



December

- Mon 5th** YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance 1 at 2pm
- Tues 6th** YR/Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance 2 at 6pm
- Wed 7th** Christmas Dinner Day
Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (see below)
- Thur 8th** The Snowman for Year R - Y4 in the school hall
- Tues 13th** Year 5&6 to The Hippodrome to see Cinderella (letter sent)
- Wed 14th** Y6 visit to Lifeskills Centre, Bristol (letter sent)
- Thur 15th** Christmas Celebration Assembly 2pm in the School Hall (see below)
- Fri 16th** Swallows Cake Sale
Last day of Term 2

January

- Tues 3rd** Inset Day
- Wed 4th** Start of Term 3

Don't forget all the dates are on the website.

School News

Update from Mr Cook

Term is rattling on and the end of term is nearly in sight – as are the Christmas holidays! The younger children have been working hard on rehearsing their nativity play 'The Magical Christmas Journey' and you will see from the dates above and detail below that the relentless pace of term continues. (In the last ten days we have also had three comprehensive accountability days – an LSP school advisor visit, Health & Safety visit and an internal audit. All three days ended with very good outcomes and sound endorsement of the hard work and commitment of the staff).

Open School

We had a great turnout for our recent 'open school' event – around 70 parents, thank you! We received many positive comments from you and the children were delighted and proud to be able to share their work with you. We will repeat this event at some stage later in the school year.



Y4 Football match v. Pensford



Well done to the Y4 footballers who played against Pensford School yesterday afternoon – the team were unlucky to lose by 4-1, but were a credit to the school and their parents. Hopefully we will be able to arrange another Y4 fixture after the holidays. Many thanks to Mr Jones Bridges for refereeing the match!

Y2 Benchball

Y2 visited Chew Valley School on Tuesday this week – enjoying the ‘thrills and spills’ of Benchball. Well done Herons – a great display of team work, co-operation and determination!



Y4 dictionaries



The children in Y4 were presented with a super dictionary on Tuesday this week. Dictionaries were presented in assembly by Adrian Miller from Chelwood Rotary Club.

Note also the stunning artwork in the background that Y6 have produced this term on planets as part of their art curriculum!

Nativity Play ‘The Magical Christmas Journey’

For the Tuesday 6th December performance of this year’s Nativity play, please bring the young performers to the **front of the school for 5.45pm** ahead of a 6pm start time. Children should be dressed in their costume please. The running time is approximately 40 minutes.

Djembe Drumming

If your child is in the Monday afterschool drumming club, you are invited to pop in before the end of the club on Monday 5th Dec to listen to the children’s composition this term with teacher Mr Hockey. The back gate will be open at 4pm for access to the Ducklings Class (where the club takes place).

Attendance Overview (update) and new policy from Jan 23

The DfE have recently issued very comprehensive guidance on the importance of regular school attendance and its correlation with success in school and ultimately, qualifications like GCSE and ‘A’ levels. The latest percentages by class are below; the up to date whole school absence rate at 3.5% is better than the current national average of 4.6%. (A reminder that caution needs to be taken with

data of this type – i.e. number of children in the class, age of children etc however, it's a good indicator). Well done again to Swans, but also **well done to all classes** because all attendance percentages below are higher than before!

Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens	Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers
95.40%	96.55%	93.51%	95.66%	98.3%	96.22%	96.78%

Class attendance percentage from start of T1 to 2nd December 2022



LSP have now issued a revised Attendance policy and Governors approved the policy at the LGB meeting on Monday this week. We will post the policy on the website (which will be in effect from the start of T3) and Mr Marriott will share some of the key changes before the end of this term via email.

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence may seriously affect their learning. The Department for Education (DfE) defines a pupil as a 'persistent absentee' when they miss 10% or more schooling across the school year, for whatever reason. The table below indicates how what might seem like just a few days of absence can result in children missing a significant number of lessons.

	Sessions* missed	Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost hours of learning
Excellent	0 – 4	100% - 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	8 – 15	98% - 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	19 – 34	95% - 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	38 – 54	90% - 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	57 – 76	85% - 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 – 190

*One session is one half day i.e. there are two sessions per day

Within the new policy, where there are continued concerns about a pupil's attendance which are not resolved informally, parents/carers may be asked to meet with the school to discuss the matter more formally. In some cases, this may result in a formal action plan being produced. The school may also invite other involved professionals, where relevant. Also, where a pupil has a high level and/or frequency of absence, LSP may require suitable evidence in order to authorise any future absence where illness has been given as the reason. If this is the case, the school will make the parent/carer/s aware of this expectation in advance.

More detail to follow in due course.

Christmas Celebration Assembly



On Thursday 15th December, we are holding our end of term Christmas Celebration Assembly. Some of the Y6 children will share the Christmas Story and we will sing some traditional (and less traditional) songs and carols. It's also the PTA raffle draw – so please do try to come along, it may be standing room only but hopefully a great way to round off the term!

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
Felix & William	Harvey, Phoebe & Xanthe	Harry	Amelia, Henry & Theo
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Milo, Ivor & Olivia	Charlotte, Oscar & Malina	Amelia, Annabel & Heidi	Logan

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

Road Safety

For some time now we have not had a crossing patrol on the main A368 at the front of the school. For many months I have also been in touch with the Road Safety team at the Local Authority to see if improvements can be made to slow traffic or provide a pedestrian crossing. The LA are setting budgets and plans in place in Feb 2023 for the next year and we will have to wait and see if some form of traffic improvement will be part of that scheme (probably starting with a feasibility study). In the meantime there is a local petition for a 20mph zone on the A368 through Bishop Sutton which may be of interest to parents. The link is here:

<https://form.typeform.com/to/XuKo8Fkl?fbclid=IwAR09n8VS3XwSZ2oNcoM9mAMmbsE-AeMZjnR9vGGTWN1Em2XI34CyT5VAIYw&typeform-source=m.facebook.com>

Parent Survey reminder

Following on from the October Governing Body meeting, governors have looked at the wide range of comments and responses received. We would really like to understand the rationale behind some of these comments so we would like to invite you to email me directly and if appropriate, I would be more than happy to talk to you about your response in person. I would also like to assure you that your responses will be strictly confidential and only seen by me. We have a dedicated email address for this purpose which is: parent@bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk



As an indication of response time in this instance, please allow 5-10 working days for a reply. This email address will be kept 'open' for all of this term and will close on 31st December.

Christmas Dinner – 7th December

Mrs Light is cooking a Christmas Dinner for the children on Wednesday 7th December. The menu is Roast Turkey or Vegetable Wellington, Crispy Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Peas and Gravy follow by Christmas Cookie. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner please order via Aspens Select.

Christmas Jumper Day – 7th December

To coincide with Christmas Dinner Day the 7th December will also be Christmas jumper day to support the charity Save the Children. This year the government has promised to double the funds raised on Christmas jumper day. The suggested donation is £1.



Children in Need

The final total for our Children in Need spots and stripes day was £185. Thank you for your donations!

PTA

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

We are very pleased to announce that tickets for the Christmas Raffle are now ON SALE - so double check those book bags because every child has been given a book of Christmas Raffle tickets to take home for family and friends to buy.

Every ticket is just £1 (so £5 per book) and we have a wonderful selection of **12 Rainbow Hampers plus £100 CASH to win!**

Ticket stubs with money can be returned directly to School Reception (ensure your contact details are clear as we will contact winners directly after the draw). Please can any unsold tickets be returned to the school as soon as possible so they can be resold to other families!

If you would like to purchase any additional tickets, they will be on sale in the lower playground gazebo at pick up times - or contact the PTA via your Class Rep.

Thank you for your support with the donations for the Rainbow Hampers – THEY LOOK AMAZING!!

Here are the key dates to remember:

-Wed 14th December, 4pm - Your Last chance for Raffle ticket stub/money returns to School Reception to make it into the draw!

-Thu 15th December - Mr Cook will make the Christmas Raffle Draw at Christmas Celebration Assembly. All winners will be notified that day and will be able to collect their prizes at school pick up time.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE! And remember, even if you don't win a prize, all the money raised will be going to fund school trip experiences for every child in the school - so EVERY CHILD IS A WINNER!

Back-to-school Quiz

We would like to thank all the quizzers who attended the Back-to-School Quiz hosted by the marvellous Mr Marriot on the 18th November. We would especially like to thank our friends at ARTHUR DAVID FOOD SERVICE for their generous contribution of a delicious ploughman's supper.

It was a entertaining evening and we raised a total of £667 which will go towards Christmas activities and treats for all the children to enjoy!



WIN A PS5 MEGA BUNDLE

Don't forget to buy enter the lottery to be in with a chance to get your hands on this incredible **PS5 prize mega bundle, worth over £1,000!** As well as this year's hottest console, you'll get an extra controller, 3 amazing games, a PS Pulse headset, and loads more goodies - as well as a 43" 4K Ultra HD Smart TV to play it all on! That's on top of the weekly guaranteed cash prize and the chance to win the £25,000 national jackpot!

[BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1](#)

Merry Christmas from BS PTA

Other Events

TWO MAGICAL FAMILY SHOWS THIS DECEMBER

Local performing arts charity Valley Arts, has two fabulous family shows coming to local venues this December, spreading Christmas cheer across the Valley.

Cinderella II, East Harptree Theatre, 3pm Sunday 4 December: Buttons isn't happy - his best friend Cinderella has run off, got married and gone all....Princessy! From the brilliant Tor Theatre, get ready for a quest through Pantoland filled with songs, laughs and silliness!

<https://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/Events/cinderella-ii-or-buttons-bounces-back-4-dec-22/>

A Christmas Celebration, St Andrew's Church Hall Chew Magna , 11am Sunday 11

December: Presented by the brilliant Music for Miniatures, puppets, actors and piano will bring the magic of Christmas alive as they perform festive classics, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and The Snowman.

<https://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/Events/a-christmas-celebration-11-dec-22/>

Cinderella II

OR

Buttons Bounces Back

From The Theatre
...and they all lived happily ever after.
Oh no they didn't!

Sunday 4th December 2022 - 3pm
The Theatre, East Harptree



Valley Arts

#VAFringeFestival

Tickets from www.valleyartscentre.co.uk

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PH CAMPS

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS

13TH - 17TH FEBRUARY
08:00 - 17:30



VENUES

Ashton
St. Paul's Primary School - Ashton
White Primary School - Ashton

Hampshire
Kingsford Primary School - Ashton

Wiltshire
St. Paul's Primary School - Ashton
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4-14 years

Day bookings from **£24.35***

Weekend **£4.85**

Termtime **£4.85**

Half term **£10.50**

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*When booked before early booking deadline
Early booking deadline 29th January 2022
When the early booking deadline ends, the day rate is £28.00 per day

Ofsted

FOREVER SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

STAY ACTIVE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Open to children in school years 1 to 6, our holiday camps offer a variety of sporting opportunities throughout the school holidays. With an emphasis on inclusivity, high activity levels and fun they provide a perfect environment for children to fall in love with sport and enjoy being active.

Chew Stoke Forever Sport Holiday Camp

Throughout December half term our Forever Sport Multi-Sport Holiday Camps will be running at various venues throughout Greater Bristol.

Venue: Chew Stoke Primary School, 2040 36/1

Dates: Thursday, December 22nd and Friday, December 23rd

Times: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Price: £22.50 per day

limited capacity of 30 spaces per day

Special Activities
Soft Golf and Archery day will take place on Thursday, December 22nd

Thursday, December 22nd will see our Christmas jumper day

TO BOOK:



<https://bit.ly/2uW8D0>

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Twitter: @BristolSport
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Facebook: Bristol Sport Foundation

Bristol Sport Foundation, Ashton Gate Stadium, Bristol, BS3 2EJ, CHC No: 1165410

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2022-23
Term 2	Tuesday 1 st November 2022 – Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas Holiday	Monday 19 December 2022 – Monday 2 January 2023
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Term 3	Wednesday 4 January 2023 – Friday 10 February 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 13 February 2023 – Friday 17/02/2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023 – Friday 31 March 2023
Easter Holiday	Monday 03 April 2023 – Friday 14 April 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 26 May 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 May 2023 – Friday 2 June
Inset Day	Monday 5 June 2023
Term 6	Tuesday 6 June 2023 – Friday 21 July 2023

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 12th December 2022

The newsletter is also available on our website <http://bishopsuttonstantondrew.co.uk>

