

Ex-Pupils:

We are noticing that some ex-pupils are coming onto the playground without any reason, i.e. not collecting siblings. There is no reason for them to be on site, so please speak to your older children about waiting outside, thank you.

"Created by God to love and learn"

NEWSLETTER 5

17.11.23

Our school values are:
RESPECT, LOVE, HUMILITY.
COURAGE,
RESPONSIBILITY,
COMPASSION,
PERSEVERANCE, SERVICE,
HONESTY and CURIOSITY.

Dear Parents and Carers,



It was lovely to see so many **ODD SOCKS** today to remind us of our anti-bullying message!

Please make **your own donations** to a charity of your choice, thank you.

As with newsletter 4, we will continue to review the results of our parent survey, which was completed in June 2023. You may recall a relatively low number of parents (52) responded.

9) Would you recommend this school to another parent?

87% of our parents replied yes or maybe, the large majority saying yes. We were disappointed that 13% replied no, although in a small sample we know this is a low number. However, we would hope that all of our parents are happy with St Augustine's and we will do our upmost to act on constructive feedback where we can. We also know that during this survey our caterers were not providing a satisfactory lunch offer.

10) What do you or your children like about St Augustine's?

We were really overwhelmed with the positive comments we received, thank you. Here are just some of them:

The SEN experience has been amazing , Community feel, teacher interaction

I love that it's small. My child feels safe & heard at school. I think the balance between education and play is very good in reception.

Fabulous school. So kind and caring

Happy, safe and inclusive environment with highly competent teachers.

It's a lovely environment. Diversity

Its working relationship with the Church community, the efforts of the teachers to support the learning of the students, the many activities and clubs available to the pupils, the free PE shirts that were provided earlier, the frequent logging of activities on the tapestry, the opportunity given to parents to financially support the school through fundraising, cake sales and etc.

The staff are incredible, the children and the families are welcoming and so friendly.

The outside space and the diversity of pupils.

Care about child feeling, impressive and informative school tour when we get started

We like the fact that most of the teachers especially the head teacher is very accommodating and friendly

Good quality teaching, inclusivity, religious activities, well organised events

Nice school and nice teachers who do their best when they turn up to work. The people who go to the school.

The work of ptfa, teachers supportive and support the child

The other families. The film clubs. The small size classes

Nice school environment. Great communication with parents. My son is very happy at school.

Friendly, supportive school. Interesting lessons and teachers engagement in the lessons. Also how levels of learning are catered for if children are more advanced or further behind.

I am so impressed the elderly class student are willing to take care the lower form students. The school are so warm. My daughter like to go to school so much.

We often reflect on the warmth of the school as a community everyone feels welcome and it is a great school for children to attend! There are learning supports in place that see many children succeed fast and this I have experienced with my own children and it has been educationally changing so I am very grateful for St Augustine's primary school.

I really like the move to the core year group classes and this has really benefitted my child.

Friendly attitude.... Everything

The close community feel of the school. The values of the school and the size of the school. You feel very welcomed.

Its a small multi cultural school with some lovely members of staff. Sports days are always good and we are very lucky to have the grounds for the kids to play.

The school has a friendly feel with all age groups interacting in a good manner. I especially like the Year 6 / Reception buddies. My child is already looking forward to being a buddy in Year 6.

Community feel to the school. Small school. Welcoming environment. Great PTFA. On sports day all children's achievements were celebrated by school staff, their peers and families.

Environment, atmosphere, the range of opportunities and that their efforts are recognised and rewarded.

The teaching has been of a fantastic standard, my child has learnt so much in just one year. Mr Hilliam is an active, present and visible head teacher who takes the time to get to know the children, parents and extended families personally. The school feels like a supportive community with friendly, smiling faces from staff and parents alike. There is a lovely buddy system in place which has really helped my child to feel safe and supported and has really helped to settle the children into school

Keeping to the theme of questionnaires, Clifton diocese have asked us to promote a survey for children, led by the Children's Commissioner. We would encourage as many parents as possible to take up this valuable opportunity to have your child's voice heard. Please see below for details and a link to follow:

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions, and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

[The Big Ambition | Children's Commissioner for England](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)
(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Finally, please scroll down for several notices from the wider community. We have had to rotate some flyers to fit them all in. I will leave you with a photo of our wonderful poppy display for Remembrance Sunday.

With best wishes for the weekend ahead,

Mark Hilliam

Mr Mark Hilliam
Headteacher



Swimming:

Swimming is on Wednesdays. Please let us know if you can volunteer to accompany the class. Dates are:

Oak (Year 6) 3rd and 10th January

Birch (Year 5): 17th, 24th and 31st January, 7th February, 20th and 27th March, 17th and 24th April

Hazel (Year 4): 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May, 3rd, 10th and 17th July

School Dinner Update:

We are finding that some children are requesting school dinners in the dining hall when we have no record of parents selecting a meal. The food is made freshly every day to order, so it is difficult to provide extra meals for children not on the School Food United booking system. Please do ensure you book your meals on SFU.

Dates for your diary – more dates will be added as they arise:

Saturday	18 th	November	Parish 'Countdown to Christmas' fair, in school, 12noon-3pm
Monday	20 th	November	Open day 6, 6pm
Tuesday	21 st	November	Spellathon 1, 2:30pm
Monday	27 th	November	Oak class trip to Downend Library & author talk, pm
Tuesday	28 th	November	SAMBA workshop for KS2 children
Tuesday	28 th	November	Oak Class (Year 6) Camp talk to parents in classroom, 3:45pm
Wednesday	29 th	November	PTFA Disco
Thursday	30 th	November	Governors virtual parents meeting 1, now at 8pm following feedback
Friday	1 st	December	Willow & Hazel Class Zoo trip, all day – (details to follow)
Wednesday	6 th	December	KS1 Nativity, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
Thursday	7 th	December	South Glos Parents Carers coffee morning.
Monday	11 th	December	Ash (Reception) Nativity, 2:30pm
Tuesday	12 th	December	Christmas lunch /Christmas jumper day
Wednesday	13 th	December	KS2 Christmas carol concert, 6pm in church
Thursday	14 th	December	Christmas mass, 9:30am in church
Friday	15 th	December	Last day of term 2
Monday	18 th	December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday	2 nd	January	INSET day 3, school closed to pupils
Wednesday	3 rd	January	Children return to school
Wednesday	17 th	January	Chaplaincy training day (school chaplains)
Monday	22 nd	January	Oak Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	23 rd	January	Hazel Class mass, in school hall (time to be confirmed)
Tuesday	30 th	January	Mathstermind 2, 3:30pm
Friday	2 nd	February	Maple Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Friday	9 th	February	Last day of term 3
Monday	12 th	February	HALF TERM
Tuesday	27 th	February	Willow Class mass, in hall pm (details to follow)
Friday	8 th	March	Hazel Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	12 th	March	Spellathon 2, 2:30pm
Tuesday	19 th	March	Maple Class liturgy, in classroom, pm
Thursday	28 th	March	INSET day 4, school closed to pupils

Friday	29 th	March	GOOD FRIDAY – BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)
Monday	1 st	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday	15 th	April	Children return
Friday	26 th	April	Birch Class assembly pm, (details to follow)
Tuesday	30 th	April	Elm Class liturgy in class (pm)
Tuesday	7 th	May	Mathstermind 3, 2:30pm
Friday	10 th	May	Willow Class assembly pm, (details to follow)
Monday	14 th	May	SATs week for Oak Class (Year 6)
Tuesday	21 st	May	Ash Class liturgy, pm
Monday	27 th	May	HALF TERM



**Winter
WONDERLAND
Adventure**





All JAG holiday programs are built on our holistic child philosophy, fostering creativity, learning, inclusion, participation, well-being, and happiness, ensuring that children's time with us is always a highlight. These programs build confidence, nurture creativity, and keep young minds active during school breaks. Best of all, they're incredibly fun, leaving children with memories and experiences that shape their growth and development.

This Winter Wonderland, the excitement continues with a magical lineup of activities tailor-made for the season. From our enchanting festive fruit trees, Gingerbread Man tag, and Winter themed scavenger hunt, these themed adventures are sure to ignite young imaginations and create lasting winter memories!



Our Activity Categories





Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Tax Free Childcare

Weekly Booking Discounts

Flexible Payment Options



Creative Inventors

Exciting opportunities for children to express themselves creatively

- Painting & Crafts
- Role Play
- Drama



Brain Boosters

Captivating games & puzzles to entertain and perplex!

- Quizzes & Brain Teasers
- Puzzles & Building Projects
- Code-breaking



Super Sports

Action-packed multi-sports sessions

- Tennis
- Football
- Basketball



Zen Masters

Activities that promote physical, emotional and personal wellbeing and happiness

- Yoga
- Zen Gardens
- Healthy Heart Circuits



Global Kids

A chance to practice life skills through a range of engaging learning experiences

- Cooking
- Rocket Building
- Eco Warriors



Power Teams

Fun, movement-based activities and challenges

- Team Challenges
- Obstacle Courses
- Scavenger Hunts

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR HOLIDAY CLUBS!



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[JUNIORADVENTURESGROUP.CO.UK](https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk)



Winter

WONDERLAND Adventure

HAF Funding Available! **FREE Funded sessions for your children!**

Get ready for an enchanting winter adventure during JAG's Winter Wonderland program! From Jingle Bell races, Santa obstacle courses, Relay Tree Decorating, there's something for every child to enjoy! JAG's Winter Holiday Clubs offer children a world of benefits, including the opportunity to form new friendships, develop crucial social skills, and engage in a wide range of exhilarating activities.

- ✓ Ages 4-11 years
- ✓ 70+ enchanting locations
- ✓ Stay active & boost well-being
- ✓ Unleash creativity in a winter wonderland
- ✓ Create cherished memories
- ✓ Explore a variety of winter-themed interests



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MORE ABOUT
OUR HOLIDAY
CLUBS!**



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RE: FREE PLACES for families Christmas 2023

Dear parents / carers,

We have a fantastic opportunity for you this coming **Christmas Holidays** as part of the **HAF programme** Sporting Chance are running Holiday Sports Camps from **Kings Forest Primary School (BS15 4PQ)**.

The HAF programme was designed and implemented on a national scale to help support families over the school holidays with the cost of meals and to provide a healthy, happy, and active place for children to enjoy the school holidays. Sporting Chance have teamed up with South Gloucestershire Council to offer this to those local families most in need.

- ★ Children aged 5-11 years (School Years 1 - 6)
- ★ Open each day 930am - 330pm
- ★ Themed Sports Days
- ★ Healthy snacks and lunches available upon request
- ★ Book online - [Christmas HAF Camp with Sporting Chance](#)

*Benefits related FSMs, SEND, looked after children, PP cases considered.

Kindest regards,
Spencer Davies

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**HOLIDAY
Camps**

 Sporting
Chance

AGE 4-11 YEARS
(RECEPTION - Y6)

DISCOUNTS
APPLIED WHEN
BOOKING
MULTIPLE DAYS!

OFSTED
CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED

20% OFF FOR
NEW CUSTOMERS
USE CODE: HSC20

OPEN DAILY
8:30/10 - 15:30



**BOOK
NOW**



www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk
Facebook: @sportingchancecsp

Winterbourne Wonderland Christmas Display

102 Down Road, Winterbourne Down, BS36 1DG

Raising money for the Bristol Children's Hospital charity, Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal.

Over 50,000 lights, over 100 lit figures, 3ft water fountain, magical wishing well, 13ft smart pixel tree, bubble machine, 43ft smart pixel wall, free candy canes, stickers and so much more! Switch on weekend – November 25th/26th – event starts 18:00 with switch on at 18:30 both days. Lights on daily from November 27th until January 1st – 16:00 – 21:00 Christmas music and flashing lights every Fri/Sat/Sun 17:30-19:30 from Dec 1st - Dec 24th.

Contactless card payments, cash and online donations accepted via Just Giving. Visit our website wbwonderland.com or find us on Facebook for more information.



Debt and relationships

Online materials to help you with debt and the impact it has on your relationships

Debt and money troubles are among the biggest causes of relationship stress.

In these short animations, real couples tell their stories of being in debt and the steps they took to get things back on track.

If you're worried about debt, watch these clips to see why it's best to act as soon as possible, and why it's always a good idea to talk to your partner about what's happening.



To access the online material, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



Register at this address
www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents
or scan the QR code



Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



FOR ALL PARENTS

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



FOR NEW PARENTS

Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



FOR SEPARATING PARENTS

Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting:

www.onepluseone.org.uk/parents



Between Us

an app designed to help your relationship

About the Between Us app

This app is designed to benefit all parents whether you are together or separated, whether you are experiencing new areas of conflict or whether you have been arguing or disagreeing about something for a while.

How does the app help?

The app can help in the following ways:

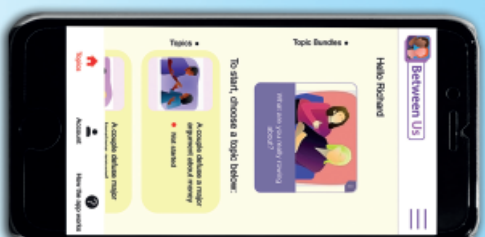
- by improving communication between the couple/separated parents
- by improving the ability to understand a partner's/co-parent's perspective
- by introducing skills and exercises to help reduce conflict between couples
- by giving co-parents the tools to think, reflect and reposition patterns of behaviour
- by developing tools and techniques to improve your parenting skills and help your family succeed.

How to get the app

The app is available for Apple iOS and Android smartphones.

Topics include:

- > Looking at how you communicate together
- > Speaking and listening to each other
- > What are you really rowing about?
- > Your past, present and future together
- > Sex, stress and parenting
- > Discovering new ways of being together



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