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Newsletter Ten: July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we 'gear up' to the final three weeks of the year we look forward to welcoming you to the PCEs this week. If you haven't done so yet please book on <https://bsm.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to discuss your child's report and their year with class teacher; we look forward to celebrating their successes with you.

As you are aware, both Mrs. Hoskin and Mrs. Rigby are leaving at the end of this year. I am very pleased to share that **Mrs. Ally Elliott has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher for next year.** She will be non-class based and we very much look forward to continuing to benefit from her wealth of experience and skill in this new role.



Our 'Shuffle Up' morning, where children will get to meet their new class teaching team, will for most classes be on Thursday 13th July. We will of course inform all

families before then of the class teacher arrangements. As usual, there will be 'Meet the teacher' sessions happening in early September for parents and carers.

Change of school finish time from September 2023

To adhere to Government guidance for schools, we will be slightly extending the length of the infant school day. **From September 2023, the Year R, 1 and 2 school day will end at 15:20 and not 15:15.** The timings of clubs and Wraparound Care remain the same. Years 3-6 will continue to finish at 15:25.

Clubs in September

A full complement of clubs are in the process of being planned and agreed. Next term's clubs will run from week commencing 11th September through to week commencing 18th December.



Year Four residential to Magdalen Farm

Our Year Four enjoyed a wonderful residential trip to Magdalen Farm in the south of Somerset. Helping out with the farming and feeding the animals, building rafts on the river, enjoying the mud slide and cooking in the open air were just a few of the great activities on offer! Thank you to Mr Purkiss, Mrs Williams and Miss Stanaway for taking the class away on this experience. Look out for more photos throughout the newsletter!



Leavers service arrangements

We look forward to seeing you at our Leavers' Service on Thursday 20th 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.** We will be making a collection during the service to be shared between school funds and the Year 6 nominated charity. There are no clubs or Wraparound Care on the last day of term - Friday 21st July.

Sports Morning – Wednesday 12th July at KES Fields, Bathampton.

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Morning which will be held on the morning of Wednesday 12th July. We will enjoy a picnic lunch at the end of the morning together. Please see the recent email for all the details. All infant children will be provided a school packed lunch - please choose any meal option, but we will ask the children to choose a ham or cheese filling for their baguette. To help the kitchen, please choose by the end of **Friday 7th July.**

All junior children are asked to provide their own packed lunch – thank you.

Year 2 trip to Weston-super-Mare

Thank you to the Year 2 team and parent and carer helpers who took the children to Weston-super-Mare recently. It was a fantastic day for all –



children learned more about the locality and enjoyed seaside and sunshine!

Cricket Year 6 County Championships!

Well done to the brilliant Year 6 girls cricket team who represented the school at the County Finals tournament recently. The team (Amel, Clemency, Dorothy, Edie, Emily, Evelyn, Georgia, Honor, Isabel, Lola, Sophia) played fantastically and reached the semi-finals! The children represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship. Thank you once again to coach Tom Baker who supported the team.

Children's uniform

We believe uniform encourages a sense of community, promotes equality for all, reflects pride in the school and represents the school to the outside community. **It is expected that ALL children wear the correct uniform**, including PE kit please (details are here <https://bathwickstmary.org/uniform/>). We have made the cost of this as competitive as possible and ensured as much can be bought from high street stores. However, if cost is a concern, please speak to Mr. Purkiss. Thank you. To ensure delivery at the beginning of September, the final ordering date for new school uniform from [Michael Hope](#) is 6th August.

'Show and Tell' – bringing items into school

'Show and Tell' is a useful tool to help develop children's confidence and speaking in front of the class. A polite reminder that children should only occasionally bring items to school for Show and Tell. Please ensure these items are appropriate to bring into school. We will happily share particular achievements in Friday's Celebration Collective Worship. Thank you.

Bathwick Badgers

It was exciting to see two baby badgers recently at the end of the school day. Thank you to the PTA team and all those children who created our 'Bathwick Badgers' sign for the area – especially to George in Y5 who painted several little badgers! Thank you particularly to Mrs Turner and Mrs Miner who went above and beyond in ensuring they were well cared for!



The PTA Post

Thank you for the amazing support at the summer fair. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by many children and families at school as well as those due to join us and those who have moved on to secondary schools in recent years.



Many thanks to the PTA team – especially to PTA Chair Jess Westbrook – who organised and ran the event brilliantly! The Grow a Pound Newsletter will be shared 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.

Term 6 Dates for the Diary

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July	
4	PCEs evening (1 of 2) 15:30-18:00 BWMAT 10 Year Anniversary celebrations
5	Year 1 and 5 classes closed
6	PCEs evening (2 of 2) 15:30-20:00
7	Year 6 to Bath Abbey Year 1 and 5 classes closed
8	SATURDAY 8th – Year 5 to Bath Carnival
12	Sports Morning at KES playing fields
13	'Shuffle Up' for most classes Year 6 Show Dress Rehearsal for Years R-5
14	Year 6 Leavers Show (evening) Year 3 Greek Day
20	Leavers' Service – 1.30 p.m.
21	Last day of the school year

A few highlights from the Year 4 residential...



You may also be interested in...

Looking for something different to keep your child's inquisitive mind active this summer? We are excited to announce that we will be running STEM Camp on **24th July- 11th August at Prior Park College, BA2 5AH** from 9 am to 4 pm each day (Early drop off from 8 am now available). Each week we have a new exciting theme with new activities [click here](#) to see a few ...

Week 1 - Robotics, VR and Tech Fun 🤖

Program robots, design video games, model 3D creation, experience VR and lasertag, plus much more! A week of inspiration and creation with maximum excitement. We encourage children to experiment and challenge themselves, instilling a variety of exciting, real-world skills.

Week 2 - Minecraft Coding and Lego Engineering 🚀

Designed for ultimate fun and education. Students learn circuitry workings using Redstone and coding fundamentals in Minecraft Education edition creating magnificent masterpieces. Then take the virtual world to the real world and make LEGO ingenious inventions with sensors and motors. This week is designed to encourage students to experiment and push the boundaries of their imagination, while developing skills that will aid them in their future.

Week 3 - Videography, Photography and Crafts 📹

Unleash the hidden creative genius within your child. Join us for a complete masterclass in capturing and editing like a pro, whilst instilling internet safety and proper practice. As a special addition we have craft projects designed by our STEM pros that feature in their very own films.

Our camps are for **ages 5-12**. Spaces are limited, we have a **special offer** where you can **book a full 5 day week and only pay for 4** for a limited time only. We also have a limited number of HAF spaces available. Don't miss out and book today, simply visit:

<https://www.nextthing.education/summer-camps/>

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

JULY - SEPTEMBER

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

ORDER OF WEEKS MAY VARY, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE



HERE THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY!

TECH

SUMMER CAMP

DIFFERENT COURSE EACH WEEK!



VR & ROBOTICS



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WEEK 1

ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN

Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ... plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, whilst developing world skills.

WEEK 2

MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING

Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and learn coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors to create cool inventions powered by code.

WEEK 3

PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOGRAPHY + CRAFTS

Is your child obsessed with Youtube and Tik Tok? Join us for a complete masterclass in capturing and editing like a pro, whilst instilling safety and proper practice. Plus, a BONUS Arts and Crafts session each day that will become their content focus.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP



Packed Lunch and Snacks (NOT FREE)



Water Bottle



Medication If Required



Weather Appropriate Clothing

£10 OFF

BOOK BEFORE THE 30TH JUNE TO GET £10 OFF WITH CODE

JUNE10

★★★★★

"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"

Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

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

NO HOLIDAYS CAN BE TAKEN IN TERM TIME

AUGUST 2023						SEPTEMBER 2023						OCTOBER 2023						
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M		2	9	16	23	30
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	
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NOVEMBER 2023						DECEMBER 2023						JANUARY 2024						
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29
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FEBRUARY 2024						MARCH 2024						APRIL 2024						

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MAY 2024						JUNE 2024						JULY 2024							
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F	3	10	17	24	31		F		7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26	
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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.