Friday 24 May 2024 End Term 5 Newsletter



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Value of the term: Courage Learning behaviour: Focus

Term 5 has seen our Year 6 and Year 2 children completing their SATs exams. All the children showed amazing resilience and focus, and we are very proud of them all. The last week of term saw all the children taking part in fitness week. Much fun was had by all with a jampacked itinerary which included workshops, Mojo Active Trip, swimming, and gym run, along with lots of sporty fun in our grounds. There is so much more planned for Term 6. We have our Year 6 Graduation ceremony which is always an emotional day, but before that Year 6 head off to PGL camp for a few days of fun together. All the other year groups will get to meet their new teachers in the "move up" day and our younger children will be visiting Noah's Ark Zoo for a fun and education full day trip. We are wishing you all a very happy half term holiday, and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on the 3 June 2024.

We are Focussed



8 Highly effective activities to improve concentration in children. These are all fun ideas and suitable for all ages.

Click on the logo above

We are Courageous



Making a courage jar is a great way to start a conversation about a child's fears and is a fun activity too!

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We are Focussed



Attention Games and Exercises for Children (and Adults). Accessed on your PC, laptop or smart phone

Click on the logo above.

Class Photo Day 2 July 2024

Our official photographer (Tulip) will be in school on Tuesday 2 July.

This is for class photos for all children and leaver photos for our current Year 6 children.

We require you to give your permission for your child to be photographed. Please be aware that the photos are of the entire class and not individual children.

We will NOT photograph your child without your consent being given. This will be located on My Child at School (MCAS) in the trip and clubs section.

Click HERE to consent

Key Dates for your diary

Monday 3 June 2024
Thursday 6 June 2024
Friday 28 June 2024
Tuesday 2 July 2024
Thursday 4 July 2024
Friday 5 July 2024
Monday 8 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

First Day of Term 6—all children are in @ 8.45am

Noah's Ark Zoo Trip—Y1 & Y2

Gym Run Day—Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Class Photo Day

Transition / Moving Up Day

Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

Year R—Stay and Play (for children joining in Sept)

Last Day Term 6 (non uniform day)









FVA are in the news again!!
Click HERE to see the article

Children Garden Team & Ricki

Ricki has shared how proud he is of the gardening team. He shared with us that the team (including Ricki) have learnt as they have gone along as in his words "they didn't really know what they were doing".

However, we are sure you will agree that the garden is looking fabulous! All the seeds they have sown are growing and the strawberries will arrive soon.

The children also have an area in the field where they can sit and relax at lunch time or watch their peers playing football.

All of our classes can use the amphitheatre for learning outside the classroom and we are sure it will get lots of use over the coming term.









Hi Everyone,

My name is Lashana Keen, and I am your Family Engagement Worker and Children's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for Bristol Charities and the Vassall Centre. I work closely with many organisations in the local community and, most importantly, with families like yours. My role is to provide families with access and early help support. I also offer small grants and access to clubs, workshops, and different events being hosted in the community, as well as community project developments to meet the needs of families in the local area. My goal is to have families feel more connected to their community, have access to more opportunities, and feel more supported in their role as parents.

Families can access the support I offer through staff at FVA, by visiting the Vassall Centre, or by emailing me at lashana.keen@bristolcharities.org.uk.



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The Road 2 Paris

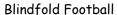
Olympic & Paralympic Workshops

The Road 2 Paris workshops have introduced our children to various sporting activities and are themed around the Olympic and Paralympic 2024 Games.

Road 2 Paris School Workshops gave our children the opportunity to:

- Participate in new sporting activities
- Boost their confidence and physical activity levels
- Learn about the Olympic and Paralympic Games and be inspired by the most inclusive, fair and progressive multi-sport event in the world















Year 4 Multiplication Table Checks

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools.

If you have time over the half term, please encourage your Year 4 child to practise their Multiplications by using Times Table Rockstars. Just 10 minutes a day can make all the difference.

Questions about the six, seven, eight, nine, and 12 times tables are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It's a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child.

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First and foremost, the check is about finding out which children are struggling with their times tables so that they can get extra support. It is not a judgement on what your child can do, but a way for the school to know how their teaching is going and to adjust their focus if needed.

There are clever tricks for remembering several of the times tables. For instance, watch Andrew Jeffrey's method for tackling the seven times table below:

For more ideas, download our free <u>times tables booklet [PDF]</u>, which is bursting with tips and hints for overcoming some of the harder times tables.





BookTrust Reading with your child

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

Here are some more tips to help you enjoy storytime together:

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read.
 They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.



Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

Academic Year 2024 2025 Term Dates

Term 1	
First Day Term for Pupils	Thursday 5 September 2024
Last Day Term for Pupils	Wednesday 23 October 2024
Inset Days—school closed to pupils	Monday 2 September 2024
	Tuesday 3 September 2024
	Wednesday 4 September 2024
	Thursday 24 October 2024
	Friday 24 October 2024
Term 2	
First Day Term for Pupils	Monday 4 November 2024
Last Day Term for Pupils	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	
First Day Term for Pupils	Tuesday 7 January 2025
Last Day Term for Pupils	Friday 14 February 2025
Inset Days—school closed to pupils	Monday 6 January 2025
Term 4	
First Day Term for Pupils	Tuesday 25 February 2025
Last Day Term for Pupils	Friday 4 April 2025
Inset Days—school closed to pupils	Monday 24 February 2025
Term 5	
First Day Term for Pupils	Tuesday 22 April 2025
Last Day Term for Pupils	Friday 23 May 2025
Bank Holidays—School closed to ALL	Monday 21 April 2025
	Monday 5 May 2025
Term 6	
First Day Term for Pupils	Monday 2 June 2025
Last Day Term for Pupils	Tuesday 22 July 2025
Inset Days—school closed to pupils	Friday 4 July 2025
	Monday 7 July 2025

You will be aware from the media that legislation around school attendance is changing . Please click **HERE** to see the full details. Letters will be sent to all families summarising these changes in Term 6.



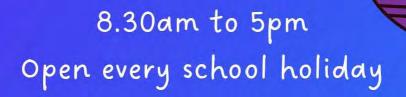
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MAY HALF TERM 28 - 31 May

- · Arts & crafts · Games · Cooking
- · Experiments · Woodland activities





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We continue with our ADHD series of useful information to help us to understand our young people.



Here, we explore the four challenges of ADHD: Anxiety, Anger, Stress and Frustration and offer some thoughts on how to deal with them

ANXIETY

Anxiety's weird, isn't it? Everything's fine, you're thriving, nothing to worry about, and then BAMI Your brain does that thing where it automatically switches to hunting down the worst possible scenario.



When anxiety starts kicking in, one of the things we like to do is talk to someone. Struggling alone isn't going to help anyone (especially you!), so, if you can, share the problem you're dealing with and it is likely to become a bit more bearable.



Stop for a second, write down exactly what it is that's worrying you, and work back to try and get to the root of the problem. Often when we look at the basic reason we're worrying, it can help us navigate the best way to deal with it, or make us realise it's not worth worrying about in the first place!

FRUSTRATION

A good friend of anger, it's that feeling that makes us think that life is a series of obstacles and nothing goes right.

Truth is plenty is going well but our brains have just suddenly decided to focus on the annoying stuff. Gahl



We have bogs of imagination, so let's put it to good use: one exercise to do is try to see ourselves from above, le imagine looking at the situation that's faustrating us from high up in the sky. That bump in the road should feel small in comparison with all the other brilliant stuff our lives are made of.



Fun is the enemy of frustration. When we feel frustration coming on, let's remind ourselves of something fun we love to do and let's just do it: eat an incer arean, call a fixed or dotal about on a selectable confer.

WITH IT ANGER

A minor inconvenience occurs and oooh, you can feel the rage brewing and your blood boiling.

Because we experience emotions with a greater intensity, it can take very little for us to start seeing red.



Expressing your feelings to a friend or family member can be a massive help in alleviating anger. Finding the right words to describe what's inside your head can also help others understand what it is that's upsetting you.

TAKE NOTE

if you can exercise every aday, your roterance to dairy annoyances are likely to increae. It's not always easy when everything around us (ourselves included) feels overwhelming but, if you can get out of bed, try a walk around the park or if you are feeling more adventurous cycling to school.

If all else fails... frisbee.

STRESS

Argh, just the word stresses us out! It's the amount of stimuli flying around that can be overwhelming, and being able to recognise it and nip it in the bud is always a good idea.



Recognise when you're feeling stressed. Set an alarm to go off every hour and take stock of your stress. Are you feeling tense? Are you amxious? Is your heart racing? If so, take 10-15 minutes to go with it, and then let it go.



It's hard to remember at times when stress takes over but the simple task of focusing back to something as simple as breathing can work miracles. If your chest starts to feel tight, gently breaths in and out with longer breaths, count to 4 breathing in, 2 to hold and 4 breathing out. Acadah.

PHONE: FRIEND OR FOE?

While smart phones or tablets can act as a massive distraction - first choice for all procrastinators - they can also help us to keep on top of our ADHD.

Here, we explore what's good and and not-so-good about them.



NOT SO GOOD

Always on hand, that lovely glowing screen is home to a never ending stream of information taking us away from real life things like conversations with friends or walks in the park.

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Too...many...tabs...and apps! Having too many things going on at once can be overwhelming.

Betime is boring, right? Way better to have a quick look at social media and see if there are any updates. No spoilers, but there aren't. Screen time before bed will affect sleep, so switching off at least 30 minutes before bed can help.

Put it down. Pick it up. Put it down. Pick it up. Stuck in a repetitive phone-checking cycle?

Going back to your phone time and time again is a real productivity killer. Break the cycle.

Put it down. Take a deep breath.

GOOD

When things get overwhelming, sharing and connecting with friends is a gift that keeps on giving.

Tracking apps can be essential for staying on top of our medication.

One less thing for our brains to worry about!

Ah, our old friend the to-do list. Where would we be without you? Keep paper scrap to a minimum by keeping a to-do list up to date on our phone.

Because when we need to be reminded to do small things like drink water, scheduling reminders on a phone can be a huge help. We like to set an alarm to go off every hour so we're reminded to stay on track.

Illustration by Graeme Zirk





The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity supports parents and carers so they can understand and meet the needs of their child. With a range of webinars, courses, resources, and our screening service, we help families to know which interventions and adaptations are right for them. Click their logo to access more information.

SEND Families



Survey of parent carers of children and young people with SEND 2024

The survey for all parent carers of children and young people with SEND is live! Your feedback is crucial in shaping Local Area SEND services. Share what's working well and what needs improvement. Take the short survey now to make your voice heard!

Complete Survey for a chance to win a high street voucher



Safety Valve agreement

Bristol City Council (BCC) joins a Department for Education initiative to tackle its SEND spending debt. To help save money while also improving inclusivity and outcomes in mainstream primary schools, BCC is introducing two new services. Your input is vital in ensuring this new service works for families like yours. Click below to learn more.

Bristol City Council consultation for people with learning difficulties and Autsim

Bristol City Council is thinking of changing how they buy services for people with learning disabilities and autistic people. Have your say on how BCC can make better use of resources and give service users more choices. There is an easy-read document on the link below.

Complete Consultation

Bristol Parent Carers updates

Together for SEND: Feedback Summary...

We are still collecting feedback from the SEND event. Around 170 attendees have let us know how the event was for them, but we want to make it to at least 200 so that we can secure funding to host an event next year and make it even better than this one. If you haven't yet sent in feedback, we would love It If you could share your thoughts. Option to be entered into a draw to win one of four £50 high street vouchers.

Super fast feedback form



info@bristolparentcarers.org.uk

Safety Valve

May 2024

The Department for Education has announced that Bristol City Council (BCC) has been included in its Safety Valve Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) management programme. BCC will receive £53.79 million over seven years to address its historic DSG deficit. Whilst BCC ensures spending efficiencies, the DfE will make payments against the deficit. BCC is working with school staff on efficiencies to replace top-up; a Targeted Support Fund and an Outreach Service. Do let us know if you need more information on these changes.



Funding Opportunity for secondary schools and colleges Shella Coates Foundation are offering grants of £5,000 to schools and colleges across England to provide short term solutions to support the mental health and wellbeing of Autistic young people. Application deadline 7th May.

ENDCo Newsletter

Apply Here

ND Transformation Project

The Integrated Care Board (ICB), along with education and social care partners and parent carer forums in Bristol, North Somerset, and South Glos, are transforming the Autism & ADHD waiting list. They'll be trialing short-term solutions, including school staft using Neuropfiing tools. Keen to find out more? Get in touch!



Bristol Parent Carers updates

www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk

New Resource for school staff

Bristol Parent Carers have started to create a new flyer for SENDCos, similar to the one we already have for families. We hope that the flyer will act as a navigation support tool for the current local offer and also help connect schools to the voluntary SEND Sector. The leaflet is still in draft form and before it is finalised we would love some feedback from schools when you have

View here

Feedback

Together for SEND: Feedback

We are still collecting feedback from the Together for SEND event. We have received around 170 responses and aim to reach at least 200 to secure funding for next year and ensure we enhance the planning and execution of the event. A detailed report on how the feedback will be utilised will be shared soon. Please leave feedback below if you have not already.

Feedback

info@bristolparentcarers.org.uk

May 2024

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Free support sessions

Join us for free information and support sessions covering a variety of topics both in person and online, run by parents for parents.

No diagnosis is needed, this is a supportive space to connect, share experiences, and gain practical advice. Or you can just hang out with your camera off and not join in at all, there are no expectations from us.

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UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

We are really excited to be able to launch our new <u>Family Hubs virtual offer</u>, including a new package of online learning for every parent and carer in Bristol for free! The courses have been developed by the Solihull Approach, alongside the NHS, health experts and parents too! Our mission in Bristol is for every parent in Bristol to complete the Solihull Approach - the learning is for everyone, not only for when you are struggling!

Parents and carers can access the courses through this link <u>Family Hubs virtual offer</u> or by taking these 5 simple steps:

Step one: Go to the Solihull Approach

Step two: Go to incurplace tab on front page Step three: Click on "Apply Access Code" tab

Step four: Enter code : GROWING

Step five: Answer the monitoring questions and add your Bristol post code and you are good to ao!!

The courses range from Pregnancy and post-pregnancy support, how to understand your child or teenager's mental health, help for understanding relationships and support for children with additional needs

Online Safety

What Parents Need to Know!

Each newsletter we will provide a helpful fact page on an online game or issue. We know children will want to play online games with their friends and this can be a great way for children to have fun. However as you will be aware with every benefit there is also a disadvantage. Being aware of what these can be will help to keep your child safe.



This term's learning at FVA







Frome Vale Academy













You can stay in touch with what is happening at the academy by logging onto our Twitter feed.

Click Here





The CLF recruitment page is located HERE

AWS are our agency for student facing roles and they can be contacted HERE and if you are interested please get in touch HERE

School Governance—Clerk vacancy

There are also 2 roles for clerk to several schools.

Please click **HERE** if you are interested in this paid position



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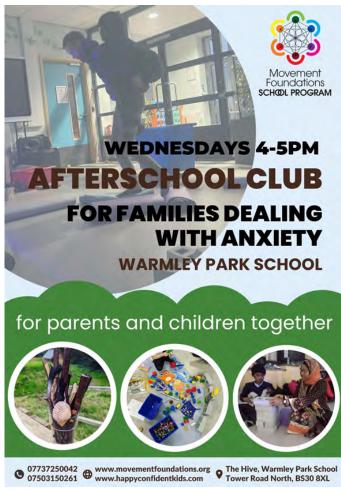




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for parents and children together







Do you have an autistic child who would like to meet other autistic children to build Lego?

Would you like to meet with other parents/carers of autistic children to have a chat while your child attends a club?

Free. For autistic children who are 6 - 12 years old. Starting Sunday 12th May, 11am - 12pm.

Taking place every other Sunday, term time only.

Booking required. Please email aprililes78@googlemail.com for further details and to book a place.



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· Dress for the weather as there is no shelter Contact:

Heidi.Blunden@accesssport.org.uk 07513 304 675

· Please bring gloves (if you have them)

· Wear long sleeves and trousers

*If its busy we will share the bikes between people!



ADULTS! Register using the QR. Children over 14 can attend on their own IF registered before. You only need to register once!





Come and find out

what's on in your

local community!

Free Tea, Coffee, Vassall Cake and Chats! **Older** People's Community Fayre 7th June 10am-1pm The Vassall Centre

Taster sessions Golden Oldies Choir 11-12pm Breathe with Subitha-

Stalls Include:

12-1pm

- Age UK Bristol
- Bristol Old Peoples Forum
- Colliers Gardens
- St Marys Church
- · Friends of the park
- WESPORT & more....

Half Term ideas

The May Half-Term Guide has been published This has a roundup of everything going on in and around Bristol over half-term! You can find it HERE

You can also click HERE for another round up of ideas







drop in with any questions.





If you would like further information please call us on: 07721 311 497 or email: psso@bristol.gov.uk / Once you have registered your interest, we will be in touch to find the best group option for you.

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- Gardening/Outdoor Wellbeing/Woodland Skills
- English ESOL
- Functional Skills English
- · Health and Social Care

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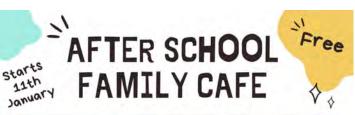














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