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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break and thank you if you were able to join us for the joyous celebration of Easter at St. Mary's Church. Thank you for your donations of £175 which will be split between school funds and the Bath Cats and Dogs Home. Last term saw all sorts of great events and achievements for our children and school. We all learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed **National Science Week**; Year 3 and 4 performed the fabulous **'Rocking Romans'** production; the celebration of books and reading for **World Book Day** and the **Book Fair**; the fantastic Junior **'Dance Umbrella'** event and several other **sporting events** and successes as well!

Thank you to Miss Farrar who organised our **Science Week** and thank you also to the many parents and carers who were able to inspire our children as they shared



about their area of expertise. The week started with a Collective worship where we were introduced to mystery bags – each bag contained clues to a variety of careers including oceanographer, optician, mechanic and doctor. We explored how each of these jobs needs science learning. Throughout the week classes had visits from parents and carers who work in STEM careers including a psychologist, engineers, a mathematician, sports psychologist, and robotic engineer. We learned about how science helps them in their career and why they enjoy the science in their jobs so much. Each class also had a focus on their science learning for the term including carrying out lots of experiments including rocket

launching, changing plant colours and making fruit circuits. It was a busy week of Science learning and raising aspirations in STEM careers!



A very warm welcome to Mrs Ellie Walker, who joins Year 3 this week as teaching assistant. Mrs Walker is an experienced teacher and a swimming teacher and we are delighted to have secured her to best support our children.

SHOWTIME with the Year 3 and 4 'Rocking Romans'!



Well done to the brilliant Year 3 and 4 children who staged the superb musical this week. It was a joy to see children on stage – whether it was their acting, singing, solo performances or supporting backstage – each child shone and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Thanks to our Year 3/4 staff team – Mrs Benton, Miss Blaettler, Mr Jackson, Mrs McHugh and Mr Wooding who worked hard to give each child the opportunity to perform on stage. Well done to all!

Well done to all of the entrants in the **'Science Week Poster Competition'**. Congratulations to Ixia (Y5), Sky (Y5), Clara (Y4), Lyra (Y5), Iseult (Y2) and Zara (Y4) who were

'Highly Commended' by the judges for their thought, creativity and links to science learning.



A special congratulations to Tamsin (Y3) and Vi (Y5) for creating the winning posters. They have won tickets to a local Science show and their posters have been entered into the National level competition. Good luck to them both!



A celebration of books and reading on World Book Day!



Well done to everyone for some amazing dressing up for World Book Day. There were some fascinating book characters and very imaginative costumes. Many congratulations to Eddie (R), Alex (Y1), Laia (Y2), Yasmin (Y3), Bethany (Y4), Sasha (Y5) and Millie W (Y6) for winning individual prizes, whilst Louis (R), Margot (R), Tobias (Y1), Otilie (Y1), Benjamin (Y2), Lyla (Y2), Isabel (Y2), Charlie (Y3), Coralie (Y3), Matilda (Y4), Thomas (Y4), Francis (Y4), Marcus (Y5), Sky (Y5), George (Y6), Sophie L (Y6) and Joe (Y6) were all highly commended. Year 6 were awarded the best dressed class prize for some fabulous co-ordinated costumes, with Year 4 awarded the runner-up class prize.



Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Travelling Book Fair. Thank you also to Mrs Turner, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Hawthorn, Mrs Childs and Ms Leo for their support in running the fair. **We raised £252.82 in rewards to spend on new books for the school**, which will be greatly appreciated by the children.

Dance Umbrella performance



Thank you to Miss Bowman who has run the Dance Umbrella club last term, culminating in the brilliant performance at The Forum. The choreography and dance routine was superb and all children thoroughly enjoyed performing on stage. **Other sporting events** will be celebrated in May's newsletter!

Comic Relief: Red (Nose) Day

And finally, as we celebrate events of last term, thank you for your support of Comic Relief, who support incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world. We were pleased to have raised £170.24. Thank you for your generosity.

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:** Asha, Year 5
- **Joyfulness:** Paige, Year 1
- **Fairness:** Myra, Year 4
- **Love:** Olivier, Year R
- **Forgiveness:** Katherine, Year 3
- **Perseverance:** Oliver, Year 6

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

School Council present.... Our new playground shelter!

Our School Council were hard at work last term helping review designs and plans for the outdoor shelter. We are hugely grateful for EVERYONE'S support in supporting the PTA and the various events this year – we have been able to get the first shelter and outdoor learning space installed over the Easter break. Infants will notice the old shelter from the infant playground has been removed, ready for the new one to be installed later this year... watch this



space (and keep supporting the PTA please!). **A huge thank you to Ruth and John**, parents of Hamish (R) and Lyra (5), who have so generously designed and planted the brilliant **sensory garden** outside the Y2 classroom!



Our School Council also enjoyed a visit from local Swift enthusiasts. They have provided two swift nesting boxes to be installed shortly in the Junior Playground!

Baskervilles gymnastics competition success



Delphie, Isabelle, Evie, Lexi, Paige, Tessie and Victoria took part in the Baskervilles gymnastics competition last term. For Paige, it was her first ever competition and she came 2nd in the floor routine and 3rd overall – brilliant! Tessie said she tried her hardest and was really proud of her floor routine - especially as she came first! Very well done!



Your voice counts – thank you for your feedback

Thank you to the many parents who answered the recent questionnaire on how we engage with and communicate with our parents and carers. Senior leaders and Governors will be reviewing all responses in detail and a summary will be provided to our community later this term.

Year 5 Residential trip coming up

Next week, our Year 5 children are looking forward to their residential at **Dean Field Studies Centre** in the Forest of Dean. Thank you to Mr Downing, Miss Malewski, Mrs Herron and Mrs Elliott for giving up their time to take our children away on this experience. Each residential experience is important in developing children's confidence and resilience as they prepare for their next stage of education.

New netball club coach – club spaces available!

We are delighted to welcome netball coach, Verity Rocke, to Bathwick. Verity competes with the University of Bath Development Netball Squad, is a level 2 qualified netball coach level 1 qualified athlete as well as currently being the assistant coach for Team Bath Futures and lead coach for Team Bath Futures Next Generation. To **book a place** in netball club, please log into Parent Pay.

Safer routes to school

You will have seen that there is a new traffic system in place in Sydney road. Sustrans came in to school in the week before Easter, spoke to Y5/6 children about the changes and asked for their feedback. There is also an opportunity for parents to do the same in [this link](#) and on the attached flyer from B&NES. We are also planning a walk or wheel to school week beginning **Monday 20th May**. Please watch out for more details in the next newsletter.

Important safety notice

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'. We only ban foods that state nuts or sesame in the ingredient list.

Term 5 and 6 Dates for the Diary	
April	
17	YR/1/2 Author visit - Chris Naylor Ballesteros OWL Year 4
24	OWL Year 3 Year 5 to Dean Field (until 26th)
26	PTA Cake Sale Year 1
29	Racism Equality Assembly and Workshops
30	YR to Warleigh Lodge Farm Y3/4 Gymnastics Competition at Baskervilles (pm)
May	
1	OWL Year 2
2	Y4/5 Author visit - Pia DasGupta
6	Bank Holiday
8	OWL Year 5
13	Y6 SATS Week (Monday-Thursday)
15	OWL Year 1
17	Year 6 to Little Theatre cinema and Sydney Gardens PTA Cake Sale Year R
22	Wiltshire Air Ambulance – 2 days of workshops OWL Year R
24	Last day of term 5 (no clubs / Wraparound pm)
June	
3	First day of term 6 Year 6 in Isle of Wight all week
5	OWL Year 4
12	OWL Year 6
13	Year 6 to Bath Abbey – Leavers Event
17	<i>Bath University Open Day (increased traffic in city!)</i>
19	OWL Year 5 Year 4 to Magdalen Farm until Friday
26	OWL Year 3
July	
1	Year 3 1 st -5 th & 8 th -12 th swimming 1-2pm
3	OWL Year 2
4	'Shuffle Up' (new children to new classes) – TBC
10	OWL Year 1
12	Year 6 Leavers' show at Prior Park Theatre – evening
15	Year 2 Performance in hall, 2.30 p.m.
16	Sports Morning and Lunch – KES Playing field
18	Leavers' Service, 1.30 p.m., St. Mary's Church
19	Last day of the year

Please particularly note the confirmed dates below:

- **12th July - Year 6 Show (evening)**
- **16th July - Sports Morning (9.45-1.00 approx.)**
- **18th July - Leavers' Service, 1.30 p.m.**

And finally...

As ever, please do stop me in the playground or make contact to share ideas, concerns or questions. Bathwick is a great school, but there are always things we can do to improve and develop – and I am always willing to hear your ideas and comments. It is by working in positive partnership that our children will continue to thrive!

With best wishes, Kevin Purkiss, Headteacher

Summer Term 2024 Bathwick Menu

WEEK	MEAT FREE Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1: 15th April, 7th May, 3rd June, 24th June and 15th July					
Option 1: Main Meal	Cheese and tomato pizza with sweetcorn	Roast chicken	Beef lasagne	Pork sausage	Jumbo cod fish finger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Vegetable enchilada	Plant based cottage pie	Vegetable lasagne	Quorn sausage	Cheese and red onion quiche
All the above served with	Herby diced potatoes, fresh salad bar	Roast potatoes, cabbage, carrots, green beans and gravy	Carrots and fresh bread	Creamed mashed potato, peas and gravy	Oven baked chips, baked beans or sweetcorn
WEEK 2: 22nd April, 13th May, 10th June and 1st July					
Option 1: Main Meal	Three cheese macaroni	Roast turkey	Cottage pie	Beef meatballs in tomato and red pepper sauce	Jumbo cod fish finger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Cheese and leek puff	Quorn toad in the hole	Cauliflower cheese	Veggie meatballs in tomato and red pepper sauce	Cheese and tomato swirl
All the above served with	Fresh salad bar and Garlic bread	Roast potatoes, cabbage, carrots, green beans and gravy	Broccoli and fresh bread	Steamed rice and salad bar	Oven baked chips, baked beans and sweetcorn
WEEK 3: 29th April, 20th May, 17th June and 8th July					
Option 1: Main Meal	Cheese and tomato pasta bake	Roast gammon	Mild chicken curry	Beef burger served in a bun	Jumbo cod fish finger
Option 2: Vegetarian Meal	Vegetable pasta bake	Vegetable patties	Roasted vegetable chilli	Vegetable burger served in a bun	Crispy vegetable nuggets
All the above served with	Garlic bread and fresh salad bar	Roast potatoes, cabbage, carrots, green beans and gravy	Steamed rice, seasonal vegetables and naan bread	Jacket wedges Fresh salad bar	Oven baked chips, beans and sweetcorn
Served Every Week					
Option 3: Alternative Meal	Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese, or tuna	Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese, or tuna	Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese, or tuna	Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese, or tuna	Farm Assured Ham with Chips
Dessert	Shortbread, fresh fruit, organic yoghurt	Ice-cream, fresh fruit, organic yoghurt	Fresh fruit platter, organic yoghurt	Chocolate chip muffin, fresh fruit, organic yoghurt	Ice-cream, fresh fruit, organic yoghurt

Any child with food allergies or intolerances will be offered an alternative Main Course and Dessert to meet your child's needs. All the meals are served with milk or water.

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			
SU	6	13	20	27	SU	3	10	17	24	SU	1	8	15	22	29				
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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The 24/25 academic year begins on Monday 02 September 2024.

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The 25/26 academic year begins on Monday 1st September 2025.