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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6! Our Year Six are currently on the Isle of Wight enjoying their residential trip. After the hovercraft experience, swimming, hiking over Tennyson Down, the chair lift at Alum Bay and thrilling boat trip around The Needles, it is fair to say they are having a super time away! Thank you to Miss Bowman, Mrs. Herron, Mrs. Falzoni and Mrs. Elliott for giving up their time with family to take our children away on this experience.

Staff team news

At the end of this year and term we will be saying a very fond farewell to two wonderful members of our staff team. Having diligently and expertly served the school community since 2017, **Mrs. Claire Rigby** has decided it is time for her to move onto new challenges. Claire has been a fantastic Deputy Head here and will be very much missed but we all wish her the very best for the future. She will be starting her own company called 'Tiny Minds', running baby and toddler/pre-school classes in Corsham and Box.

Mrs. Emily Hoskin has also decided it is time for her to move on from Bathwick St. Mary. She has been a much loved teacher here since 2014 and we will also miss her as a member of the team. We will ensure both Claire and Emily receive a proper farewell at our Leavers' Service in July!

We are currently recruiting for the new academic year. Once appointments are confirmed we will share the staff team complement later this term.

Welcome to...

A very warm welcome to Kenisha in Year 4. We hope you settle in quickly and are very happy here!

Christian Value Champions for the Spring Term

Every long term, one child in each class is nominated by their peers for living out our Christian Values. One child is declared the overall champion for each value. I am pleased to announce our champions for Spring Term:

- **Respect:** Mia, Year 5
- **Joyfulness:** Charlie, Year R
- **Fairness:** Nikolaos, Year 1
- **Love:** Isabella, Year 2
- **Forgiveness:** Alexandra, Year 3
- **Perseverance:** Johnny, Year 6

Well done to all our children who regularly demonstrate these important Christian Values in their daily lives!



Congratulations to Year 6 Girls Cricket Team!

Congratulations to our Year 6 Girls cricket team who played fantastically, showed great sportsmanship, brilliant teamwork and as a result won the final of the B&NES Girls Cricket Competition last month! After several thrilling matches, they won each match and are now in the **County Championships** later in June! Thank you to Tom Baker who coached the team. A brilliant achievement – well done to all!



Guitar tuition at Bathwick

Mr. Clark will have space for new guitarists in September. Don't worry about a guitar, as advice will be given regarding a suitable instrument. Children in Y4 receive a 20-minute individual lesson. Pupils in Y5 and Y6 receive individual 30-minute lessons. Pupils in years 5 and 6 are also invited to rehearse and perform with the school guitar group. If you have a budding guitarist, please register your interest with school office and then Mr. Clark will then contact you in September.

Dogs on site

A polite reminder that no dogs other than guide dogs should be on the school site. Thank you for your support.

Attendance – every day counts

The school gates are opened around 8.40 and the bell goes at 8.50 – **this is the start of the school day and it is expected ALL children are in for 8.50.** In order for them to benefit from their education and not to disturb the learning of others, please ensure your child is in on time. Children make progress in their learning when they know more, remember more and are able to do more. Our carefully sequenced curriculum is built around this pedagogy – and this is one of the reasons why attendance matters so much. Here are each class's attendance figures for any unauthorised absence last month. **Unfortunately, no class had 100% attendance** (including authorised absence) for the month of May.

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| Year R: 2 sessions lost | Year 4: 1 session lost |
| Year 1: 3 sessions lost | Year 5: 3 sessions lost |
| Year 2: 1 session lost | Year 6: 1 sessions lost |
| Year 3: 7 sessions lost | WHOLE SCHOOL: 99.2% |

Mia's going for GOLD

Congratulations to Mia, Year 5, who last week entered the British weightlifting competition which was held by her home team, Resilience Weightlifting. Mia's perseverance paid off – she won Gold in the Youth category. An amazing achievement - well done Mia!



The PTA Post

Thank you for the amazing support so far for the Grow a Pound 2023. Further new equipment was installed recently with more to come! This Friday is the Grow a Pound final. **A reminder to please send any photos and achievements to the office@bsm.bwmat.org for us to celebrate in the 'Grow a Pound' newsletter!** You will have already received the information you need, but if unsure, please check with the school office or the PTA team (pta@bsm.bwmat.org). We are looking forward to the Summer Fair on Saturday 24th June – please save the date. Prior to then, on **Friday 16th June we will have a non-uniform day** in exchange for any donations for the Summer Fair.

Calling all young entrepreneurs...

£ GROW A POUND 2023

Help us raise the final funds to make the children's dream playground a reality.

The PTA will give every child £1 and challenge them to 'grow' it by investing it in an activity that will make more money.

All money raised will go directly to the
PTA Project Playground
Friday 28 April - Friday 9 June

Uniform ordering

To ensure delivery at the beginning of September, the final ordering date for new school uniform from [Michael Hope](#) is 6th August. The PTA will also be running a good quality second hand uniform sale shortly.

Important safety updates

We have children in school who have **life-threatening allergies**. We take all our children's safety extremely seriously and as such **the following foods and foods containing these ingredients are banned from the school site** (this includes bringing snacks after school for your children or during clubs time):

- ⊘ **Sesame seeds and food containing sesame** (sesame can be found on or in a variety of food, including on rolls, bread, oil, hummus)
- ⊘ **Nuts and food containing nuts**
 - ✗ All 'Tree nuts' - this includes cashew, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts, pistachio, macadamia, pecan and Brazil nuts
 - ✗ Peanuts and chestnuts
 - ✗ Pine nuts and Pesto

Some food packing uses wording such as, 'This product has been produced in a factory that handles nuts and/or sesame' or 'May contain nuts and/or sesame'. At school, we only ban foods that specifically state nuts or sesame in the ingredient list. Thank you for your continued vigilance.

Questions, concerns and feedback...

Bathwick is a great school but there are always things we can do to improve and develop – and I am always willing to hear constructive ideas and comments. If you do have concerns, please do not wait for Parent and Carers Evenings and share those with your child's teacher as soon as you can. It is by working in positive partnership that our children will continue to thrive. Please also do stop me in the playground or make contact via the school office (office@bsm.bwmat.org or 01225 465654) to share ideas, concerns or questions. Thank you.

Here's to a great Term 6!

Kevin Purkiss, Head Teacher

Term 6 Dates for the Diary

| June | |
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| 8 | Governor Parent Coffee Meeting, 9.00 Year 4 and 5 Eucharist, 2.00 |
| 9 | Year 5 Carnival Workshop GROW A POUND FINAL |
| 12 | OWL Year R |
| 13 | New Reception Parents Evening |
| 15 | B&NES Y5/6 Cricket Tournament |
| 16 | Non-uniform day (donations for Summer Fair) Year 2 to Pavilion 'Hear My Voice' singing festival |
| 17 | Saturday: GROUND FORCE DAY (TBC) |
| 19 | OWL Year 2 Year 1 Super Pirates at Sydney Gardens (am) |
| 20 | Year 3 to Holburne Museum |
| 21 | 21-23 Year 4 to Magdalen Farm |
| 24 | SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 24th JUNE |
| 27 | Year 6 Girls Cricket team – County Finals |
| 29 | Earth Day – details to follow |
| 30 | INSET Day – staff only in school |
| July | |
| 3 | INSET Day – staff only in school |
| 4 | PCEs evening (1 of 2) |
| 6 | PCEs evening (2 of 2) Transition Day (Most Year 6 to new schools and all Year R-5 move 'up' to new class. |
| 7 | Year 6 to Bath Abbey |
| 8 | SATURDAY 8th – Year 5 to Bath Carnival |
| 12 | Sports Morning at KES playing fields |
| 14 | Year 6 Leavers Show (evening) Year 3 Greek Day |
| 20 | Leavers' Service – 1.30 p.m. |
| 21 | Last day of the school year |

You may also be interested in...



SOMERSET CHRISTIAN CAMPS
7TH - 11TH AUGUST & 14TH - 18TH AUGUST 2023

WEEK LONG SUMMER CAMPS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2 - 6

Sleeping under the stars

When the children arrive at Camp on Monday morning, they are placed into a tent group with up to ten other children, led by our committed and energetic tent leaders.

Jam-packed with fun

Every day is filled with a whole host of exciting activities: high-energy games and sports, swimming & water games, talent shows, individual sports tournaments, crafts and a trip away too!

Big Church

Each evening we will learn to know the God who made and loves us through high energy games, quizzes and stories.

£135

All inclusive!

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www.somersetcamps.org.uk



Our children's writer in residence Tessa Bide has started a story for you. Can you finish it?



Who has left a message? Who is at the door? You decide!

Win a one to one story session with Tessa where she will read you her latest work, and also help with your writing. There will be prizes for runners up too.

Hand your entry in at Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Bath Central or on the Mobile Library.
Or, email your entry to Library_Events@bathnes.gov.uk

Entries must be submitted by **Midnight on Saturday 8 July 2023**

For more competition details including guidelines visit:
<https://bit.ly/ChildrensCreativeWritingCompetition>

Open to ages 11 and under



Bathwick St. Mary School Term and Holiday Dates – **2023-2024**

NO HOLIDAYS CAN BE TAKEN IN TERM TIME

| AUGUST 2023 | | | | | | SEPTEMBER 2023 | | | | | OCTOBER 2023 | | | | | | | | |
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| T | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | T | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | T | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | |
| W | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | W | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | W | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | | |
| TH | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | TH | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | TH | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | | |
| F | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | F | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | F | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | | | |
| S | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | S | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | S | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | | | |
| SU | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | SU | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | SU | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | | | | |
| NOVEMBER 2023 | | | | | | DECEMBER 2023 | | | | | JANUARY 2024 | | | | | | | | |
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| FEBRUARY 2024 | | | | | | MARCH 2024 | | | | | APRIL 2024 | | | | | | | | |
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| MAY 2024 | | | | | | JUNE 2024 | | | | | JULY 2024 | | | | | | | | |
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| School Term Dates: | |
| Holiday Dates: | (Children not in school) |
| Inset Days: | (Children not in school) |
| Bank holidays: | (Children not in school) |

The 24/25 academic year begins on Monday 02 September 2024.