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"Created by God to love and learn"

Absence:

The school follows government guidelines. If your child is late after the register is closed, they will be marked as a 'U' code on the register. This is classed as unauthorised and will count against their attendance %. It may also result in a penalty notice letter from the local authority with a fine to pay. Please ensure your child is in school by 8:50am, thank you.

NEWSLETTER 6

1.12.23

DISCO FEVER!

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA who ran our Christmas disco on Wednesday night. Thanks also to all the families that came along to support this festive event. The children had a great time!



Dear Parents and Carers,

As with newsletter 5, we will continue to review the results of our parent survey.

11. We are always keen to improve. What could the school do better?

a) Several comments related to restoring hot meals: We have hot meals now through our new caterers, AIP. Children are very happy with the food served and the school meal take up has increased significantly. AIP asked us to send a questionnaire this week to help them improve their offer. We have asked AIP to offer tasting to parents so that they have a better idea of the meals they can choose with their children and not just baguettes.

b) Communication: We try very hard to communicate effectively and we are sorry when we fall short. We are always looking to improve communication and inform parents via a variety of channels, i.e. letters, texts, emails, website, phone calls and social media (Instagram). We aim to control the volume of information sent to parents for clarity where possible. We are cautious not to update parents until we are confident the situation will not change, which explains why it might sometimes appear that messages are not sent quickly. Inevitably, things do change and we appreciate that this can be inconvenient. The newsletter remains a very important source of information and key dates, so please do check there. We have also noted that parents wish to have as much notice as possible for events (e.g. to time off) so we have added dates up to June.

c) Ofsted register for after-school clubs: We ask our providers to seek Ofsted registration so that they can accept childcare vouchers.

d) More sport: We have listened carefully to feedback. We've introduced a football club and now play in a local league. We have three after school sports clubs led by Signature Sports and tag rugby by another provider. We also had cricket coaching for all classes (with an after-school club) in addition to the 2hrs of PE taught in school per week. We participate in local sporting events led by the school sports partnership, e.g. festivals/MAD Olympiad. We swim weekly in KS2 and children in Years 5 and 6 can learn to ride their bike safely.

e) More fun: We were very aware that during COVID our chance to enrich the curriculum was limited. We are now able to enhance our learning with trips, including the whole-school start of year writing stimulus. We aim to add exciting and varied events all the time, e.g. Buddy Tea, Samba workshops, CAFOD visitors, mathstermind, spellathon, maths-themed days, conker competition, theme days (e.g. Odd Socks) and chances to celebrate in faith. We encourage children to take positions of responsibility across the school, i.e. House Captains, Chaplains and School Councillors. We canvas the children for feedback about what they want to do for the school, one notable example being the tree class names.

Thank you for your feedback, it is very helpful. We always strive to do the best for our amazing children.

Next week we start our season of Advent. Please refer back to Monday's letter for information about Christmas events. Special thanks also to Oak class parents for sourcing our wonderful tree.

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

After school clubs offered by Signature Sports:

St Augustines	ASC	Year Rec, 1 & 2	Multi-Sports	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Tuesday	wk comm 7/1 - end wk comm 5/2	5 weeks
St Augustines	ASC	Year 1, 2 & 3	Football	3.30pm-4.30pm	Thursday	wk comm 7/1 - end wk comm 5/2	5 weeks
St Augustines	ASC	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Dodgeball	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Wednesday	wk comm 7/1 - end wk comm 5/2	5 weeks

Please book here: [Signature Sports \(signaturesportscoaching.co.uk\)](https://signaturesportscoaching.co.uk)

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

Monday	4th	December	Maths-themed day 1 (Art theme)
Wednesday	6 th	December	KS1 Nativity, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
Thursday	7 th	December	South Glos Parents Carers coffee morning – see poster below
Monday	11th	December	Ash (Reception) Nativity, 2:30pm
Tuesday	12th	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- PTFA raffle draw
Monday	18th	December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday	2 nd	January	INSET day 3, school closed to pupils
Wednesday	3 rd	January	Children return to school
Wednesday	3 rd	January	Year 6 Swimming
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	12th	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	1st	April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday	15 th	April	Children return

Wednesday	24 th	April	Year 4 leave for Kilve Court
Friday	26 th	April	Year 4 return from Kilve Court
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
Friday	21 st	June	Elm Class assembly (details to follow)
Monday	1 st	July	Year 6 leave for Grittleton House
Tuesday	2 nd	July	Spellathon 3, 2:30pm
Friday	5 th	July	Year 6 return from Grittleton House
Monday	8 th	July	INSET Day 5 – school closed to all pupils
Friday	12 th	July	Ash Class assembly (details to follow)
Tuesday	23 rd	July	School finishes for the Summer



SGPC
South Glos Parent Carers

**COFFEE SUPPORT
SESSION**



7TH DECEMBER 2023 9:30AM
ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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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.



Notice of proposed changes to the Olympus Academy Trust Admissions Arrangements for the academic year 2025/2026

The Olympus Academy Trust is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the academic year 2025/26.

The consultation will be open from 20th November 2023 to the 12th January 2024.

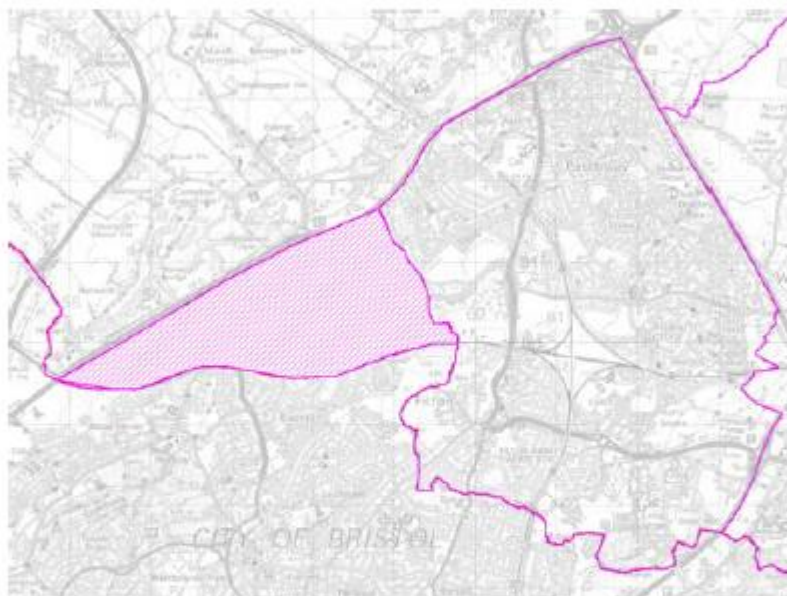
Full draft arrangements for all schools can be read at <https://www.olympustrust.co.uk/Admissions/>
Paper copies are also available on request.

The main changes are as follows:

1. Abbeywood Community School is proposing to increase its Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 from 180 to 240, following a firm commitment from the Local Authority to fund extra accommodation on site.
2. Abbeywood Community School is also proposing to remove the Year 10 point of entry, as the extra students in current Years 7 to 9, and the increased PAN from 2025 will mean we cannot continue to take in more students at Key Stage 4.
3. Olympus Post 16 Centres propose to reduce their Year 12 PAN for external candidates from 25 students to 5, based on increased uptake from internal candidates and ensuing Health and Safety considerations.
4. As part of a Local Authority review of Areas of Prime Responsibility (APR) across the county, Olympus has been requested to extend to the East the existing Shared APR for Abbeywood Community School, Bradley Stoke Community School and Patchway Community School. The existing Shared APR, and the proposed extension, are shown on the map below.

The current Shared APR (outlined in pink) is defined by the M5 motorway to the north, the M4 motorway to the east, then west along B4057 until the B4427 at the Stoke Gifford Civil Parish boundary, then southwards along the Stoke Gifford Civil Parish boundary until Hambrook Lane, then east along Hambrook Lane until the M32 motorway, then southwards along the M32 motorway. At South Gloucestershire Council's administrative boundary it then tracks westwards and northwards along South Gloucestershire Council's administrative boundary until the railway line south of the former Filton Airfield, then northwards along Patchway Civil Parish boundary until the M5 motorway.

The hatched area currently falls within Marlwood School's APR, but it is proposed to move it into the Shared APR for Abbeywood, Bradley Stoke and Patchway Community Schools.



Feedback, comments, queries and requests for copies of the policy should be addressed to:

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