

# NEWSLETTER 18

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## July

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers induction day for Chew Valley School and transition morning
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 end of year production – 6pm - email to follow
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 end of year production – 6pm - email to follow
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ducklings to Folly Farm – letter emailed
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Final Fling – see below
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers assembly 2pm – <b>gates open 1.50pm</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 6

**Don't forget all the dates are also published on the Federation website. Additions or changes will be in bold.**

## School News

### Ducklings

We have been using our maths capacity skills in Ducklings this week to measure the ingredients we needed to make salt dough. We then had lots of fun mixing, kneading and rolling the dough to shape our own sea life creatures. Once they have been baked, we will add patterns and create our own habitats.



### Illness

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea please keep them off school for 48 hours after the last bout. If a child is sick a single time and is well in themselves, they may return to school the next day. Children may be sick from the heat, excessive playing/spinning etc and should not stay at home for 48 hours in this instance. If in doubt, please contact Mr Marriott for advice.

### School Governor

We are looking to recruit a governor to support the work of both schools in the Federation. This could be the parent of a child in the school or another adult living in the local community. For an informal chat to discuss the application process and the role, please contact the Chair of Governors, Dr Phil Gladwin via email [pgladwin@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk](mailto:pgladwin@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk). Closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### Swallows

Last week, children in Swallows class took part in a violin performance for parents. They played beautifully and the instructor was very impressed with all of them. Well done Swallows!



### Cygnets

On Tuesday, Cygnets class walked to the football club and took part in a tag tails rugby tournament with 8 local primary schools. They came first overall! Congrats to our sporty Cygnets!



### Swallows

Children in Year 5 made bread this week as part of design and technology...



### Lost Property

There will be a table in the playground on Fridays with all of our lost property on. Please have a look and take anything that's yours. Thank you.



## Wrong Trousers

The children wore their wacky and colourful trousers to school today to celebrate Wrong Trousers day and raise money for the Bristol Children's Hospital. Thank you for your generous donations, we raised £136.41!



## Swallows Class

Children in Year 5 have been exploring the question 'How do Christians show commitment to God?' Yesterday we visited Holy Trinity Church to explore and draw the religious symbols and artefacts that church-going Christians use as part of their worship. The children asked particularly insightful questions to lay preacher Sandra, including my favourite one, "If God made the world, who made God"? We're very grateful to Sandra for showing us around the church and answering our questions.



## Class Organisation for Sep 2023

Ahead of September, our class organisation for next year remains almost identical to this year. To cover the changes in in Y2 and Y4 (with Mrs Cotton retiring and Mrs Russell leaving), Mrs Tucker and Miss Wools will take on additional teaching hours. Please note that teachers are entitled to 10% PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time) each week and classes will usually be covered by HLTA staff (Higher Level Teaching Assistants) or Sports Coaches or Senior Leaders.

Class	Teacher(s)
Ducklings (YR)	Mrs Sharp
Cygnets (Y1)	Mrs Jeffery
Herons (Y2)	Mrs Tucker
Wrens (Y3)	Miss Gilmour
Swans (Y4)	Miss Wools (Mon to Thurs) Mr Marriott (Fri)
Swallows (Y5)	Miss Nash
Kingfishers (Y6)	Mrs Lambert

Teachers will share timetables of PE lessons etc at the start of the new term in September.

### **Transition morning 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Children in Y6 will have a day at Chew Valley School on the 4<sup>th</sup> July (where applicable); we also have our new Ducklings coming in for the morning that day, as well as other children spending the morning in their class with their teacher from September.

### **Strike Action next week**

As a reminder or in case you missed the email, please see the information below:

As you know, the National Education Union (NEU) has declared further strike action next week on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> July. I wanted to provide the latest information in relation to the action so please note information below ahead of the next strike action days:

Class	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Ducklings YR	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Cygnets Y1	Open	Open
Herons Y2	Open	Open
Wrens Y3	Open	Open
Swans Y4	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Swallows Y5	Open	Open
Kingfishers Y6	Open	Open

We are always incredibly grateful for the support and engagement of our families and I would especially like to say how much I appreciate the support and understanding that parents have shown to the school in these difficult times.

With other teaching unions being balloted, and with some of the recent speculation around the recommendations of the School Teachers' Review Body (STRB), I really cannot see this issue being resolved quickly. Watch this space.

### **Lockdown**

Earlier in the week we practised our Lockdown procedure in line with H&S guidelines. Of course it's a situation that we all hope we never find ourselves in, but it's always good to practise these things – just like our regular Fire Drills. The children's behaviour was exemplary and all went smoothly. (If you child came home and said they sat under a table for 3 minutes, that's the explanation)!

### **And finally...**

On Monday this week I had the pleasure of showing some parents around the school ahead of Sep 2024. What struck me – and them – was the range of activities going on across the school and the happy, smiley, and well-behaved children. Activities included Forest School, music lessons, science investigations, making in Design & Technology, play rehearsals, rounders in PE and more. A true proud HT moment.

Enjoy the weekend, we have a tremendously busy final three weeks of term to look forward to.

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## Certificates

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude or great behaviour or good manners etc) in the last two celebration assemblies:



Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens
William	Connor	Lyla M	Rowan
Charlie	Eliza	Harlow	Bonnie
Arthur	Harry	Rafe	Oliver
Archie	Peter	Sammy	Ben
	Noah	Harry	
		Logan	
		Alex	
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Tilly	Teddy	Wilf M	Xanthe
Blake	Toby	Louie	Milly W
Ava	Aoife	Iona	
Elliot	Charlie	Dexter	
Holly			
Jonty			

Note: the records are made by Y6 children so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

## PTA

### Chew Valley 10K

A big thank you to all the parents / grandparents who either ran or marshalled at the Chew Valley 10K, as well as the children who supported the runners with their Djembe drumming. The Chew Valley 10K committee have given our school a whopping £2,000 which is fantastic! This will help pay for the end-of-year sports activities that all the children did at the Mendip Outdoor Activity Centre.

### PTA AGM – Tue 11th July 7.30pm

The PTA raises thousands of pounds every year to support our school, but it can't function without the support of parents like you!

We are a friendly group of mums who meet once a term to plan and organise fundraising events. As Year 6 PTA members leave for secondary school, we need help from parents to host events so we can support our children's education and fun activities. You don't need to commit to being on the PTA, but if you have the capacity to regularly help at events, we would still love to see you at our AGM on Tuesday 11th July 7:30pm in the school hall or contact your class rep.

### Final Fling End-of-Year Party

We are happy to announce that our fabulous Final Fling end of year party is set to return this year on Friday 14th July 6pm-9pm at Bishop Sutton School. Come along and enjoy the fun with giant inflatables, bar, BBQ food, sweets & treats stall, tattoos, grand raffle, fairground games and much more!

All younger siblings welcome (older siblings of Y6 children only).

£1 entry. Tickets on sale at every pickup from Friday 30th June.

### Frozen Fridays

Our popular ice cream sales are back! So remember your pennies and look out for the sales stand on the upper playground at school pick up every Friday until the year end!

Ice-creams £1 & lollies £50p.

Cash only.

### Win a £500 Lego E-Gift Card

Win an amazing £500 Lego E-Gift Card when you support your school this July. This fantastic prize is great for all the family – for fans of Star Wars, Harry Potter, Marvel, and so much more! Build Hogwarts, the Colosseum, Rivendell, or a Ferrari – the choice is yours! Get tickets for Your School Lottery before Saturday 29th July to be in with a chance to win this awesome prize! That's on top of the weekly local cash prize and the £25,000 national jackpot!

[BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1](#)

### Easyfundraising

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us for FREE when you shop with them via easyfundraising such as John Lewis & Partners, Argos, eBay, Just Eat, Booking.com, Uswitch and more. If you've not signed up yet, it's easy and makes a huge difference to us. Once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

### Dates for the diary

- AGM – Tue 11th July 7.30pm
- Duckling cake sale - Fri 14th July
- Final Fling – Fri 14th July
- Pop-up Planetarium - Sat 30th Sept

<b>Term Dates for the Academic Year</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023</b>

<b>Term Dates for the Academic Year</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Inset Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023
Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
Inset Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023– Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
Inset Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 –Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</b>

- The final newsletter will be published on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July



## OUTSIDE EVENTS



# POLLINATOR PARTY!

Pollinators keep nature healthy – so let's help them—help us!!

Find out all about the secret lives of pollinators

- Free plants and seeds
- Free bee and bug boxes
- Nature walks and talks

Free for all ages  
Memorial Hall, Farrington Gurney

Saturday July 15. 11 – 4



## Folk Music Workshop

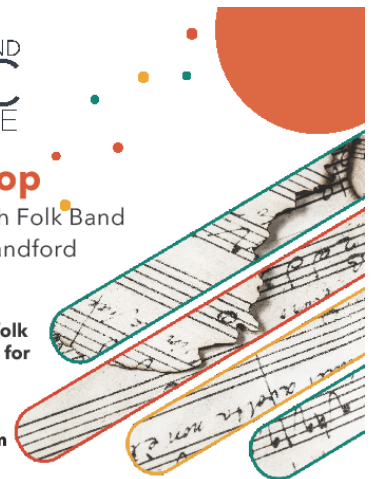
A Sunday Session with Bath Youth Folk Band tutors Rachel Barrett and John Sandford

This session is open to all players of 'C' instruments and percussionists. An opportunity to try your hand at playing folk music if it is new to you but also suitable for existing folk players.

**Where:** St John's RC Primary, Bath

**When:** Sunday 16th July, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

**Course fee:** £10 / free for students on FSM



Sign up here:  
<https://bit.ly/3Jgc7FO>



## ★ SUMMER HOLIDAYS ★ MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS AT KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB



Week 1 – Mon 24th – Fri 28th July  
Week 2 – Mon 31st July – Thu 3rd Aug  
Week 3 – Tue 15th – Fri 18th Aug  
**9.00am–3.30pm**

- Welcome to all
- Ages 5–12
- Varied multi-sports/activities
- Inclusive & friendly
- Low child:coach Ratios
- Learn new skills
- Meet new friends
- HAVE FUN!



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