# Friday 22 November 2024 Mid Term 2 Newsletter



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Value of the term: Thankfulness Learning behaviour: Collaboration

What a great start to Term 2. Thank you to our PTA for organising both the end of Term 1 Disco and the Diwali Disco. Both events were fabulous. You can find out how much money has been raised by the PTA so far this year within the newsletter. We also appreciated all of you that joined us on the 11 November to help remember those who gave their lives in conflicts around the world. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children will be heading over to Bristol MET to watch "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" who always put on a show to remember and we cannot wait to see you all next week during our parents meetings. We know you can't wait to find out how your child(ren) are progressing here at FVA. Remember to bring pre-school siblings for photos at 8.15am on

#### We are Thankful



How can adults be more grateful. Start your free trial

Click on the logo above

#### We are Collaborators



Sharing, turn-taking, compromise
... They're all essential skills if
your child is to get on well with
other people, but they don't
always come naturally.
Click on the logo above

#### We are Thankful



A short video for children on what thankfulness is.

Click on the logo above.

#### Admissions for Reception Class 2025

School open day events—come and look around the school

Register now if your child is due to start school in September 2025, and tell your friends.

More information can be found HERE

Open dates are;

Friday 29 November @9.30am (extra date added)
Thursday 12 December @ 5pm
Friday 10 January 2025 @ 9.30am

## Online Safety

The London Grid for Learning have created a ready to use presentation for you to find top tips, discussion starters and resources to help empower yourselves to keep your children safe online and start those key safe-guarding conversations. You can find the resources to download using the link below;

Click HERE

#### Monday 25 November 2024

Wednesday 27 November 2024

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 November 2024

Thursday 28 November 2024

Friday 29 November 2024

Monday 2 December 2024

Thursday 12 December 2024

Thursday 12 December 2024

Tuesday 17 December 2024

Wednesday 18 December 2024

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Thursday 19 December 2024

Friday 20 December 2024

Tuesday 7 January 2024

PINS Meeting 9am in the main hall

School Photo Day

Parents Meeting days—bookings now open

Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Trip Y5 & Y6

Open Event @9.30am for Reception intake Sept 2025

Phonics Workshop @ 3.45pm—Parents Year R and Year 1

Gym Run Day

Open Event for New Reception Parents @ 5pm

Winter Show-YR, Y1 & Y2-9.30am in the hall

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Christmas Dinner Day. Book your child's lunch HERE

Christmas Jumper Day wear uniform too.

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Last Day Term 2—non uniform day

First Day Term 3

Key Dates for your diary



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# School Photo Day 27 November 2024





Our official photographer (Tulip Photography) will be in school on Wednesday 27 November 2024.

This is for individual photos for all children and pre school/in school siblings. (Arrive at 8.15am for pre-school sibling photos).

We require you to give your permission for your school age child to be photographed
We will NOT photograph your school age child without the consent being completed.



### You must give consent for each of your FVA children.

You can do this by clicking on the drop down button beside your child's photo in the top left hand corner of the dashboard and by then choosing your other child(ren).

## Photographs make a great Christmas gift

# Parent Meetings—Term 2

Our Parents meetings will take place on

#### 26 and 27 November 2024

We will be taking bookings for parents evenings through the My Child at School website or App. Bookings are now live.

If you have never logged in, please just go to the My Child at School (MCAS) app or the MCAS log in page  $\,$  using your internet browser.

Click on the "Reset password" and use the email address that we have on file for you

You will need to login to be able to book your parents evening slot. You must book a slot for each of your children.

You can do this by clicking on the drop down button beside your child's photo in the top left hand corner of the dashboard and by then choosing your other child(ren).

Chris Moxon
TG: 10B

Tyler Moxon
TG: 11T

Don't Forget

parents'

evening!



# Remembrance Day at FVA

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the whole school gathered together for a moment of remembrance that held great significance for us all. On this day, we paused to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have defended our freedoms and way of life.

As the clock struck the 11, we observed a two-minute silence, a powerful and solemn moment where every pupil, staff member and some parents stood together in shared reflection. It was a time to honour those who gave their lives in service and to recognize those who continue to protect our nation today.

Our Year 6 children played an important role in the ceremony, following the silence with a beautiful reading of a poem by Anon. Their voices, full of sincerity and respect, captured the gravity of the moment and reminded us all of the importance of remembering.

This year's Remembrance Day ceremony was a moving experience for our entire school community. The children's quiet respect and thoughtful attention were a testament to the significance of the occasion. It was a

powerful reminder that, as we go about our daily lives, we should never forget the selflessness and courage of those who have fought for our freedoms—both in the past and in the present.

As we reflect on the lives lost and the ongoing service of our armed forces, it is vital that we continue to teach the next gen-eration the importance of remembrance. In honouring the past, we not only pay tribute to those who served, but also ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

On this Remembrance Day, we took the time to remember—and to be thankful for—those who have given so much for the freedom we enjoy today.













Parents you are cordially invited to attend the Winter Show being presented by our;

Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

More information to follow but please save the following dates:

Tuesday 17 December @ 9.30am

Wednesday 18 December @ 9.30am







Last BIG Shop

Ends 30/11/24





# Winter Newsletter

Facebook - Friends of Frome Vale Academy Email - fvafriends@outlook.com

## Who are we?

Volunteers organising fun activites to raise money and build up the community of families who are linked with Frome Vale Academy.

# How can I get involved?

Scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp group or follow us on Facebook @Friends of Frome Vale Academy



# **Fundraising**

Our two discos were a huge success! Thanks to those who helped and attended

Autumn Disco = £316.56 Diwali Disco = £401.36 'Spots and stripes' non-uniform and the Year 1 cake sale raised £279.73 for Children in Need! Thank you for your donations





# Upcoming events . . .

Thursday 19th Dec - 3.45-5.30pm - Christmas Fayre

- Do you have items to sell? Book in advance (£5 per table)
- We need donations of teddies/ soft toys and books
- Can you offer raffle prizes through work or other contacts?
- Help needed to set up, run stalls at the event and tidy up





# FROME VALE ACADEMY PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

We are running a second Phonics workshop for families who were unable to attend the first one. Please join us in the FVA hall.

When? Monday 2nd December at 3.45pm.

Where? Frome Vale Academy Hall

**What?** Reception and KS1 Phonics information session for families.

Please pick up your child and bring them with you to the main hall. There will be some activities for them to do.







- 0117 353 2902
  - https://fromevaleacademy.clf.uk/
- Frenchay Rd, Bristol BS16 2QS

The children welcomed Ellie from Bristol City Council who gave an assembly on ways that we can be bright and be seen so that we can still travel actively when it is dark. Does your child have a bright coat? Is there anything reflective on their bag, bike, scooter or clothing? What more could you do as a family to make sure that your child is seen by cars and other vehicles?

Please take a minute to think about this question and ensure that your child is safe now the nights are longer. Please also consider your own safety. Do your car lights need a clean. Does your bike light work or does it need a new battery?

# Be Bright Be Seen!



# **KEEP YOUR CHILD VISIBLE**





The diagram above has been created by Modeshift Stars whose aim is to ensure that we recognise that any address within the circle is within a 5 minute walk of the school address.

Please if you can, try to walk to school if you are inside the circle, or if you drive from further afield, please try to park your car on the edge of the circle area and walk your child into school.

You will all get a little exercise, the environment around the school will be positively improved and our children wil be protected from the dangers that driving outside our school can pose.



## Parking for School drop off and collection

We are all aware that the traffic around our school can become very congested at drop off and collection times. However, it is vital that we all continue to drive respectfully and carefully to ensure the health and safety of everyone. Please also be mindful not to park across a local resident's driveway (however tempting it may be) as it is important that our residents are able to access or leave their own property without having to wait for a car to be moved. It is also important to ensure that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school at any time.

Please consider parking away from the school and walking. There

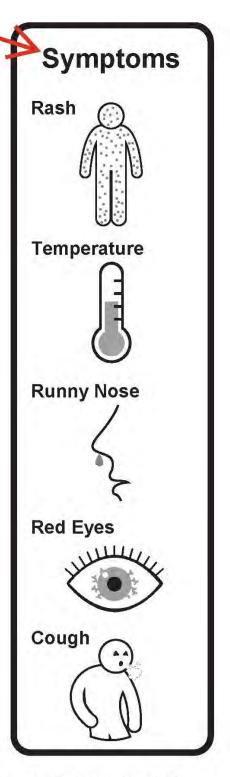
is plenty of parking between Overndale Road and the school and this meets our green objectives to Get Active to stay fit whilst ensuring the environment is not choked with exhaust pollutants.

Winter colds and flu are widespread at this time of year. However cold like symptoms in combination with a rash or red eye, could be measles. In this situation, please do not bring your child to school and ring 111 for further help and guidance.



# Measles is circulating

- if you notice a <u>rash or red eye with</u> <u>the other</u> cold like symptoms:
- measles is extremely infectious and can be serious
- Make sure your children get two MMR vaccines on time; the first at 1 year of age and the second at 3 years, 4 months
- If you or your children missed these vaccines, it's not too late. Ask for the free vaccine from your family doctor (GP) if you or your children aren't upto-date
- if you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. STAY AWAY from GP surgeries and A&E departments – you could spread the illness to others
- symptoms include: high fever; sore red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the first symptoms
- go to nhs.uk for more measles information





## School Attendance: The law is changing

## From 19th August 2024

#### **Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing**

The government is introducing a new National Framework for Penalty Notices

#### 5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks

#### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

> A school day has 2 sessions: 1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day

A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

#### What is a Penalty Notice?

A Penalty Notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second Penalty Notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences may result in criminal prosecution.

The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold is met – in each individual case, the school **must** consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate

#### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

Reduced to: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

#### Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance to the **same parent** for the **same child** the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

There is no reduction in the amount.

# Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time
Leave of Absence or irregular attendance by the same parent
for the same child (including those by other Local
Authorities) a Penalty Notice will NOT be issued but will be
referred to Bristol City Council's Education Welfare service
for Prosecution which may result in fines of upto £2,500 per
parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

Bristol City Council have the discretion to issue Penalty
Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases
where parents are deliberately avoiding the national
threshold by taking several term time holidays below the
threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other
family events.

#### Unchanged

Penalty Notice fines are issued **Per Parent**, **Per child**. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. For example: If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.

### 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



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This term's learning at FVA

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



Dads living their best lives





# Wednesday 18 December

Roast Turkey and Stuffing

or

with

Roasties, Vegetable Medley, Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding

and

**Snowy White Chocolate Blondie** 

or

Mince Pie Crumble Bar £2.40 per child

To order Click HERE





# THANK YOU

Frome Vale Academy

for raising a fantastic

£279.73

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBG CHILDREN IN NEED

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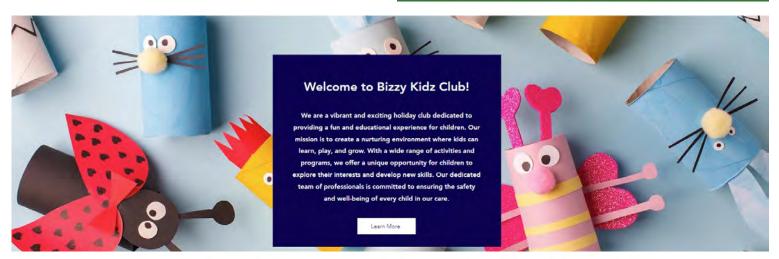




# Christmas Holiday Club @ FVA







FREE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES RECEIVING BENEFITS















cocktails and more!
for further info email
markets.theoldlibrary@gmail.com

### NEW After School Clubs



WOMEN OF COLOUR WELLBEING GROUP

MONDAYS ONLINE 6.30 - 8.30 pm



TUESDAYS ONLINE 6.30 - 8.30pm



THURSDAYS Easton Community Centre 5.30 - 7.30 pm

MEN'S WELLBEING GROUP

THURSDAYS ONLINE 6.30-8.30pm Do you have a budding footballer at home?
Would you like to get your little one playing football?
Well you can—FVA will be the new venue for Little Kickers

Contact HERE to find out more



## \!! NEW VENUE ALERT \!!

Frome Vale Academy, Frenchay Road, Bristol BS16 2QS
Classes starting on Sunday the 6th of October

Little Kicks:  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  years . Junior Kickers:  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  years . Mighty Kickers:  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 years



#### THE FUTURE OF DANCE

A New dance club is joining Frome Vale Academy from Thursday 7 November 2024.

The dance is for ages 3 to 17 and classes can be booked online **HERE** 

If you still want more information, please click HERE where you can find out more.

## Book your FREE Trial lesson HERE

Day	Start Time	End Time	Age Group	Style	Class
Thursday	17:15	18:00	Children 3 - 6	MF Dance - Minis	Mini Streetz (Ages 3 - 6)
Thursday	18:15	19:15	Children 7 - 11	MF Dance - Junior & Teens	Junior Streets (Ages 7 - 11)
Thursday	19:15	20:15	Children 12 - 17	MF Dance - Junior & Teens	Teen Streets (Ages 12+)



THURSDAYS ONLINE 6.30-8.30pm









## **Bristol Parenting Groups**

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free groups for adults run by Bristol Children's



For more information please call: 07721 311 497 or email: psso@bristol.gov.uk

Once you have registered your interest via: www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups we will be in touch to find the best group option for you.













FREE 10 Week Group





## The Nurturing **Programme**

A parenting group for parents of children aged 2 - 8 years old, run by qualified staff at your local Children's Centre. This group is for adults only.

- · Understanding why children behave as they do
- · Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- · Exploring different approaches to discipline
- · Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- · Learning the importance of looking after ourselves





If you would like further information or to register your interest directly then please call us on: 07721311497 or email: psso@bristol.gov.uk

Once you have registered your interest, a member of the team will be in touch to find the best course location for you (in person or virtual options available).













### Incredible Years

A parenting group for parents of children aged 2 - 8 years old, run by qualified staff at your local Children's Centre. This group is for adults only.

This programme will help parents learn how to:

- · Help their children feel loved and secure
- Encourage their children's language, social and emotional development
- · Establish clear and predictable routines
- · Handle separations and reunions
- · Use positive discipline to manage misbehaviour

Scan here to register your interest



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#### **Bristol Parenting Courses**

Did you know that via **Bristol Family Hubs** you can access FREE parenting courses?

Children's Centres across the city run courses for parents with children aged 4 - 8 years old.

Here is some information about what is on offer:

#### Parenting Puzzle

'Parenting Puzzle' is a 4 week course whereby you will be given the tools to respond effectively within daily family life and situations that arise as children grow, learn and develop. Suitable for parents with children ages 0 - 5 years old. In person and virtual courses available.

#### The Nurturing Programme

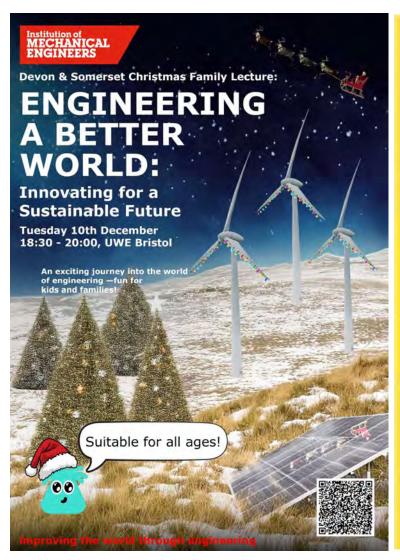
'The Nurturing Programme' is a parenting approach that is designed to provide adults and children with the understanding, skills, and ability to lead emotionally healthy lives, build resilience, empathy, self-esteem, and support positive family relationships. Suitable for parents with children ages 2 - 8 years old. 10 week course. In person only and creche available.

#### Incredible Years

The 'Incredible Years' Programme is designed to strengthen child well-being, promote social-emotional learning and academic competence, and prevent, reduce, and treat behavioural and emotional problems in young children. Suitable for parents with children ages 2 - 8 years old. 11 week course. In person only and creche available.

To register for a course please follow this link: <a href="https://">https://</a> forms.office.com/e/gBv9Z5EUHv

Following you submitting a form via the above link - you will be contacted with details of the next available courses.









# Beginners English Classes

Have you got a child in a CLF school? We are offering free ESOL classes for adults.



Location: Beacon Centre, City Academy Bristol

Classes start: January 2025



Enrolment day: Wednesday 4th December, 10am - 1pm

> Limited places! Ring 0117 954 2806 to book.





Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm (term time only) Fishponds Old Library (next to Fishponds Academy) BS16 3UH

After school space for families.

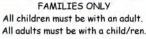
Free hot drinks and snacks.

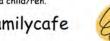
A child friendly space to play.











# Beechwood Playgroup

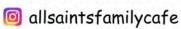
**Beechwood Playgroup** WhatsApp community



SCAN OR CODE TO JOIN WHATSAPP COMMUNITY FOR OCCASIONAL UPDATES









## About the Training Programme

#### What is Community Reporting?

Originating in 2007. Community Reporting has been developed across Europe as a mixed methodological approach for enhancing citizen participation in research, policy-making, service development, and decision-making processes. It uses digital, portable technologies to support people to tell their own stories, in their own ways via peer-to-peer approaches. It then connects these stories with the people, groups and organisations who are in a position to use the insights within them to make positive social

#### change Who are People's Voice Media?

We are a charity that uses storytelling as a tool for social change. Our work supports people to improve their own world and the world. around them by using lived experience to address inequalities and achieve social justice. We use lived experience stories to inform services, research and policy in a bid to change institutions, systems and society for the better.



#### 2-Day Community Reporter training programme (in-person) 5 and 6 December 2024 10am - 4pm (plus 1-hour online support session)

You'll be introduced to what Community Reporting is, different storytelling techniques, responsible practice (including ethics and consent), digital skills in audio and video, and how to use the Community Reporter website. You'll then be tasked with gathering 2 community stories - there'll be an online support session to help you!

#### 2-Day Story Curation training programme (in-person) 13 and 14 February 2025 (plus 1-hour online support session)

You'll learn how to analysis stories and identify key learning points in them. You'll use these insights to create a short group report and film based on the stories gathered. You'll be trained in basic editing and design, and have an online support session for additional help.

#### 1-Day Community Reporter training-the-trainer day (in-person) (plus 1-hour online support session) DATE TBC

Here you'll be trained in how to deliver Community Reporting workshops and training. You'll make a plan to deliver a session or training in the future, and the online support session will help you to implement this!

> To register your interest contact: Richard on Richard.Sleight@bristol.gov.uk



Hillfields Park, Pump Track

Information!

**Thursdays** 4PM-5PM

Come and try BMX!

- Sign-up on the day (first-come-first served)
- The coach can take up to 16 people at a time\*
- Everyone is welcome, all abilities
- Bikes and helmets are provided for free
- Please bring gloves (if you have them)
- Wear long sleeves and trousers
- Dress for the weather as there is no shelter.
- Bring a some water!

\*If there are more than 16 people, we will split the session into 2 x 30 mins and swap groups.

#### Contact:

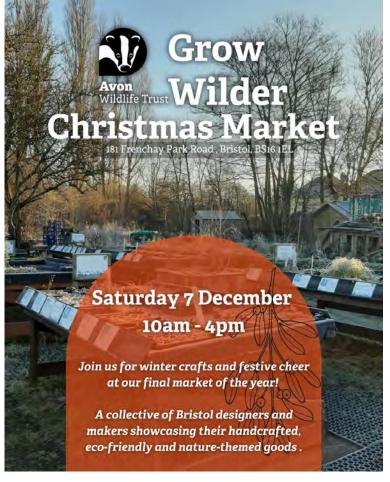
bmx@accesssport.org.uk



ADULTS! Register using the QR. Please sign in your child at the container and remain in the park. You only need to register once!

Volunteers wanted! Get in touch to find out more









# **Ignite Bristol Multi-Sport Festival**

For d/Deaf, Disabled and Neurodivergent people and their families to try local inclusive sports and activities.

## Sign-Up Open!





Sunday 24th November 2024, 1:30-4pm



Trinity Acadmey, Romney Avenue, BS7 9BY

Register your FREE place: https://bit.ly/IB-Multi-Sport-November24



















