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## NEWSLETTER 17

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School's Attendance

92.36%

Target

96.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of Week 3, there are a few highlights to reflect on.

Last week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their annual residential trip to Grittleton. They had a fantastic time taking part in a wide range of exciting activities, including Aeroball (imagine a gerbil in a giant ball!), fencing, Secret Missions, Crystal Maze-style challenges, archery, and even a game show. The children returned full of enthusiasm and happy memories. When asked whether they would recommend the trip to next year's Year 6 cohort, the response was a resounding "Yes!"

On Thursday evening, we also had the pleasure of welcoming the parents of our new Reception class. Many were already familiar faces, with older children currently attending the school, while others were joining our community for the first time. It is always an exciting milestone as we look ahead and welcome new families into the life of our school.

Overall, it has been a busy and productive few weeks. With only four full weeks remaining this term—including Sports Day—the end of the school year will be here before we know it.

Mr Isaacs

## Goodbye

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that, after 20 years of dedicated service, Miss Kirby will be leaving our school at the end of this term.

Having joined our school in April 2006, Miss Kirby has been an invaluable member of our school community, positively impacting the lives of countless children and families over the years. Through her commitment, care and passion for education, she has helped generations of pupils grow in confidence and create lasting memories. I'm sure it was not an easy decision for her to make after working in the school since April 2006. However, we know that many of you will join us in wishing her every happiness and success as she begins an exciting new chapter, relocating back to the North to be closer to her family. We thank Miss Kirby for her contribution to our school over the past 20 years and wish her all the very best for the future.

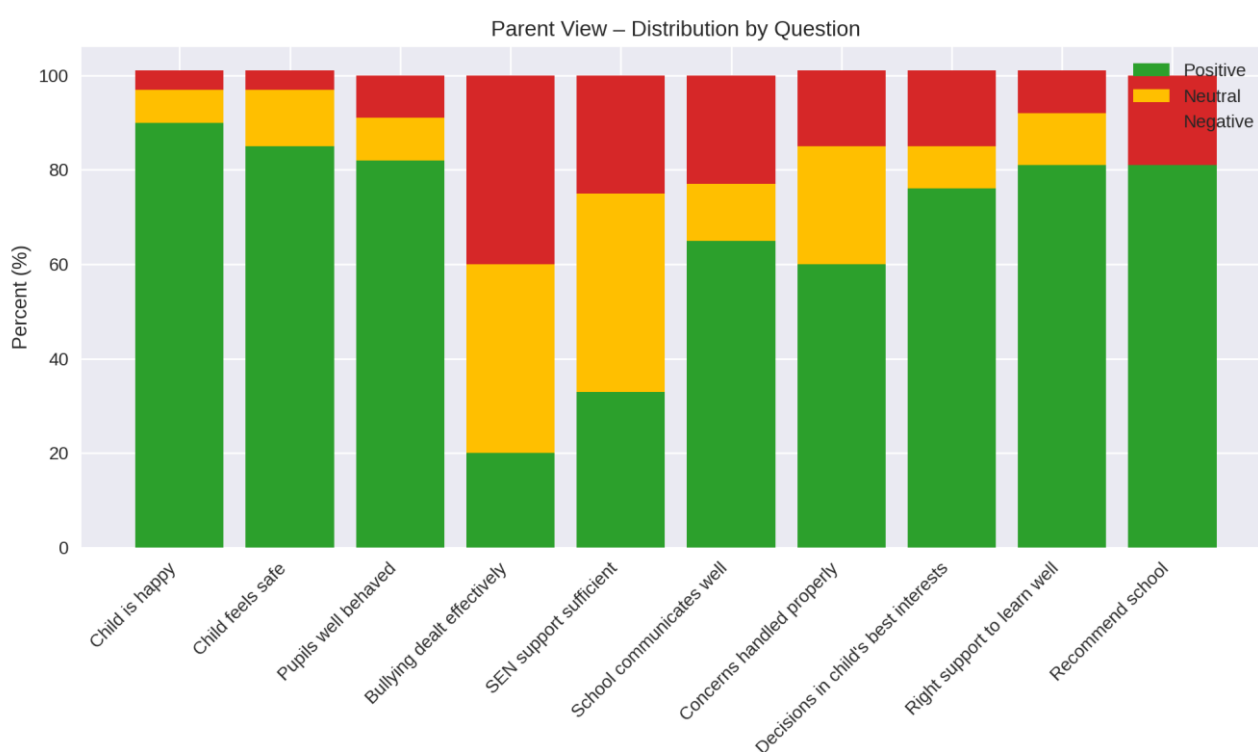
The word 'GOODBYE' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Each letter is filled with a different color and has a pattern of small white dots. The colors are orange, blue, yellow, green, and pink.

# Attendance



It is very important that, if your child is absent from school, we are informed of the reason for their absence. Please contact the school by 9:20am to let us know why your child is unable to attend. Please do not be offended if a member of staff contacts you to ask about your child's whereabouts if we have not received notification of their absence. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps us ensure that all children are safe and accounted for.

Here is an overview of all the responses to each Ofsted's questions.



We hope that sharing the thoughts and opinions of the wider community with you each week has provided a valuable insight into how our school is viewed by parents, carers and other stakeholders. As always, we remain fully committed to driving the school forward and ensuring the best possible outcomes for our pupils. The graphic above clearly highlights the areas where parents and carers feel improvements are needed. Your feedback is extremely important and helps to shape our priorities as we continue our improvement journey.

As we move towards the end of the academic year, decisions are being made regarding the structure of the school for next year, including leadership responsibilities and class organisation. Once these arrangements have been finalised, we will communicate them with you promptly.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the school.

## 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

## School Debts

As you are aware, like many schools across the country, we continue to face significant challenges in balancing our budget. At school, we recognise the immense value that educational visits, trips and visiting speakers bring to our pupils. These experiences create lasting memories, enrich learning, and provide valuable opportunities beyond the classroom, helping to break up the routine of daily school life.

However, throughout this year, every trip we have organised has operated at a financial deficit.

The resulting shortfall has had to be met from the school's already stretched budget. If this pattern continues, we may have to make difficult decisions about future trips and visits, as it may become financially unsustainable to continue offering them.

We want to be clear that no child will be excluded from participating because of financial circumstances. However, we would encourage any parent or carer who may be experiencing difficulties in making contributions to contact the school confidentially. We will always do our best to discuss possible support and find a way for children to take part in these valuable experiences.

## Meet the Govenors...

Our School Governor



I hope you are enjoying meeting the school governors. As you read about each governor, you will discover their passion for supporting the school, their reasons for becoming a governor, and the strong links they have with our local community. Here are two more governors for you to meet.



Anna Jenkins – Parent governor

My professional background is rooted in early years education and childcare, and I am currently a Director for a charity dedicated to supporting children, young people, and their families.

As the parent of a daughter attending St. Augustine's—and with a youngest child who will hopefully join the school in the future—I am deeply invested in the school's ongoing success. I am passionate about the nurturing community St. Augustine's provides, and I want to be part of the Governing Body to help shape and support the school's mission to enable all children to truly thrive.

Quick factfile:

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Film: Paddington

Favourite Food: Italian

Steven Wells – Foundation governor

I grew up in Downend and attended St Augustine's as a child. I returned to Bristol in 2016 having lived in London since studying Psychology at UEL. I have two sons, one at St Augustine's and one who has now left St Augustine's for Downend School.

I am a parishioner; I enjoy sports and music. I am work is Social Housing for a large National Registered Provider. I hope to use my skills and abilities to support the board of Governors and the staff team in maintaining high standards in the education of our young people, ensuring good practice in safeguarding compliance with regulatory policies and sound financial management.

I am proud to be associated with a school that delivers an enriching environment to learn for children of diverse backgrounds of all faiths and none.

Quick factfile:

Favourite colour - Maroon

Favourite food - Home cooked Brazilian food

Favourite film - Star Wars



## Dates for your diary

Saturday	27th	June	Parish Summer Community Event – 11:00am
Tuesday	30th	June	New intake 'Meet the Teacher' morning
Wednesday	1st	July	Latin Play at Bristol Grammar School
Thursday	2nd	July	Mufti day to raise food for the community kitchen
Friday	3rd	July	Sports Day – 9:15am
Friday	3rd	July	PTFA end of year disco (details to follow)
Thursday	9th	July	New intake Stay and Play – session1 (with parents)
Friday	10th	July	School reports to parents
Tuesday	14th	July	New intake Stay and Play – session 2 (children only)
Wednesday	15th	July	Parent Teacher meetings – by appointment only
Wednesday	15th	July	Year 6 end of year play – 6:00pm (for Year 6 parents)
Friday	17th	July	Oak Class (Year 6) Leavers' Mass at 9:30am
Tuesday	21st	July	Term 6 ends – finishes at 1:30pm

## 2026-2027 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

## 2026-2027 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