



MONDAY SEPT 21st 2026

Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school on Friday to share news and updates and to meet with teachers. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see your children's classrooms, learn about the exciting inquiry topics planned for the term, and gain a glimpse of the learning journey ahead. There was certainly a buzz in Oak Class, which has recently benefited from our latest refurbishment and was looking fantastic!

Friday felt like a real milestone in our start to the new school year. It was the first day that all of our Reception children were together in class and the first time they stayed for lunch. We also held our first Celebration Assembly of the year and were delighted to recognise so many children with certificates already.

Another exciting highlight was discovering who would take on our pupil leadership roles for the year ahead. From Digital Leaders and Eco-Warriors to School Council representatives and Crew Captains, children across the school demonstrated enthusiasm, courage and commitment by putting themselves forward. Applications were submitted, votes were cast and, in doing so, our children experienced democracy in action. A special well done must go to those who delivered Crew Captain speeches; they were thoughtful, articulate and presented with great confidence. I know the final decisions were not easy for their classmates to make.

Looking ahead, we feel well prepared and excited for the year to come. With our Reception children now attending full-time, our pupil voice groups established and inquiry learning already underway, the school year has started with real energy and purpose.

I wish you all a sunny and enjoyable week.

Kind regards,
Mrs Baker



Celebration Assembly:

Well done to Imogen and Pixie, who were presented with crew point certificates and commended for their positive attitudes to learning.

Congratulations to Isabelle and Elliot for their many awards from the Michaelmas Fair; Daisy, Iris and Aubrey for their swimming achievements; Ted and Arnie for being players of the match in football (a position also awarded to Mr Bayliss last week); Marley S. for her reading award and Marley B. for his kickboxing certificate.

We are always so pleased to celebrate such a full range of interests and hobbies both within and outside of school.

Crew Captains

As mentioned, the competition for Crew Captain this year was incredibly strong, and every Year 6 child who delivered a speech on

Friday should be immensely proud of themselves. I was fortunate enough to drop into classrooms while the speeches were taking place, and the passion and

determination on display really gave me goosebumps. Congratulations to Lara, Evan, Finley, Joseph, Emma, Charlie, Wilbur, Tom, Jessica, Hugo, Tilly and Jack, who were successfully elected as this year's Crew Captains. They will play an important role in leading their crews and setting a positive example through their actions and attitudes. We look forward to seeing the difference they make throughout the year ahead.



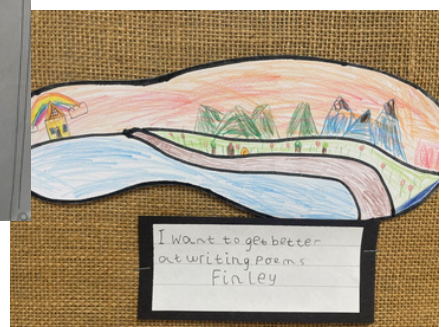
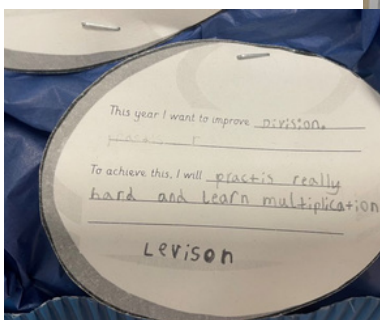
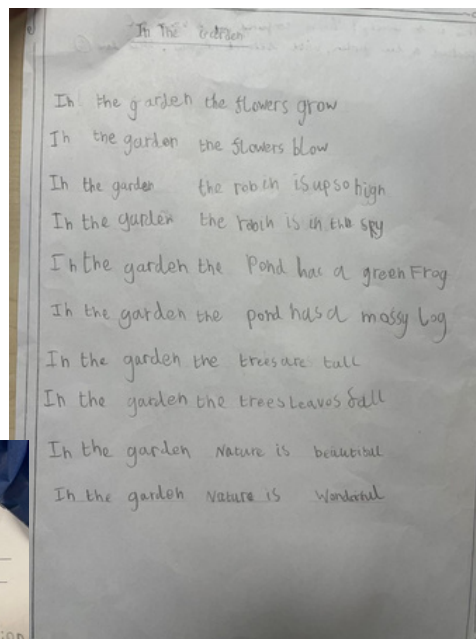
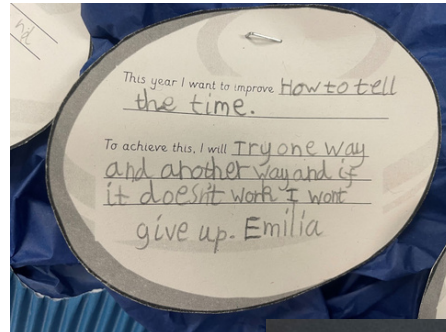
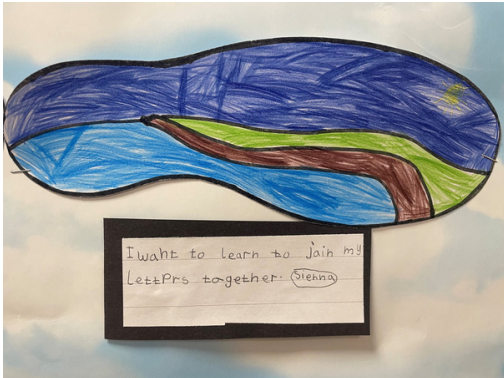
First Lunch

Parents would have been proud of their children during their first lunchtime at school last week. From lining up sensibly and patiently, to talking politely with Becky and Lynn, our valued kitchen staff, and remembering their manners whilst eating with friends, the children did a fantastic job. It was a pleasure to spend time with them and see how quickly they adapted to this important part of the school day.

Families of children in Silver Birch Class, please save the date for our Harvest Lunch on Thursday 22nd October. We would be delighted for you to join us and see the children enjoying lunchtime alongside their friends and classmates. We look forward to welcoming you.

Learning in Action

So much has already been happening across the school. Classrooms are filling with excellent examples of learning, and children's work is already taking pride of place on display. From portraits and poetry, to grammar in action and goal setting, there is plenty to celebrate ...



Supporting The Grand Appeal

As some of you may know, the school has a long history of supporting The Grand Appeal, Bristol Children's Hospital Charity, through participation in its sculpture trails. Our most recent contribution was Nurturing Norbot, which many of you will recognise from last year.

Whenever the school takes part in a sculpture project, children are invited to contribute design ideas that reflect what makes our school special. Working collaboratively with pupils and staff, these ideas are then brought to life in the finished sculpture.

Over time, some of our older sculptures had begun to look a little weathered. Thanks to the hard work and creativity of Mrs Moore, Gromit and Shaun have now been refreshed and given a new lease of life. They can be viewed in the Reception area at the front of the school, and we hope you will agree that they provide a wonderful display of our ongoing support for this important charity.



The Grand Appeal continues to make a difference to the lives of many children and families, both locally and further afield, and we are proud to play a small part in supporting its work.

PARENT PLANNER

Thursday 24th September	Bikeability Y5 am Y4 pm Group A	Friday 13th November	Children in Need (details to follow)
Friday 25th September	Bikeability Y5 all day Group A	Tuesday 17th November	Parents evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
Thursday 1st October	Bikeability Y5 am Y4 pm Group B	Thursday 19th November	Parents evening 3.30.-6.30pm Book Fair
Friday 2nd October	Bikeability Y5 all day Group B	Tuesday 24th November	Nasal Flu immunisations
Thursday 8th October	Safeguarding, Prevent & FGM training for volunteer helpers in school	Tuesday 1st December	Individual Photos
Friday 9th October	Hello Yellow (wear yellow to support young people's mental health)	Monday 14th December	Y5 & Y6 - Aladdin at the Playhouse Rest of school Panto Cinderella
Thursday 15th October	Poetry Recitals KS1 9.15am KS2 2.45pm	Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 22nd October	Silver Birch parents invited to Harvest Lunch	Friday 18th December	KS2 Carol service at St James Church 10.00am