



December

**Fri 16th Swallows Cake Sale
Last day of Term 2**

January

Tues 3rd Inset Day

Wed 4th Start of Term 3

Fri 6th Road Safety Training for the whole school

Wed 11th Y2 to CVS Gymnastics Festival 11am to 12.15pm (message to follow)

February

10th End of Term 3

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

School News

Update from Mr Cook

On this last day of term we can reflect back on a very successful term and look forward to a well-deserved Christmas holiday. No surprise of course that the last two weeks of term have been full of Christmas festivities – nativity play (well done to all the young performers), panto/theatre visits, Christmas lunch and parties and even an early visit from Father Christmas for the younger children! In yesterday's Christmas Celebration Assembly we drew the tickets for the PTA Christmas raffle – a **massive thank you** to the PTA for the hard work and fund-raising that they have done this year!



Lifeskills – Y6 visit



On Wednesday this week Y6 children visited the Lifeskills Centre in Bristol to learn how to be safe in a whole range of real life situations – building sites, fire, road, rail, shops etc. It's a unique setting where children can learn and practise safety skills in a safe and interactive learning environment. Here they are with their Lifeskills Certificates presented in assembly this morning!

INSET days for 2023/24

You will see from the list of dates below that the term/holiday dates have been set by LSP; please note that in 2023/24 there will be 6 INSET days.

Tennis

An early reminder that tennis lessons at BS Tennis Club for Y4 will start on Friday 6th January.

Road Safety Training on Friday 6th Jan

On Friday 6th June we have a range of road safety/pedestrian activities going on across all year groups. Where additional help or resources are needed, teachers will post messages on ClassDojo.

Please also read and observe the plea below for courteous and considerate parking.



Christmas Card Design

Well done to Dexter in Kingfisher Class who entered the Metro Mayor Christmas card design competition this year and was awarded as a runner-up. Dexter's design is on the official card that will be sent to thousands of residents, businesses, hospitals and schools. Well done Dexter!



Attendance

No doubt you will have read the letter emailed yesterday from Mr Marriott regarding the revised LSP Attendance policy (available on the Federation website). It is really important that all parents understand the higher expectations around regular school attendance and that all schools across the country will be following much more stringent controls/checks to reduce the level of absence. I'm sure that no-one will be surprised that all the evidence shows that overall school absence has a negative link to school attainment and progress!

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 three celebration assemblies:



Ducklings	Cygnets	Hérons	Wrens
Arthur, Charlie, Bella Abigail, Elsie, Oscar, Eleanor, Arrietty & Amelia	Sophia, Harry, Peter, Lola, Connor, Eliza & Florence	Austin, Ellie, Olivia & Sophie	Kian, Evie, Lola, Felix, Holly, Harry & Ellis
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Jonty, Holly, Elliott H, Lucien, Tilly, Nellie & Sam H	Jessica, Holly, Aoife & Phoenix	Louie, Wilf R, Lara, Tyler, Ella, Mia, Iona, Charlotte, Fred, Dexter, Aurelia, Sophie & Annabel	Heidi, Joe C, Freddie

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



Have a happy and safe Christmas holiday, and a Happy New Year to everyone!

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Photo from the Snowman performance 8th December for YR to Y4 – many thanks to the PTA!

Save the Children Collection

We raised £64 for 'Save the Children' on our Christmas Jumper Day; thank you to everyone for supporting this worthy cause.



Parking at Drop Off and Collection

Please remember to park thoughtfully when dropping off or collecting your child. We have had numerous complaints about parents parking across our neighbours' driveways at the front of the school. We have also had complaints about parking on the pavement at the back of the school. Children and parents are struggling to use the pavement to walk safely home or to their car.

Illness and Strep A

We are currently experiencing high levels of illness in both schools and there is understandable concern about the tragic deaths of several children nationally with Strep A infections. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or have a high temperature. At both schools we continue to encourage good respiratory and hand hygiene to help prevent the spread of infections.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued some guidance with regards to Strep A infections and it provides good advice on symptoms and when to seek medical advice. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness and it is very rare that the bacteria causes the serious illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). However, it is important everyone is aware of symptoms, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel, and please keep your child(ren) away from school if they are unwell. Please make sure you inform us if your child develops Scarlet fever so we can take steps to control any potential outbreak.

PTA

Other Events

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Let's Cook

Cook it

FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week):

- Wed 16th Jan - 15th Feb, 4-5:30pm at Castle Primary, Keynsham
- Mon 23rd Jan - 27th Feb, 4pm-5:30pm at Paulton Scout Hall (no session 13th Feb)
- Wed 1st Mar - 26th Mar, 4 - 5:30pm at St Michael's Primary School, Twerton, Bath
- Mon 13th Mar - 10th April, 4-5:30pm at St Saviour's School, Larkhall, Bath (no session 3rd April)

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on
Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

HENRY Healthy Families programme

Even during this uncertain time, we're still here to help you give your little ones a great start in life.

The HENRY programme is completely FREE to join for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old.

The programme provides everything you need to help your little one get off to a great start.

We cover the 5 following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eat
- Family (play) habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Each week there is either an online or in person session. See below for dates. You'll also receive a free toolkit with lots of fantastic resources. The programme is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other families in a safe environment.

Programme details

Keynsham Childrens Centre - 17 Jan - 14 Mar 10-12:30pm

Online - 11 Jan - 14th March 10:30-11:30am

Get it FREE! It's yours to keep!

Contact Us

Bookings on HENRY courses are essential. Contact the Wellbeing Service Hub on 0300 247 0050 or email BA11@BES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

Healthy Families. Together.

0300 247 0050



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

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2023-24
Inset Day	Friday 1 st September 2023
Inset Day	Monday 4 th September 2023
Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Inset Day	Friday 20 th October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17 th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19 th February 2024

Term 4	Tuesday 20 th February 2024- Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER 9th January 2023

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

