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Dear Parents and Carers,

In what is always a busy final term I would like to thank all of our parents and families for your ongoing support. Thank you for the time so many of you give to our school to enable the various trips and activities to take place meaning our children can enjoy such rich experiences in an engaging curriculum.



Magdalen Residential

Our Year Four children enjoyed a wonderful three day residential at Magdalen Farm, near Chard, in June. Thank you to Mrs. Elliott, Miss. Kane, Mrs. Pellicci and Mrs. Turner who led the trip. They benefited from great weather and enjoyed a variety of outdoor learning opportunities and experiences including building waterproof woodland shelters, collecting hens eggs, learning about food production, singing around a campfire, building rafts and sailing teddies down the river. They even had time to make their own healthy pizzas in a wood fired outdoor oven! It was a fun filled and action packed three days!



Stadium Design Winner

Congratulations to Cormac and Leif in Year 5 who won the recent Bath Stadium design competition. They each received a signed poster and goody bag!

Kitchen farewells

After almost two decades of service in our school kitchen, Mrs. Tugwell has taken the decision to accept voluntary redundancy with effect from the end of this school year. Miss. Bryant has also taken the decision to accept voluntary redundancy from the same date. I would like to thank them both for the many years of service and wish them both the very best for their future.

Exciting changes to our school meals!

I am very pleased to introduce our new kitchen team who will be in place from 1st September. Mrs. Kirstie Morgan-Fogden will head up our kitchen team with full training and support from executive chef, Stu Rostance. Stu has worked in schools in London, Essex and now Bath and has a real passion for **organic, locally sourced food** and **fully involving children** in helping plan and choose healthy nutritious menus. Stu works at a number of local schools, helping them to provide the very best quality of food for their children. On 1st September, all our school meal provision will be entirely 'in house' and as such will have complete control over the food quality, quantity and provision.



Next year, we will be holding 'open lunches' for parents to come and meet our kitchen team and see the quality food on offer. We will be providing opportunities for parents to sample our food and enjoy lunches with our children. Our children will be involved with designing menus and working with our new kitchen team to offer the very best school meals. Please look out for your invitation to come and enjoy our school lunches!

Parent SDP questionnaire

A big thank you to so many of you who have already answered the Annual School Development Plan questionnaire. A summary will be provided for all parents after the summer break. It is very useful to receive feedback both positive and suggesting areas for development to help our school continue to improve and develop. To complete the questionnaire, please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/jRQV5RzsYiUEzIz1>

Cricket success

Our Year 5/6 Girls Cricket Team recently played at Keynsham Cricket ground. The team were a real credit to themselves and achieved very well. Tom Baker was very impressed with their resilience and determination. Well done to you all!

The Year 6 team played recently at the Sulis Club and came in a very impressive 2nd place, just four runs behind the winners! Well done to each of our teams.

Our Year 5 Cricket Team played in the BANES Kwik Cricket tournament on 7th June. We are very grateful to Tom who coached the children and helped them achieve 1st place. Well done to each member of the team! They are due to play in the County finals on Tuesday 10th July.



Low immunity danger

Sophie (Year 4) is receiving medication for juvenile idiopathic arthritis. Similarly to **Fabienne** (Year 2), her immunity to a variety of illnesses including Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps, Shingles, Slapped Cheek and Scarlet Fever can put Sophie at **serious risk**. Fabienne's immunity still remains compromised putting her potentially at **serious life-threatening risk**. If your child becomes ill - and in particular with one of the illnesses listed above - then please ensure that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parent Governor elections

Thank you for your votes in the important Parent Governor election. My thanks to each candidate for standing and being prepared to work hard to support our school continue to develop and improve. The Governing Body is pleased to welcome Mrs. Leah Allen as Parent Governor (with existing parent Governor, Mrs. Hannah Downey). A huge thank you as well to Mrs. Rachel Walker who has served our school for several years as parent Governor and on SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group). Her support will be missed and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Sports Morning – Wednesday 11th July at KES Fields, Bathampton.

A reminder to please support this annual event. The Junior children will aim to begin around 9.45 a.m. and Infants around 10.15 a.m. Mrs. Tugwell will provide a packed lunch for ALL infant children. Please ensure all junior children bring a packed lunch and all children should bring a water bottle and apply sun protection if necessary. Please can all children also ensure they wear the correct PE kit, including daps/trainers. Thank you!

Leavers' Service

We look forward to seeing you at our Leavers' Service on **Thursday 19th July**. Please be seated in St. Mary's Church by 1:30pm. All children take part in the service, so **all children will need to be collected from St. Mary's Church** at around 2.45 p.m. please. After-school clubs will be informed about the pick up arrangements Service by school, but it is still best to ensure that they hear about collection arrangements directly from you please. We will be making a collection during the service to be shared between school funds and Great Ormond Street Hospital, which was nominated by Year 6.

Last library sessions of term

The last library sessions of term will be in the week beginning Monday 2nd July. From Monday 9th July, we will be collecting **all** library books in and there will be a box in every classroom for library books to be handed in.

Would you like to help in the library? More help is needed!

We would not be able to run the library sessions without our amazing volunteers and we do need more help! Helping in the library is a great opportunity to see what children are reading, to help them to find new books and to help the school. If you think you could help one day a week from 2.15pm to the end of the school day, please contact the school office or Mrs. Turner on Librarian@bsm.bwmat.org. Volunteer helpers will be required to obtain a DBS certificate. We particularly need help on Wednesdays and Fridays next year, but if you can offer help on any day, that would be hugely appreciated. It is a lovely way to help the school which fits in with school pick-up times and there will be full training provided before you start.

Book Swap

We will be holding our fourth annual book swap on **Friday 13th July**. This is a brilliant chance to find a different book to read over the summer, so we really hope you can take part. Simply choose a book (in good condition please) that you would like to swap, bring this in to school on Friday 13th July and your child will be given a book swap token from their teacher. They can bring this token to the book swap after school and choose a different book. If the weather is kind, the book swap will be held in the playground. If not, we will be in the Wheatley Room.

Take One Holburne Takeover Day

Take One Takeover Day is on Saturday 7th July. Children are invited to bring their friends and family to the Holburne museum between 12.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to share what they learnt about during Take One Picture Week. The idea is that children can act as guides; showing their guests around and telling them about the building. There will be a display featuring work completed by the children and photographs of the work in progress. The gallery will be borrowing work which is currently on display at school.

Summer Fair

A huge thank you to our superb PTA and team of parents who worked so hard to organise and run this year's Summer Fair. We were blessed with beautiful weather this year, which may have helped us raise a brilliant total of **£2,337.06!** We are all so grateful for all volunteers, and of course to all our parents and families who came along on the day. Thank you as well to our Year 5 stall holders. Congratulations to Max, Theo and Matthew who raised the highest total - a great £47.50 with their 'Nerf Gun' stall. The PTA is delighted to announce that our ICT Suite is fully paid off and we look forward to new projects coming up!

Lily and Kiki meet Sir. David Attenborough

Lily (Year 6) and Kiki (Year 5) were fortunate to attend an exhibition in London where their father has been campaigning to save blue eyed black lemurs. There were some fascinating talks about how different architecture groups were helping to build a safe area for the lemurs to live in. Sir David Attenborough was very supportive of the work and Lily and Kiki had the chance to meet him while they were there!



Bath OWLS 'It's a hoot' competition

Congratulations to the following children, who out of 650 entries from across the city, received either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the Monahans competition.

- In Year R-1, Myrto (YR) came 3rd place
- In Year 2-4, Lottie (Y4) came 3rd place, Erik (Y2) came 2nd place and Hugo (Y1) came 1st.

Well done to all our creative artists!

In these busy last few weeks, please do continue to stop me in the playground or contact the office if you have any queries or questions.

Yours sincerely,
Kevin Purkiss, Head Teacher

Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget that the Summer Reading Challenge will start in all BANES public libraries on Saturday 14th July and will run until Sunday September 9th. This year's theme is Mischief Makers and all children aged 4 to 11 can take part for free. Children need to read six books from the public library over the summer and can earn rewards for each book read. Please see your local public library for more details.

Gold for Rufus!

Rufus in Year 3 has been training in taekwondo since being in Reception and recently attended the English Championships held in Swindon. Rufus took part in a number of competitions and won a gold medal for his 'Bully Bob sparring' in which he had to demonstrate his skills on the mannequin.



Dates for the Diary

Week	Day	Events
Week 5 July	Weds 4	LAST WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS Y1 Profiling and Y2 Profiling Y5 to Prior Park Science Fair NEW Y6 Transition Meeting 2.45-3.15 Y3 last swimming
	Thurs 5	OWL Adventures Year R Y5 to KES 'Shuffle Up' morning YR, 1, 2, 3, 4, (6)
	Fri 6	Y4 and Y5 Profiling Y2 Concert to New Reception, 2.30
Week 6 July	Mon 9	NO MORE CLUBS
	Tues 10	Y6 Profiling Day Y5 Cricket Tournament Y3 Greek Day
	Weds 11	Sports Day (morning)
	Thurs 12	Y6 Lifeskills – leaving school at 8.15am OWL Adventures Year 4
Week 7 July	Mon 16	<i>FINAL NEWSLETTER this week</i>
	Tues 17	Fr. Alfred Sichone visit to school 3.30-4.00 Guitar Concert – open to all
	Weds 18	Y6 show to parents (7pm) and whole school in day – Roper Theatre
	Thurs 19	Leavers Service, 1.30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
	Fri 20	Free Choice Friday