled the equivalent of four and a half supermarket shopping trolleys and the foodbank were blown away by your kindness!



Mrs Barnard delivered the donations, which filled her whole car boot and back seat, on Thursday and said "The Foodbank staff, who are all local volunteers, were really grateful for these donations and said they would make a huge difference to Bristol families. They want to say a big thank you to everyone at the school". The BS3 Foodbank is part of the wider Trussell Trust. They always welcome donations and also have volunteering opportunities – look at their [website](#) to find out more.

## Beginners' Service for Reception

Our Reception class enjoyed their second visit of the week to All Saints Church on Wednesday this week as they took part in the very special Beginners' Service with Rev'd James. This is a lovely occasion where the children are presented with the gift of a bible which then stays with them throughout their primary school journey.



It was a very enjoyable morning and a chance to chat with friends on the walk there and back! Thank you to Rev'd James and All Saints Church for helping us mark the beginning of our young pupils' school journeys.

## PSA 'Break the Rules Day' – Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

Please see the attached poster with details of next Thursday's ever-popular 'Break the Rules Day!' This is a chance for children to 'break' one of our school rules for the day and make a donation to the PSA, if able to.

## Sporting success and more to come..

This week saw more of our children compete in local sports events and competitions.

On Wednesday, a team took part in the Year 5/6 Boys ESFA Football Tournament at Bristol Grammar School sports ground, whilst on Thursday, a team attended the Year 5/6 Girls ESFA Football Tournament on Thursday and came 6<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Thompson, Deputy Headteacher, said 'It's been great to be able to attend sporting fixtures and events again. I'm really proud of everyone who has taken part so far and look forward to leading more teams at more events over the next few months'.

Next week, we have a team of Gymnasts and a Tag Rugby team attending events so best of luck to them; we'll share some photos of all events in the next newsletter!

## Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Toby and Arun (Year 1), Isla L (Year 2), Thomas, Zara and Posy (Year 3), Issy and Ariyana (Year 4), Frank and Giorgia (Year 5) and Eloise (Year 6) who were all awarded certificates for fantastic learning this week!

Congratulations also to Laura (Year 1), Harry (Year 2), Ellie (Year 3), Neve (Year 4), Harriet (Year 5) and Sully (Year 6) who were the recipients of this week's 'responsibility' leaves. This week's Headteacher's Award was presented to Jack in Year 5. Well done everyone, another brilliant week!

## House Points and Birthdays

Congratulations to **Brook** who were this week's house point winners! Happy birthday to Jago (Y3), Ruby (Y6), Toby M (Y2), Molly (Y3), Giorgia (Y5), Kerensa (Y5) and Mia (Y6) who have celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope you all had a lovely day!



## Half Term Cricket Opportunity

Somerset Cricket Foundation are running a 'Dynamics' cricket session during October half term at Merchants Academy. It is for girls, aged 8-11, and is completely free to attend! Click [here](#) to book.

Have a lovely weekend. We hope to see some of you at the All Saints Celebration of Music Festival on Sunday afternoon!  
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher