

BISHOP SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER 7

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



## January

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>** Start of Term 3  
**Frid 5<sup>th</sup>** Tennis lessons start for Swans  
**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 and 4 netball CVS – email to follow

## February

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>** Herons gymnastics CVS – email to follow  
**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** Herons Folly Farm visit – email to follow  
**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** Cygnets Folly Farm visit – email to follow  
**Frid 9<sup>th</sup>** End of Term 3  
**Tues 20<sup>th</sup>** Start of Term 4

All the dates are also published on the Federation website. Additions or changes will be in bold

## School News

### Update from Mr Cook

Another very busy and successful term is over; I'm sure you are all looking forward to a well-deserved Christmas holiday, and spending some quality time with friends and family! Also, worth celebrating with all parents - we received some delightful comments from the staff at the Roman Baths earlier in the week as the children in Swans and Chinchillas classes were excellent ambassadors for the school – well done to both classes! Well done as well to the children in Swallows class on their brilliant violin performance on Tuesday this week; another performance will follow later in the year.

In yesterday's Christmas Celebration Assembly, we drew fourteen lucky tickets for the PTA Christmas raffle – a huge thank you to the PTA for the hard work and fund-raising that they have done this year!

On a personal note, today marks 27 years as a school leader – 7 years as a Deputy Headteacher and 20 years as a Headteacher. There's no doubt that being a school leader brings great challenges - but it also brings great joys and rewards. There will always be something quite special about working in a Primary School at this time of year – the children's excitement, eagerness and anticipation of Christmas Day is energising and always brings great pleasure and fulfilment.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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### New Reception class 2024

The deadline to apply for a place in our Reception class is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications should be made to your local authority. We look forward to welcoming you.

Banes - <https://parent.bathnes.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Bristol - <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply>

## Christmas Activities

We have had such a busy two weeks with the Christmas dinner, Nativity and the panto. Here are a few pics of the children enjoying the season...



## Kingfishers

Children in Year 6 travelled to Chew Valley School recently to take part in a touch rugby tournament against other local primary schools. They came 1<sup>st</sup> in division 2 and division 4! Well done team!



## Tennis

For Term 3, Swans will be having tennis coaching on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit including trainers, a warm tracksuit, a warm waterproof coat, and their named bottle of water on Fridays for next term. The club will provide a tennis racket for your child, but they may bring their own if they wish.



### Swallows

Children in Year 5 have been printing their own designs onto tote bags this week for their final piece of work this term.



### Swallows

Children in Year 5 held a performance for parents on Tuesday to show off their amazing violin skills. They played beautifully...



### Swans

Children in Year 4 visited the Roman Baths on Wednesday. They took part in a workshop entitled Unearthing Aquae Sulis where they dressed up as Romans, handled 2000 year old artefacts and got creative making mosaics.



Children in Swans class also created some great art work for their learning log homework - research an aspect of Roman life ...



### Chew Valley 10K - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

We are delighted that Bishop Sutton Primary School will once again be a beneficiary of the Chew Valley 10k race to be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024. As always, the 10k committee look for support from the local community for marshals, runners etc. All being well we will also be able to form a group of drummers to drum on Widcombe Common - more details to follow later in the year. Other beneficiaries this year are Black2Nature, former Chew Valley School pupil, Mya-Rose Craig's local charity, NICU Support and Chew Valley School Society.

### Parent Assemblies

If you would like to come into school to talk to the children about your job, in a class or assembly, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

### Row the Atlantic Challenge

A Heron parent, Matt Main is beginning his challenge to row the Atlantic with 4 others as a part of a Royal Navy Team on 12<sup>th</sup> December. They are raising money which will provide Mental Health and Wellbeing support to Royal Navy personnel (serving & retired) and their families.

The website link is <https://www.hmsoardacious.com/> if you would like to read more about it and donate any money towards this fantastic cause.



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### After school clubs – Term 3

If your child is in receipt of benefit-related free school meals they may attend the after school clubs we offer free of charge (this does not include the daily wrap around care to 6pm). Please contact the office to sign up.

**NEW** - Y2 to Y6 Federation Choir - with Mr Cook

A new club for T3 and T4 every Thursday after school 3.10pm to 4.15pm - a chance to enjoy singing together. Music will be chosen from a range of years and styles - hopefully something for all to enjoy. Please sign up for the club on the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/9z4nhYdkY4>



Multi-sports – Akeel will be running a multi-sports club every Tuesday for Years 2-4. Please use this link to book <https://getsported.org/BishopSuttonPrimarySchoolYears2to4MultiSportsClub2024Term3>

Dodgeball – Akeel will be running a dodgeball club again every Wednesday next term for Years 3-6. If you would like to book, please follow this link –

<https://getsported.org/BishopSuttonPrimarySchoolYears3to6DodgeballClub2024Term3>

KS1 Football – Akeel will be running a football club for Years 1 and 2 on a Friday. Please use this link to book -

<https://getsported.org/BishopSuttonPrimarySchoolYears1and2FootballClub2024Term3>

KS2 Football – Rob Maggs will be continuing his football club every Tuesday from 9<sup>th</sup> January. To book, please email [rob.maggs@bathcricket.com](mailto:rob.maggs@bathcricket.com).

#### Term Dates 2023-24

Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

#### INSET days 2023-24

- Monday 19 February 2024
- Monday 3 June 2024

#### Term Dates 2024-25

Term 1	Wednesday 4 September 2024 to Thursday 24 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 7 January 2025 to Thursday 13 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Tuesday 3 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

#### INSET days 2024-25

- Monday 2 September 2024
- Tuesday 3 September 2024
- Friday 25 October 2024
- Monday 6 January 2025
- Friday 14 February 2025
- Monday 2 June 2025

#### 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	William	Lola	Harry
Alfie	Lola-Mae	Mason	Bailey
Joey	Apphia	Eliza	Millie
	Archie		Sammy
			Ruby
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards

Dominic	Eira	Finn	Harlow
Evelyn	Lucien	Holly	Siena
Olly	Jemima	Aoife	
Pippa	Freya	Eliza	
Harry	Florence		
Santi	Lucas		

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



#### PTA Newsletter

#### **Win a £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus!**

Play Your School Lottery, support your school - its that simple! In the festive Super Draw, one lucky person will win an amazing £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus – you could hit the January sales in style, plan your dream holiday getaway, treat yourself to the latest tech and gadgets, spruce up your living space for the new year; the choice is yours! Get your Super Draw tickets before Saturday 23rd December to be in with a chance to win!

[\*\*BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1\*\*](#)

#### **Birthday books**

Instead of bringing in sweets for your child's class on their birthday, why not buy a birthday book instead to help the school grow the library. Plus buy the book from the **Love Reading 4 Kids** bookstore, and not only do you get 10% off RRP's, but 25% of the cover price will be given to our school to buy more books. Mrs Tucker has even created a school '**wish list**' of books to help you decide which book to choose.

[\*\*BROWSE BOOKS\*\*](#)

### **Easyfunding**

Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. Over 7,500 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Bishop Sutton School PTA for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

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### **Facebook**

Bishop Sutton PTA is on Facebook. Please follow us on Facebook for all the latest news and reminders on our events.

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### **Outside Providers**

#### [Valley Arts Youth Theatre](#)

##### **February Half Term Holiday Drama Club**

**Chew Magna Baptist Church, Bristol, BS40 8SP**

**Tuesday 13th February 2024, 10am-4pm**

**Cost £24\* (\*plus booking fee)**



***"Everyone has the potential to be an amazing storyteller; some just don't know it yet."***

**Join us for a day of self-expression and imagination at our upcoming Acting and Devising Workshop! Enjoy playful group games, thrilling storytelling adventures, and the chance to hone essential acting skills. Take to the stage for a performance, receive supportive feedback and direction from industry professionals, and, above all, experience an abundance of joy. Book now for a workshop that promises creativity and fun!**

[\*\*www.ticketsource.co.uk/valley-arts\*\*](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/valley-arts)

**There will be 2 groups running, open to children in School Year Groups 2 - 4 and 5 - 8. Please note - If booking in siblings, each child must be under a separate booking.**