



"Created by God to love and learn"

NEWSLETTER 15

15.05.26

School's Attendance

92.25%

Target

96.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a particularly challenging one for our Year 6 pupils as they completed their SATs. We are incredibly proud not only of their achievements, but also of the determination and resilience they showed throughout the week. At our school, we simply ask children to try their very best, and they certainly rose to the challenge with maturity and dedication.

Last week, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Caerphilly Castle. The children had a fantastic day exploring the castle and seeing first-hand just how impressive and enormous castles really were. Educational visits such as these are incredibly valuable, as they bring learning to life in a way that books alone cannot. Experiencing history in a real setting helps children develop a deeper understanding and creates memories that stay with them long after the trip has ended. From the children I spoke to afterwards, it was clear they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and many said they would love to visit again.

Mr Isaacs

Goodbye

We would like to share our sincere thanks and best wishes to two valued members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term.

The word 'GOODBYE' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Each letter is filled with a different color and has white polka dots. The colors are: G (orange), O (blue), O (blue), D (yellow), B (green), Y (pink), and E (pink).

Firstly, Mr Bairstow who joined us in September, has made a positive contribution to school life during his time with us. He has supported the children in their learning with care, enthusiasm and dedication and has been a much-appreciated member of the team. We are very grateful for everything he has done and wish him every success and happiness for the future.

Mrs Bairstow's replacement will be shared with you next week. As part of a thorough handover, Mr Bairstow will meet with them to ensure a smooth transition. He will provide a detailed handover outlining key information about the class, including learning needs, routines, progress and any relevant pastoral or academic considerations.

We would also like to say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Bellavia, who works in our school office. Mrs Bellavia has been a friendly and welcoming presence to pupils, parents and staff alike, always offering support with professionalism and kindness. She has decided to bring her time at the school to an end, and she will be greatly missed by all of us.

We thank them both for their hard work and commitment and we wish them all the very best in the next chapter of their journeys.

Class Photographs

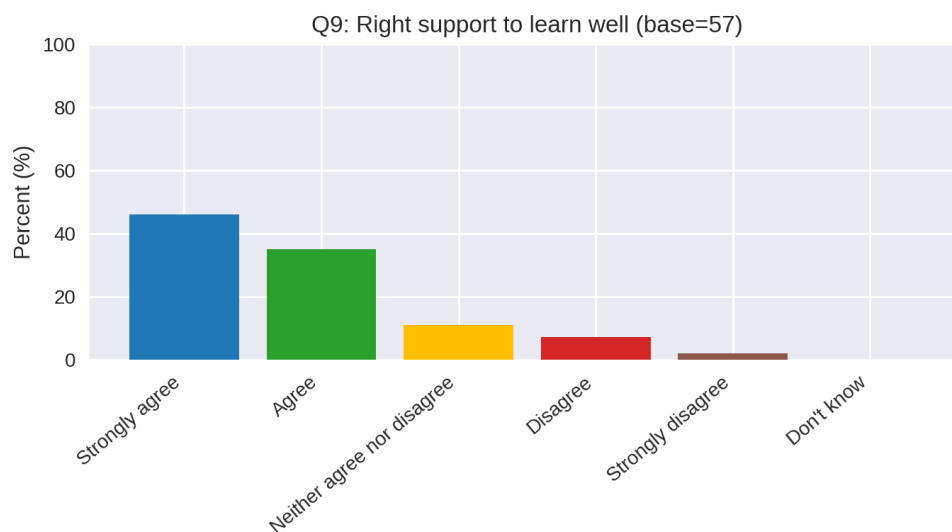
Class photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their **full school uniform** on this day, so they are ready for the photographs.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Here is a summary of responses to Question 9 from the Ofsted Parent View survey. Based on 57 responses, 81% of parents and carers agreed or strongly agreed that the school provided the right support for pupils to learn well. A further 11% were neutral, while 9% indicated that they did not agree.



Although 81% is a positive figure and suggests that most parents feel their child is well supported in their learning, it is important to reflect on the views of the 19% who did not agree.

This group may have been considering a range of factors, such as the quality of teaching and how effectively learning is adapted, the level of access to additional adult support and the responsiveness when a child finds learning difficult (how quickly concerns are identified and addressed).

It may also relate to the effectiveness of interventions or SEND provision, as well as communication and reassurance. Regardless of the reasons behind parents not agreeing or not being fully aware, these concerns are being actively addressed. Mrs Fitzpatrick and class teachers have worked hard to identify barriers to learning for many children, and staff are receiving ongoing training and support to ensure work is more appropriately adapted to meet the needs of all pupils, regardless of ability.

Sports Day 2026

With Sports Day just around the corner, I thought it would be beneficial to clarify the school's expectation about photo and video consent.

When children join the school, parents are asked to give or withhold permission for photographs. While many families are happy for photographs to be shared, some parents choose not to give permission for personal or legal reasons known to them. In some cases, children may require additional protection and privacy safeguards. As a school, we have a duty of care to respect these decisions and ensure that all children are kept safe. Therefore:

- Photos and videos may be taken at Sports Day of **your child**.
- Videos and photos are for **personal use only**.

We appreciate your support in this matter and look forward to seeing you there.



Term 5 - 50 Word Writing Competition

Using the picture, children should write a 50-word story, information sheet or poem.

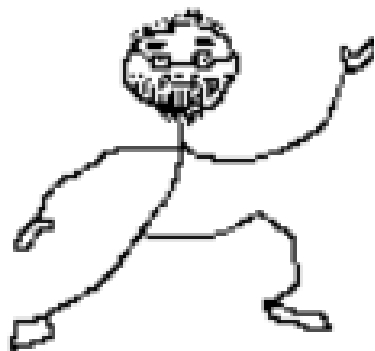
Please give completed entries to your class teacher.

Closing date: end of term 5

Meet the Govenors...

Hopefully, you enjoyed this new section in the last newsletter. Here are two more governors for you to meet.

Our School Governor



John Fenlon – Associate member

I assist the FGB in a non-voting capacity. I have previously been a Foundation Governor for four years and I have lived in Downend and been a member of St Augustine's parish for over 30 years. My three children (now adults) all enjoyed their attendance at St Augustine's and appreciated the start in life it gave them.

I have been enjoying retirement for the last 5+ years, after working for over 40 years in banking roles. I am happy and privileged to be able to support our school and its provision of excellent teaching and sharing of caring values to its pupils.

Quick factfile:

Favourite food: Chinese stir fry

Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite film: Independence Day

Carol Lawler – Vice Chair of Governors, Foundation Governor

I am an experienced school governor, who also serves at St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Yate. My experience also includes a 25-year career in education as a teacher, deputy head and head teacher of a Catholic Primary school for the last ten years. I retired from teaching in 2012 and have been a governor ever since! I have two children and 5 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

My favourite things to do are relaxing with a good book, walking in the countryside and being with my family.

Quick factfile:

Favourite food: chocolate

Favourite colour: green

Favourite film: "It's a Wonderful Life" or "A Muppets Christmas Carol"





School Meal Ordering

Many thanks to all the parents who pre-order their child's meals. Your support is greatly appreciated, as it saves a significant amount of time and reduces the need to chase up orders.

It also helps the children feel happier and more involved, as they know what they will be having and can take part in choosing their meals.

Hopefully, you are receiving the weekly Sunday reminders.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday	19th	May	Sports Day
Wednesday	20th	May	Reception class liturgy, 2:45pm (parents can attend)
Thursday	21st	May	Reserve Sports Day
Friday	22nd	May	Term 5 ends
May Half-term			
Monday	1st	June	Term 6 starts
Monday	1st	June	Reception class visit to the Bristol Zoo Project
Tuesday	2nd	June	Class photographs
Friday	5th	June	PTFA mufti-day (in exchange for bottles/chocolates/ toiletries)
Monday	8th	June	Oak Class (Year 6) Residential to Grittleton
Wednesday	10th	June	Maths Themed Day 3
Monday	15th	June	PTFA Father's Day event 1
Wednesday	17th	June	PTFA Father's Day event 2
Wednesday	17th	June	Year 6 Leavers' mass at Clifton Cathedral
Thursday	18th	June	Year 2 MAD Olympiad
Friday	19th	June	Reception class assembly – note the change of date so that Year 6 Buddies can watch
Saturday	27th	June	Community Summer Fundraiser (Fayre)
Friday	3rd	July	PTFA end of year disco (tbc)
Friday	17th	July	Oak Class (Year 6) leavers' mass at 9:30am
Tuesday	21st	July	Term 6 ends - day finishes at 1:40pm

INSET days – next academic year

Tuesday	1st	September	INSET 1
Wednesday	2nd	September	INSET 2
Monday	4th	January	INSET 3
TBC			INSET 4
Friday	25th	June	INSET 5
Thursday	3rd	September	Term 1 starts
Friday	23rd	October	Term 1 ends
Monday	2nd	November	Term 2 starts
Friday	18th	December	Term 2 ends
Monday	4th	January	Term 3 starts
Friday	12th	February	Term 3 ends
Monday	22nd	February	Term 4 starts
Friday	25th	March	Term 4 ends