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## Newsletter Ten: June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back to Term 6!** Our Year 6 are currently enjoying their residential trip on the Isle of Wight. After the hovercraft experience and swimming on Monday, hiking over Tennyson Down, going on the chair lift and thrilling boat trip around The Needles yesterday, and beach day today it is fair to say they are having a super time away! Thank you to Miss Bowman, Mrs Herron, Mr Cooke and Mr Purkiss, and also to student Miss Cousley and retired Bathwick teacher Mr Newman for giving up their time to take our Year 6 children away on this super experience.

### **Congratulations to Years 4, 5 and 6 Cricket Teams!**

Congratulations to our brilliant Years 4, 5 and 6 cricket teams who played fantastically, showed great sportsmanship, brilliant teamwork and as a result won the final of the B&NES Cricket Competition last month! After five thrilling matches, the Year 5 and 6 team won each match they played and are now in the **County Championships** later in June! Our Year 4 team won every single match they played – apart from the one against our Year 5 and 6 team! A big thank you to Tom Baker who coached the team. Y5/6 Team captain Freddie said, *'Our whole team played amazingly well. We will give it our best at the County Championships!'* A brilliant achievement!



### **Welcome to...**

A very warm welcome to Eloise in Year 5. We hope you settle in quickly and are very happy here!

### **Road safety day & walk or wheel to school week success**

Thank you to everyone who walked, biked, scooted or 'park and strode' to school during the week. It was very positive with over 70% of pupils actively travelling. Congratulations especially to Y4, Y2 and YR classes where over 80% of the class walked, cycled or scooted to school each day. Some of the activities that the children enjoyed



included a road safety day, provided by South Gloucester road safety team, and a focus in PSHCE lessons on the magic of walking. The Safer Routes to School working party also met to discuss with the local councillor, Toby Simons, ways to improve and monitor parking and traffic in the area around the school.



### Year 3 Canal and River walk trip

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a great day at the end of last term as they planned a route around key part of our city's waterways. The children carried out a fieldwork study, looking at the use of the local river and canal, the flood defenses which help our city and explored the differences between the canal and river's forms. They then used the facts they had learned on the trip to write a report.



### Please remember...

A polite reminder that no dogs other than guide dogs should be on the school site. Please also avoid keeping your dog immediately outside the main gate at pick up or drop off times – however friendly your dog may be, some children are very anxious around them. Thank you for your support in caring for all our children.

### The General Election

Please note that as appropriate to the age group, we will be discussing with children about the upcoming General Election. The law prohibits the promotion of partisan political views in teaching and where political issues are discussed we will ensure there is a balanced presentation of opposing views.

### Pants, boots, sandals and uniform!

We recognise that at this stage in the academic year, some parents may be reluctant to buy brand new shoes before the summer break. However, we expect all children to abide by the school uniform expectations – boots and sandals are not permitted. **Sensible black shoes are the only footwear allowed** (other than in PE, or for specific medical reasons). If your child's footwear needs replacing, please ensure they are replaced with sensible black shoes as soon as possible – thank you.

If your child has had an accident in school and has borrowed school underwear, please make sure this is returned clean and washed – thank you!

To ensure delivery at the beginning of September, the final ordering date for new school uniform from [Michael Hope](#) is 6<sup>th</sup> August. The PTA will also be running a uniform sale later this term.



### Your feedback – next steps for PCEs and our website

Thank you for your feedback from the communication and engagement questionnaire and also your appreciation of the weekly Friday 'Coming up next week' email.

Following on from this survey, we will be trialing a new approach to the Summer PCEs (Parent and Carer Evening). We hold a PCE early in the academic year which explores specifically how your child has settled into their class and considers how they can be successful in the year ahead. In Term 3 we hold PCEs at the halfway point in the year to review your child's progress. The Annual Reports provide the conclusion for the year. Parental attendance at the first and second PCEs are strongly encouraged but **we will trial having a 'drop in' PCE in July – but only for parents and carers where you feel there is something you specifically wish to discuss**. More information will follow later this month.

**Our website** is generally well used by some parents, but we recognize its limitations, especially with mobile devices. Do you have the skills or know of someone who may be able to support the school in a complete rebuild of our website next academic year? Please get in touch if you do! Thank you in advance.



### Holland success for George!

George (Y6) plays for mid-Somerset Regional Talent Centre. Over half term he went to Holland and played in the Maastricht Cup 2024, competing against eight other European wide teams. In the first of two days, they topped their group which meant the team qualified for competing at the higher level on day two. On day two the team won three of the four games which meant they topped the group with two points to spare and won the tournament! George said, 'It was really great tournament – especially as I was made team captain for the under 11s!'. A brilliant achievement – well done George and team!

### 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 6 Dates for the Diary	
June	
5	OWL Year 4 Parent E-Safety meeting PC Megan Haldane 6–7pm
6	Y2, 3, 4, 5 – 'A Little Princess' Theatre Production
10	Year 5 Carnival Workshop
11	Year 6 Cycle training (in playground) – Group 1 B&NES Girls' Cricket Tournament – Sulis Club Year 3 American Museum Trip
12	Year 3-6 UK Parliament Presentation Year 6 Cycle training (in playground) – Group 1
13	Year 6 to Bath Abbey – Leavers Event am
14	<i>Bath University Open Day (increased traffic in city!)</i>
18	Year 4, 5, 6 Eucharist – parents welcome Year 6 Cycle training (in playground) – Group 2
19	OWL Year 5 Year 4 to Magdalen Farm until Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Year 6 Cycle training (in playground) – Group 2 Y5/6 Boys Cricket County Finals – Wembdon
26	OWL Year 3 Year 6 Cycle training (in playground) – Group 3
27	Year 6 Cycle training (in playground) – Group 3 Year 2 trip to Weston-Super-Mare Year 1 Forest of Imagination Sydney Gardens
28	Year 5 and 6 to AN-KI at the Holburne Museum PTA DISCOS – after school
July	
1	Year 3 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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 school year

### TONIGHT - How can you keep your child safe online?

A reminder that we have arranged for PC Megan Haldane from the Cyber Protect team in Avon & Somerset Police, to guide parents through the topic of online safety. Please do come along on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm – 7pm in the school hall**. There are no tickets – please just turn up ready for a 6.00 start. Overview:

- *Online risk: breaking down what the online risks are and how we can understand them better*
- *Mitigating the threat: a discussion around the technical and non-technical safeguarding measures*
- *Becoming more Cyber Aware: how we and those we support can be more cyber aware and safe online*
- *Q&A session and time to share resources*

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of your role in matters related to online safety and would strongly encourage you to attend this opportunity.

In addition, the NSPCC have released an [excellent free online workshop](#) that provides parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40 minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.

### Smartphone free childhood – a Bathwick group

Following on from last month's newsletter, I had a useful meeting with a group of parents last month around the 'Smartphone free childhood' movement. The aim of Smartphone free childhood is to reduce peer pressure and connect local communities - [here's the link](#) if you would like to find out more. Look out for a questionnaire coming out soon that aims to help us understand Bathwick St. Mary children's mobile phone use.



### The PTA Post

We are delighted to announce the legendary DJ Infinity will be back on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, for the **final disco of the year**, one each for the Infants and Juniors. The Infant Party is 3.30-4.30pm (School will finish as normal at 15.20 but if your child is staying for the disco there is no need to collect. Send them to school wearing their party clothes and they will get escorted to the party!) and Juniors 4.45-5.45pm. Tickets cost £6.00, available now on Parent Pay. The ticket price covers entrance to the disco, a snack and a drink.

### May's attendance

Here are each class's attendance figures for any unauthorised absence last month. **Well done to Year R and 5 had 100% attendance** (which includes authorised absence) for the month of April.

Year R: 4 sessions lost	Year 4: 3 sessions lost
Year 1: 100% 😊	Year 5: 2 sessions lost
Year 2: 3 sessions lost	Year 6: 9 sessions lost
Year 3: 100% 😊	

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19-21 August 24

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# Teddy Bear Hospital

Saturday 15th June at our Children's Outpatient Department B11 RUH  
Morning session: 10:00 - 12:00 | Afternoon session: 13:30 - 15:30

Bring your child and their teddy to join us for a series of fun workshops to show them what we do at hospital! The workshops are suitable for all primary school aged children.

- Dental check ups
- Handwashing
- Plastering sessions
- Preparing teddy for 'surgery'
- Meeting the ambulance team
- Arts and crafts

Snacks and refreshments will be available!



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# SUMMER SUNDAYS IN BATH

## WHAT'S ON

### JULY 2024

- FREE CHARITY POP-UPS •
- FREE ARTS AND CRAFTS • MR DOODLE •
- MUSEUM LATE OPENINGS • LIVE MUSIC •
- GARDEN THEATRE FESTIVAL •
- BATH INDEPENDENT MARKET •
- BATH ON THE BEACH • BATH OLYMPICS •
- BATH VINTAGE & ANTIQUES MARKET •
- BIODIVERSITY BENCHES •

AND LOTS MORE...

### AUGUST 2024

- FREE CHARITY POP-UPS •
- FREE ARTS AND CRAFTS • LIVE MUSIC •
- MUSEUM LATE OPENINGS •
- BATH ON THE BEACH • TREE WALK •
- BATH VINTAGE & ANTIQUES MARKET •
- MASS DOG WALK • MR DOODLE •
- BATH CITY ZIPLINE •
- BIODIVERSITY BENCHES •

AND LOTS MORE...

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

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