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## NEWSLETTER 16

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School's Attendance

92.30%

Target

96.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6. This is always a busy and exciting term as we balance the day-to-day demands of bringing another school year to a close while also planning and preparing for the year ahead. Once staffing structures and arrangements for next year have been finalised, these will be shared with the wider school community.

We have already had a wonderful start to the term. Reception Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Bristol Zoo Project, where they had the opportunity to see a wide range of animals and take part in engaging learning activities. The children returned to school full of excitement, enthusiasm and stories about their day, and it was clear that the visit had made a lasting impression on them.

Earlier this week, we welcomed our school photographer for the annual class photographs. The children looked exceptionally smart and were clearly proud to be part of this annual school tradition. It was a pleasure to see them looking so grown up and smiling so confidently for the camera. We look forward to sharing the photographs with families in the coming weeks.

Mr Isaacs

## Goodbye

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

Sadly, Mrs Swonnell will be leaving us at the end of this academic year as she has decided to take early retirement.

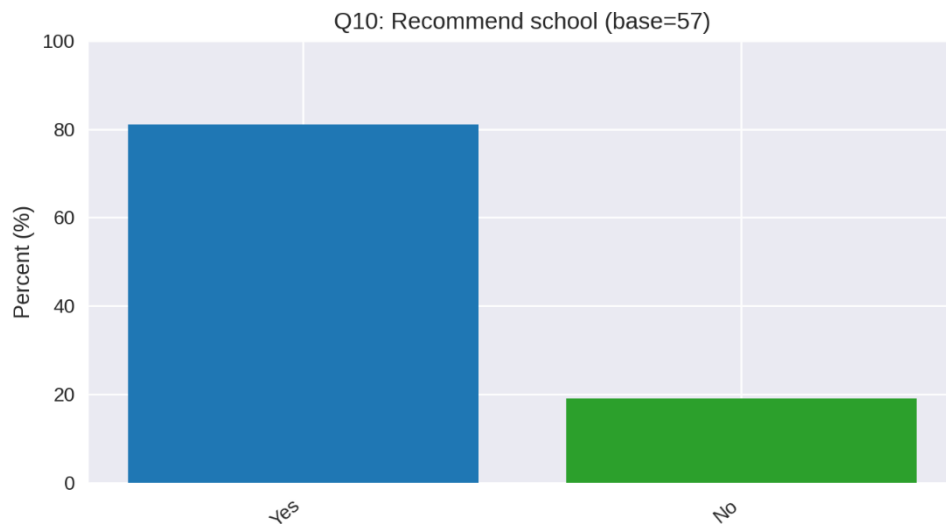
Mrs Swonnell has been at the school since September 2014 and she has played a major role in helping to move the school forward and drive up the standards in English over the last few years. We can also not overlook hers, and the children's, achievements with our Latin performances each year that she has been instrumental in organising. He has always placed the children at the heart of everything she did and she will be missed. However, as with most staff that leave our school they inevitably find their way back to us one way or another and we hope Mrs Swonnell will visit us from time to time.

# Donations

We are looking to expand our class libraries and would greatly appreciate any donations of old, unused or unwanted comics that are in good condition and suitable for primary-aged children. Comics are a fantastic way to encourage reading for pleasure and help develop children's confidence and enjoyment of books. If you have any comics at home that are no longer being read, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our classroom collection. Many thanks for your generosity!



Here is a summary of responses to Question 10 from the Ofsted Parent View survey. Based on 57 responses, 81% of parents and carers would recommend the school while 19% reported that they would not.



This data indicates that the majority of parents have had a positive experience and are willing to recommend the school, which is a strong indicator of overall satisfaction and confidence in the school's provision. This shows many families value the education, support and opportunities the school provides.

However, the findings also highlight that there is still work to be done. Nearly one in five parents (19%) would not currently recommend the school. While this is a minority, it represents a meaningful group whose experiences or perceptions of the school are not met at the moment. Understanding and addressing the concerns of these parents will be important in helping to improve satisfaction further.

Overall, the data presents a positive picture, demonstrating strong parental endorsement of the school. At the same time, it serves as a reminder that improvement is needed to ensure that even more families have experiences that lead them to confidently recommend the school to others.

## Summer Holiday Childcare

South Gloucestershire's Holiday Activities and Food programme is open for bookings for this summer for children and young people aged 5 to 16. There are lots of fun clubs and

activities to choose from generally between Wednesday 22 July and Friday 28 August 2026, although some providers may offer different dates.



Places are fully funded for children and young people who receive **benefits-related free school meals**. Eligible pupils can be booked on up to 16 days of activities. See all the activities available and book at [www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF)



### Term 6 - 50 Word Writing Competition

There's a special exhibition at the M Shed this summer celebrating 50 Years of Aardman Animations.

Inspired by one of their characters, (it does not have to be one in this picture,) can you write a short story or poem in 50 words?

Please give completed

entries to your class teacher.

Closing date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### Sports Day - Rearranged

Just to confirm the change of date, Sports Day has been rearranged and will now take place on Friday 3rd July.

This change has been made due to an unforeseen clash with the funeral of a former school caretaker who was a valued member of the parish community and had a long-standing association with both the school and the church.

Thank you for your understanding.

# Meet the Govenors...

Our School Governor



Here are two more governors for you to meet.



Mandy Yau – Foundation Governor

I am honoured to serve as a Foundation Governor at St Augustine's School. After relocating from Hong Kong to the UK in 2021, my family and I have been warmly welcomed into St Augustine's community. Previously, I worked as a primary school teacher specialising in Maths and Science, which gave me a strong understanding of the importance of creating a supportive learning environment. With two children currently attending St Augustine's, I am committed to contributing to the school's continued growth and success.

Quick factfile:

Favourite food: Japanese cuisine

Favourite colour: Blue and purple

Favourite film: Harry Potter

Elsie Lau – Foundation governor

Originally from Hong Kong, I moved to Bristol three years ago with my family, and it has been a privilege to become part of this wonderful community.

As a homemaker and a mother of two children who are both studying at St Augustine, I am deeply invested in their education as well as the well-being, and therefore keen to contribute to ensuring the school's success.

I was an investment product manager at the financial regulatory authority during my time in Hong Kong, and later, I worked for a Welsh bank as a risk manager. I hope to combine my professional knowledge with my personal dedication as a parent to make a meaningful contribution to St Augustine, the school my children belong to and love.

Quick factfile:

Favourite colour - Lavender purple

Favourite food - Sushi

Favourite film - Back to the Future



## Dates for your diary

Monday	8th	June	Oak Class (Year 6) Residential to Grittleton
Wednesday	10th	June	Maths Themed Day 3
Thursday	11th	June	New Reception intake parents' meeting (6:00pm)
Friday	12th	June	Year 6 back from camp
Monday	15th	June	PTFA Father's Day activity – main hall at 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Wednesday	17th	June	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at Clifton Cathedral
Wednesday	17th	June	PTFA Father's Day activity – main hall at 3:30pm to 4:30pm
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	Parish Summer Community Event – 11:00am
Wednesday	1st	July	Latin Play at Bristol Grammar School
Friday	3rd	July	Sports Day – 9:15am start
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 – finishes at 1:30pm

## INSET days

Tuesday	1st	September	INSET 1
Wednesday	2nd	September	INSET 2
Monday	4th	January	INSET 3
TBC			INSET 4
Friday	25th	June	INSET 5

## Term dates

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
Monday	12th	April	Term 5 starts
Friday	28th	May	Term 5 ends
Monday	7th	June	Term 6 starts
Wednesday	21st	July	Term 6 ends