End Term 1 Newsletter 2026 2027

Frome Vale Academy

Wednesday 23rd 2026

Term 6 2025 2026

Our Value of the term is: Respect

Our Learning Behaviour is: Motivation & Aspiration



As we finish the first term of the year, it has been wonderful to see our pupils embracing new learning opportunities, developing their curiosity and demonstrating our school values both in and beyond the classroom.

Across the academy, children have enjoyed a wide range of enriching experiences. In Art, pupils have been developing their drawing skills, exploring the work of various artists and learning how different types of lines can be created using a variety of media.

Our Early Years children embarked on their first Forest School adventure, learning important safety routines while immersing themselves in the natural environment through stories and exploration.

Meanwhile, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to the local church, where they explored the themes of generosity, humility and respect through activities linked to the Harvest Festival. These meaningful experiences help strengthen our connections with the wider community and deepen children's understanding of the values that unite us.

Year 5 also led the way with the first class assembly of the year. They showcased their knowledge of the Egyptians and their oracy skills.

The whole school took part in our termly debate of whether we should have a special table in the dinner hall to reward great Frome Vale Citizens behaviours. The outcome of the vote will be shared early next term.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and respect shown by our pupils and look forward to sharing more of their achievements next term.

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Goodbye



Farewell to Sonia

This term, we said a fond farewell to **Sonia**, who left her role in our school office after nine years of dedicated service to our academy.

Throughout her time with us, Sonia has been a valued member of the school community. Her warmth, professionalism, efficiency, and willingness to help have made a significant difference to staff, pupils, and families alike. As one of the first faces visitors would see and one of the many people working tirelessly behind the scenes, Sonia has played an important role in the smooth running of the school and has always gone above and beyond to support our community.

While we will greatly miss her presence in the office, we are delighted that Sonia is taking on an exciting new role within the **Cabot Learning Federation**. This is a wonderful opportunity, and we know that she will bring the same dedication, expertise, and positive spirit to her new position.

On behalf of everyone at the academy, we would like to thank Sonia for her years of service and commitment and wish her every success and happiness in the next chapter of her career.

Good luck, Sonia, and thank you for everything you have done for our school community. You will always be part of the Frome Vale family. 💙

Farewell to Miss Iles

Miss Iles has made the sad decision to leave FVA. She has been with us completing an apprenticeship course as a TA and supporting our Frome Vale Citizens across the school. We wish her well for the future.

A Warm Welcome



Hello everyone,

My name is **Michelle** , and I am delighted to soon be joining the team at **Frome Vale Academy** as an Administrator.

I have already received such a warm welcome from our wonderful pupils, families and staff, and I am looking forward to getting to know our school community over the coming months. My role is to help ensure the smooth running of the school office and to support families with any queries they may have.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything I can assist you with. I look forward to meeting many of you at events throughout the school year.

EDI day- Disability and Neurodiversity



At Frome Vale Academy, we are proud to celebrate and promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion through meaningful learning experiences across the school.

During our recent EDI afternoon, children explored what equality, diversity and inclusion mean in our community and why it is important that everyone feels valued, respected and included. In Year 1, pupils enjoyed sharing the story *Every Brain is Beautiful*, which helped them understand that people can think, learn and experience the world in different ways. They also explored a range of emotions through *The Colour Monster*, developing their understanding of feelings and emotional wellbeing.

Our older pupils took part in a variety of inspiring sessions designed to broaden their understanding of diversity and inclusion. Year 5 and 6 children participated in a powerful Dementia Awareness workshop delivered by the Alzheimer's Society, where they learned about dementia, the challenges it can present, and how they can support people living with the condition through kindness, understanding and awareness. They also took part in sessions with WECIL, exploring disability and inclusion. Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 pupils benefited from a special session led by one of our parents, helping them to learn more about neurodiversity and lived experiences.

We were incredibly proud of the maturity, curiosity and empathy shown by all of our children throughout the afternoon. Their thoughtful questions and reflective discussions demonstrated our commitment to developing compassionate, informed and inclusive Frome Vale Citizens who celebrate difference and champion belonging for all.

A message from the Academy Council

At Frome Vale Academy, we are proud to be a school where every child, family and member of staff is welcomed, respected and valued.

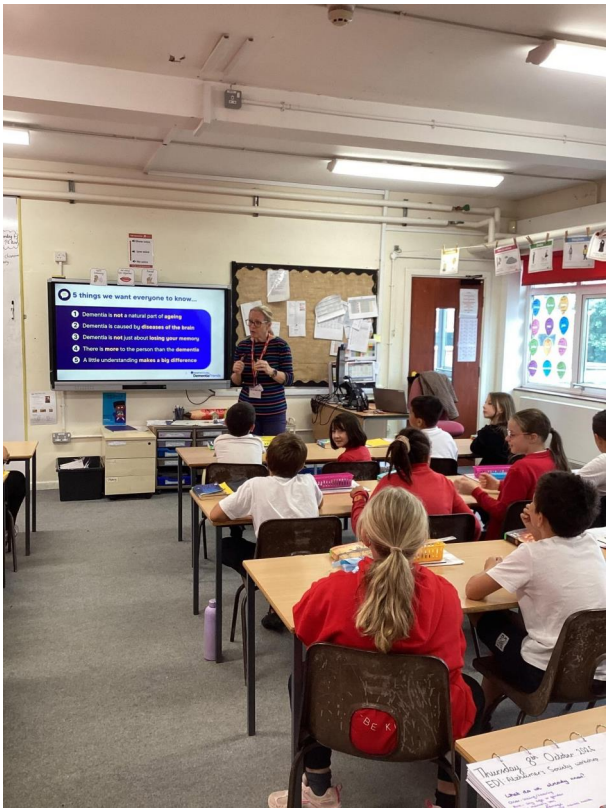
Our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) work is about creating a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where everyone feels they belong, regardless of their background, identity, culture, faith, disability, family structure or sexual orientation.

We celebrate the diversity within our school community and recognise that our differences make us stronger. Through our curriculum, assemblies, themed events and everyday conversations, we encourage kindness, respect, understanding and acceptance. We want every child to grow up with the confidence to be themselves while appreciating and valuing others.

We are committed to ensuring that all families feel seen, heard and supported. Whether you are new to our school or have been part of our community for many years, we want you to know that you are welcome here. We strive to build positive relationships with all our families and are always happy to listen, offer support and work together to ensure every child can thrive.

Creating an inclusive community is something we all play a part in, and we look forward to continuing this important work alongside our pupils, families and staff.





Oracy Centre of Excellence

Following our success in being awarded as an Oracy Centre of Excellence, we have featured in the Fishponds Voice

School helps pupils find their voice

A PRIMARY school has been recognised for its pupils' ability with the spoken word.

Frome Vale Academy has been named as an Oracy Centre of Excellence by education charity Voice 21, which works with more than 1,200 schools across the country each year.

The award recognises the school's work developing children's speaking, listening and communication skills, as a "beacon of good practice".

School principal Dr Jan Saunders said: "Being named a Voice 21 Oracy Centre of Excellence is a tremendous honour for Frome Vale Academy.

"Oracy empowers our pupils to find their voice, express their ideas with confidence and engage meaningfully with others.

"This recognition acknowledges the hard work of our entire school community and reinforces our commitment to ensuring every child thrives through excellent communication skills."



Children at Frome Vale Academy with the school's award

School vice-principal Maria Cerepanova said: "Oracy is at the heart of our curriculum, empowering every child to learn to talk and, through talk, express their ideas and engage meaningfully with others.

"We will continue to build on this success, ensuring all our learners have a strong voice for their futures. It is a wonderful achievement for our whole school community."

Voice 21 works with schools to help them deliver "high-quality oracy education", supporting speaking, listening, and communication on the curriculum, in teaching and across school life.

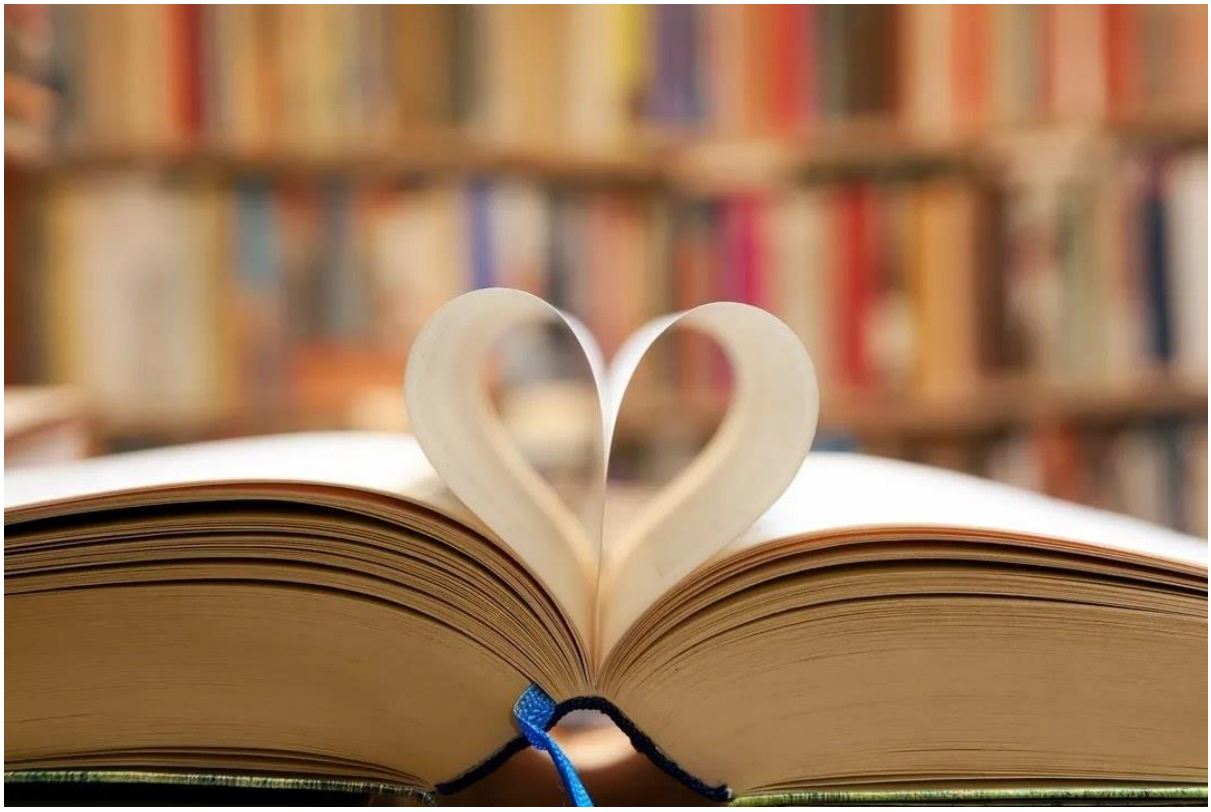
Voice 21 chief executive Dr Kate Paradine said: "The Voice 21 Oracy Centre of Excellence award certifies and celebrates schools that are changing the face of education.

"Frome Vale has demonstrated the quality of oracy education being provided across five areas of school life: their school's vision, culture, curriculum, learning and impact on students.

"This whole-school approach is at the heart of what it means to offer high-quality oracy education, which will enable every child to use their voice to thrive in school, work and life."

For more details about Voice 21 and its work, visit *www.voice21.org*.

School Uniform



School Uniform

At Frome Vale Academy we do not require you to purchase any item of clothing with a logo on it. Therefore you may purchase your school uniform from any major UK supermarket. We believe this will make it as low cost as is possible.

A logo school book bag is provided to all new pupils. If you need to replace the book bag, please order via My Child At School (MCAS)

Please ensure that you label every item of clothing to avoid your child's clothing being lost.

If you would like to purchase a book bag direct from the supplier, or if you want to add a logo to a jumper you can visit our local stockist which is:

Printsetters.com Ltd.

303 Two Mile Hill Road, Bristol BS15 1AP

Click HERE

Every child will need the following school uniform items

Logo book bag

Red jumper or cardigan

Red polo shirt

Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore

Red & White summer dress (optional)

Grey socks or tights

Black shoes

Labels for the uniform






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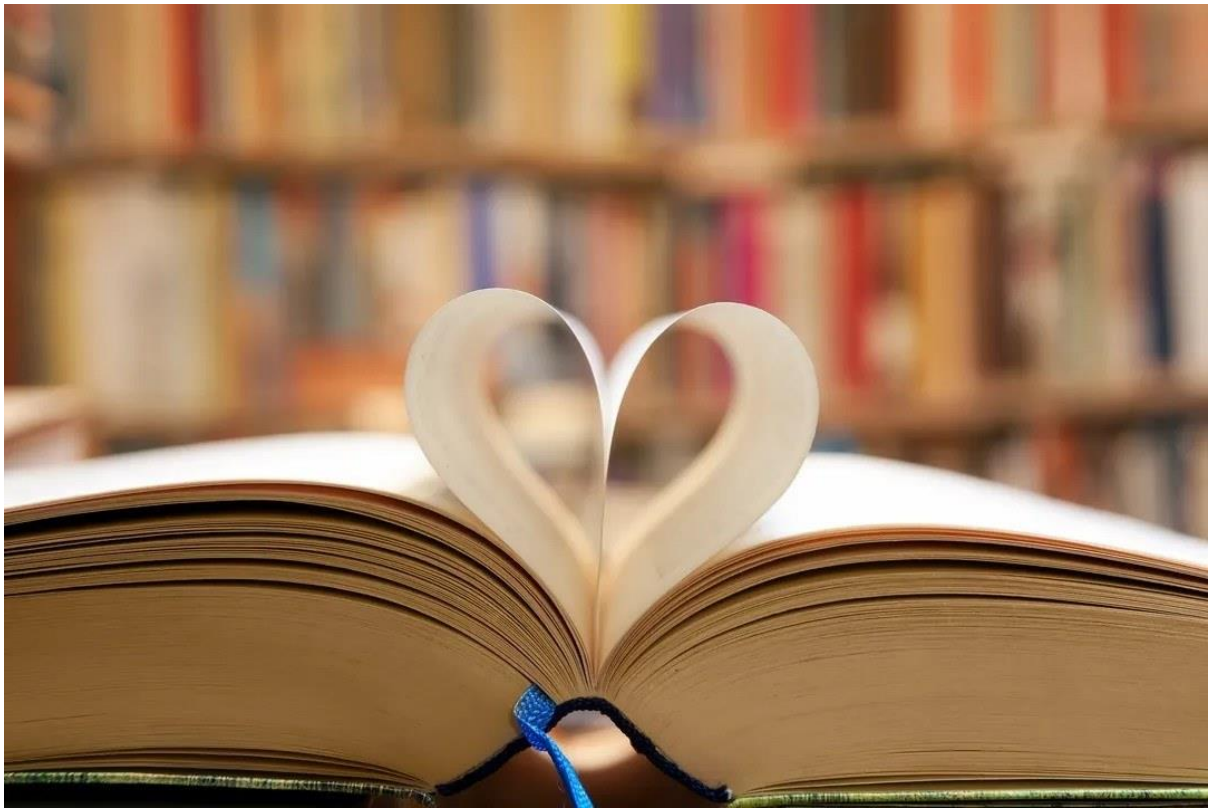








PE Kit



White or Black T-Shirt

Black Jogging Bottoms

Black Shorts

Black Trainers or Plimsolls










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Term Dates 2026 2027



Please find a reminder of the 2026 2027 term dates with you so that you can plan your holidays safe in the knowledge that your holiday dates do not overlap a school day(s). As you will be aware the government have increased the fines that are levied.

Your local council can give each parent a fine of £80, rising to £160 if you do not pay within 21 days.

Please remember: each parent will only get up to 2 fines for the same child in a 3-year period.

If you get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If you do not pay the fine in 28 days you may be taken to court for keeping your child out of school.

If your child is off school 3 or more times within the 3 years you will not be fined but may be taken to court.

Please be aware that we do not authorise term time holidays.

Calendar 2026- 2027
Frome Vale Academy

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Term	First Day	Last Day	Inset Day
one	Monday 7 September 2026	Wednesday 21 October 2026	Thursday 22 October 2026 Friday 23 October 2026
two	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 23 November 2026
three	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Thursday 11 February 2027	Monday 4 January 2027 Friday 12 February 2027
four	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 February 2027	
five	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027	Monday 3 May 2027 (Bank Holiday)
six	Monday 7 June 2027	Friday 23 July 2027	Friday 2 July 2027

Children's Scrapstore



Children's Scrapstore Membership Benefit for Frome Vale Academy Families

This a reminder about the benefit for our Frome Vale Academy families.

Children's Scrapstore is currently trialling parent and carer access through selected school memberships, and Frome Vale Academy has been chosen to take part. As a result, parents, carers and students connected to our school can now access the Children's Scrapstore warehouse as part of our existing school membership.

This offer provides access to the Scrapstore warehouse, where members can collect a wide range of creative and reusable materials. Please note that this access is for the scrap warehouse only.

Key Information:

- Access is available to parents, carers and students of Frome Vale Academy.
- A suggested donation of £7 for a full basket of scrap materials applies.
- The scheme runs alongside the school's existing membership.
- Access is valid until 1 September 2027.
- **A leaflet containing the access barcode can be found below - please ensure you take the barcode with you when you visit**

This is a fantastic opportunity to support creativity, crafting, home learning and sustainable reuse of materials. We hope many of our families will take advantage of this offer.

If you would like more information about Children's Scrapstore and the materials available, please do look at their website HERE

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PARENTS AND CARERS
SCRAP WAREHOUSE ACCESS

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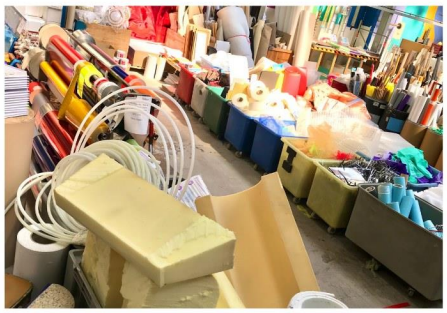
PLEASE SHOW THIS BARCODE WHEN YOU WANT TO ACCESS THE SCRAP WAREHOUSE

EXPIRY:
01/09/2027

This gives you access to the Scrapstore warehouse, where you can get unlimited baskets of scrap, for a suggested donation of £7 per full basket (minimum donation £1)

21 SEVIER STREET
ST WERBURGHS
BRISTOL
BS2 9LB

OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 10AM-5PM AND THURSDAY 11AM-5PM



WWW.CHILDRENSSCRAPSTORE.CO.UK

Term 2 PE Days and Forest School



Please can you ensure that your child wears their PE kits on the correct PE Days.

In addition, if your child's class is taking part in Forest School, please do ensure that they have suitable coats and footwear for the conditions on the day. **Year R and Year 1 will have Forest School this term.**

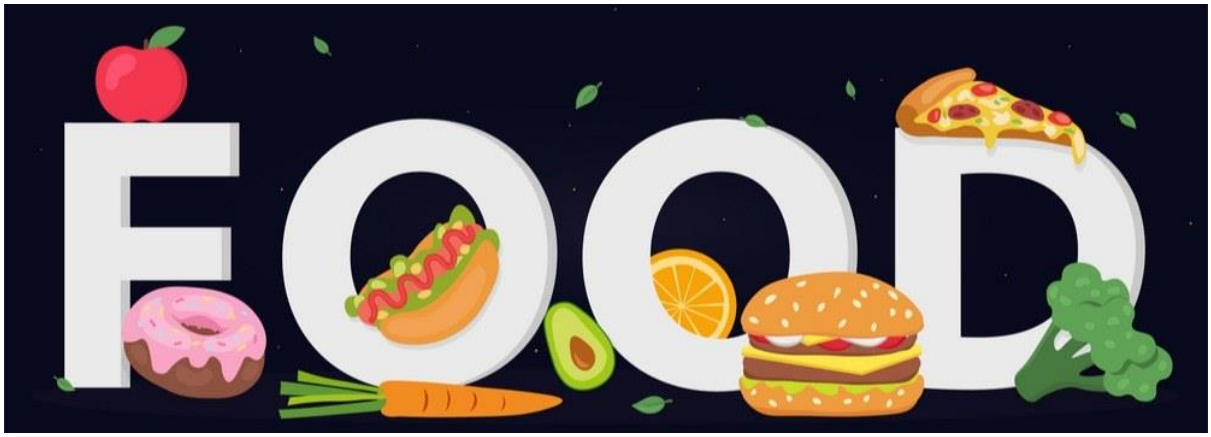
We provide puddle suits for our Reception Class children but please ensure they have hat, gloves and wellie boots if the weather requires it.

Please do not allow your child to wear jogging bottoms on non PE days.

Frome Vale Academy PE timetable term 2 2026-2027

Day/Session	9:00 – 10:30	10:30 – 10.50	11:00 – 12:00	12.00-1.00	1.00-2.00	2:00-3.00	3-3.30
Monday		Morning Play		Lunch	Reception Real PE)	Year 5 Real PE	
Tuesday					Year 1 Real PE	Year 2 Complete PE	
Wednesday					Year 3 Real PE	Year 6 Real PE	
					Reception Forest School		
Thursday	Forest School (Year 2)		Year 3 Gym Run (PE)			2-3 Year 4 Real PE	
	Year 4, 5, 6 Gym Run (PE)						
Friday						Year 1 Complete PE	

Menu for Term 2



The menu for Term 2 and beyond.

We have a new food provider called Innovate - they will be providing our children with healthy and delicious food from the 7 September 2026.

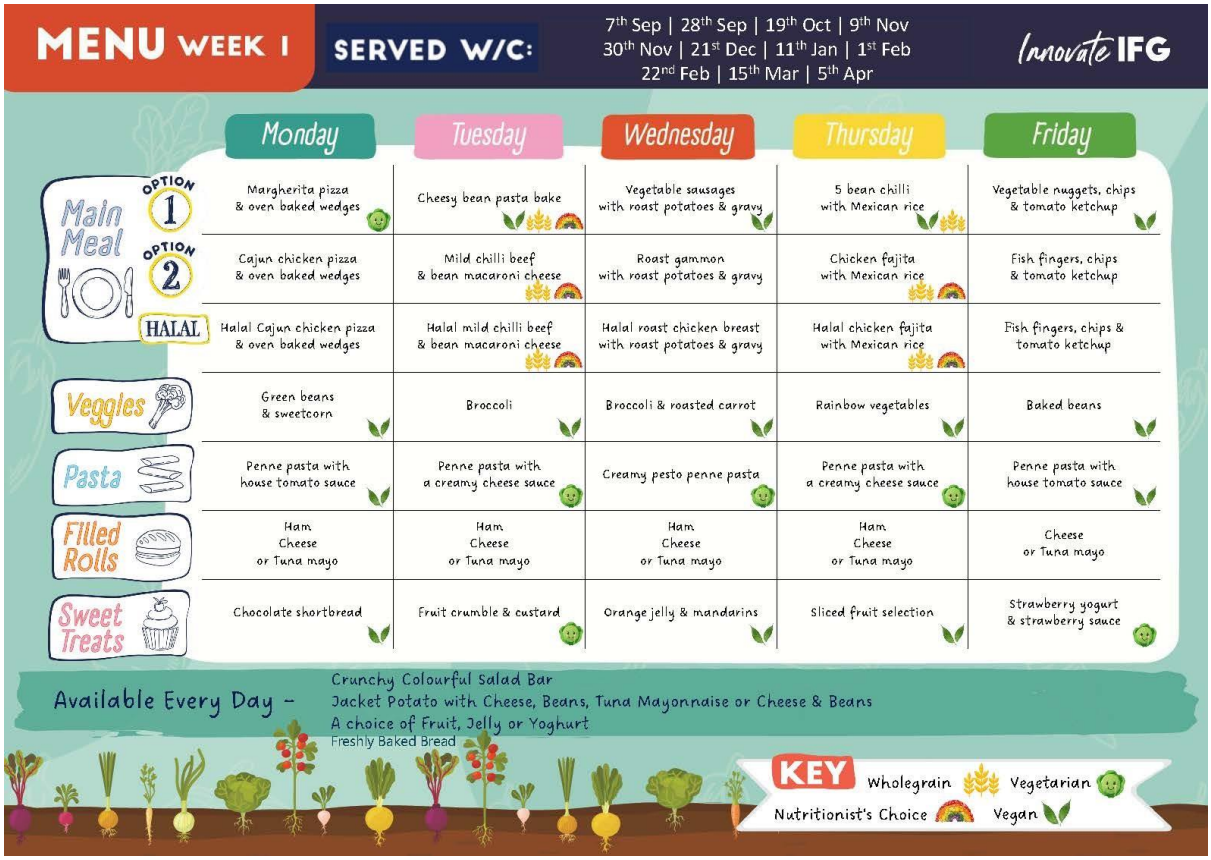
Please find below their new menus.

Please also remember that any child who is currently in Year 2 and who is not entitled to FSM will need to pay for lunch in Year 3 and beyond.

The cost of a meal is £2.85 per day

Meals should be paid in advance via MCAS

Free School Meal entitlement is being expanded - if you have been unsuccessful in being awarded FSM before and you are in receipt of Universal Credit - please do apply again **Click HERE** after the 17 August.



MENU WEEK 2

SERVED W/C: 14th Sep | 5th Oct | 26th Oct | 16th Nov | 7th Dec | 28th Dec | 18th Jan | 8th Feb | 1st Mar | 22nd Mar

Innovate IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Margherita pizza & oven baked wedges	Baked creamy mac 'n' cheese	Roast Quorn fillet with mashed potatoes and gravy	Mixed bean & vegetable fajita with Mexican rice	Vegetable sausages, chips & tomato ketchup
Main Meal Option 2	Sweet chilli salmon melt & oven baked wedges	BBQ chicken loaded mac 'n' cheese	Pork sausages (in a beef casing) stuffed yorkie, mashed potatoes and gravy	Mild beef chilli topped jacket potato with nacho crunch	Fish & chips with tomato ketchup
HALAL	Halal sweet chilli salmon melt & oven baked wedges	Halal BBQ chicken loaded mac 'n' cheese	Halal chicken sausage (in a beef casing) stuffed yorkie, mashed potatoes and gravy	Halal mild beef chilli topped jacket potato with nacho crunch	Fish & chips with tomato ketchup
Veggies	Peas	Rainbow vegetables	Broccoli & roasted carrots	Crudites and salad bar selection	Baked beans
Pasta	Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce	Penne pasta with house tomato sauce	Creamy pesto penne pasta	Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce	Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
Filled Rolls	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Cheese or Tuna mayo
Sweet Treats	Watermelon wedge	Apple pie with custard	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce	Watermelon wedge	Fruity flapjack

Available Every Day –
Crunchy Colourful Salad Bar
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese & Beans
A choice of Fruit, Jelly or Yoghurt
Freshly Baked Bread

KEY: Wholegrain, Vegetarian, Nutritionist's Choice, Vegan

MENU WEEK 3

SERVED W/C: 31st Aug | 21st Sep | 12th Oct | 2nd Nov | 23rd Nov | 14th Dec | 4th Jan | 25th Jan | 15th Feb | 8th Mar | 29th Mar

Innovate IFG

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Mixed bean bolognaise with penne pasta	Vegetable sausage stuffed yorkie, mashed potatoes with gravy	Roast Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Cauliflower & chickpea korma with mixed rice	Quorn dippers, chips & tomato ketchup
Main Meal Option 2	Beef & lentil bolognaise with penne pasta	Pork sausages (in a beef casing) with mashed potatoes & gravy	Roast chicken breast, roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken & chickpea korma with mixed rice	Fish fingers, chips & tomato ketchup
HALAL	Halal beef & lentil bolognaise with penne pasta	Halal chicken sausages (in a beef casing) with mashed potatoes & gravy	Halal roast chicken breast, roast potatoes & gravy	Halal chicken & chickpea korma with mixed rice	Fish fingers, chips & tomato ketchup
Veggies	Green beans & sweetcorn	Peas & carrots	Broccoli & roasted carrots	Tomato, cucumber & carrot salad	Baked beans
Pasta	Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce	Penne pasta with house tomato sauce	Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce	Penne pasta with house tomato sauce	Creamy pesto penne pasta
Filled Rolls	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Cheese or Tuna mayo
Sweet Treats	Lemon shortbread	Orchard crumble with custard	Strawberry yogurt & strawberry sauce	Chocolate & orange brownie	Sliced fruit selection

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Healthy breaktime snacks



As part of our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, we ask that children only bring **healthy snacks** for their morning break. Healthy eating plays an important role in supporting children's physical health, wellbeing, concentration and learning.

At morning break, children may bring:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apples, bananas, oranges, grapes)
- Vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes)
- Other simple healthy snack options agreed by school staff where appropriate

The following items should not be brought for break time snacks:

- Sweets
- Chocolate
- Crisps
- Biscuits

- Cakes and sugary treats
- Chewing gum

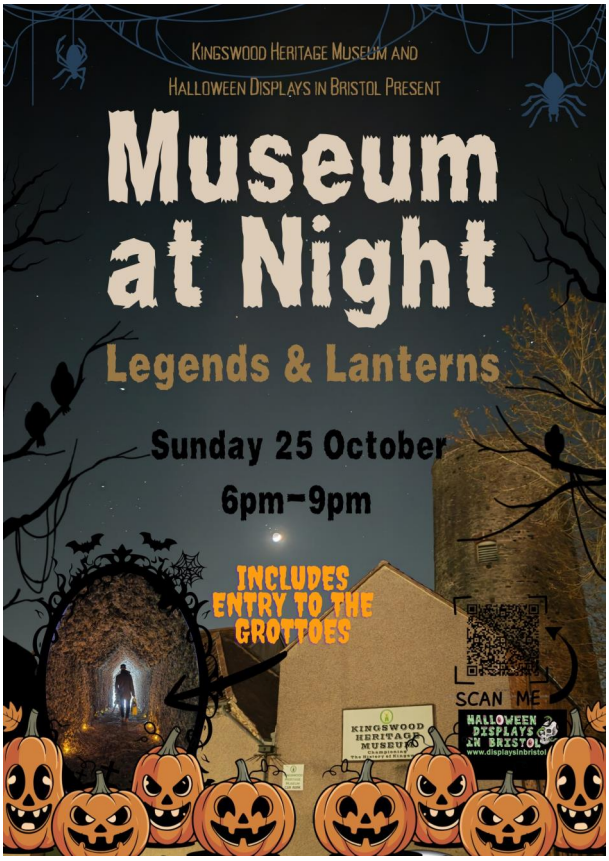
Any products containing nuts, due to the risk of severe allergies within our school community, should not be brought to school.

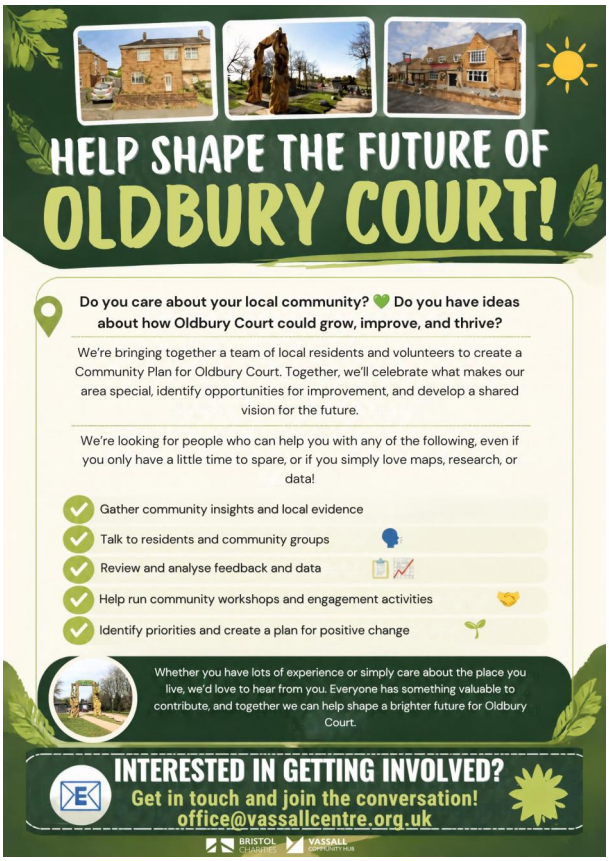
Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 already benefit from school-provided fruit through the school's fruit scheme, ensuring all children have access to a healthy snack each day.

We greatly appreciate families' support in helping us maintain a healthy, inclusive and safe environment for all pupils. By encouraging healthy snack choices, we can work together to develop positive lifelong habits and support every child's wellbeing.

Community Events




Kingswood Heritage Museum and
Halloween Displays in Bristol Present
Museum at Night
Legends & Lanterns
Sunday 25 October
6pm–9pm
INCLUDES ENTRY TO THE GROTTOES
SCAN ME
KINGSWOOD HERITAGE MUSEUM
HALLOWEEN DISPLAYS IN BRISTOL
www.displaysinbristol


HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
OLDBURY COURT!
Do you care about your local community? 💚 Do you have ideas about how Oldbury Court could grow, improve, and thrive?
We're bringing together a team of local residents and volunteers to create a Community Plan for Oldbury Court. Together, we'll celebrate what makes our area special, identify opportunities for improvement, and develop a shared vision for the future.
We're looking for people who can help you with any of the following, even if you only have a little time to spare, or if you simply love maps, research, or data!
Gather community insights and local evidence
Talk to residents and community groups
Review and analyse feedback and data
Help run community workshops and engagement activities
Identify priorities and create a plan for positive change
Whether you have lots of experience or simply care about the place you live, we'd love to hear from you. Everyone has something valuable to contribute, and together we can help shape a brighter future for Oldbury Court.
INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?
Get in touch and join the conversation!
office@vassallcentre.org.uk
BRISTOL CHARITIES
VASSALL COMMUNITY HUB

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COMMUNITY HUB

MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOUR SEWING MACHINE

FREE

HOSTED BY JANE ALLEN



Free workshops to get you comfortable sewing!

- Learn about setting up, threading, tensions, tips and tricks.
- Make a simple pocket tissue cover to take home.
- All materials provided free.

*Please **bring your own machine if you can** (if you can't, let Jane know)*
Each session is limited to 4 people

Vassall Community Hub,
Gill Avenue, BS16 2QQ

BEGINNERS WELCOME



FREE BOOK NOW

Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00pm, 7th October
Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00pm, 4th November
Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00pm, 2nd December

Booking is essential. Contact Jane on 05.jane@gmail.com to book your place.

Join LCB Kids this half term for our

LIGHT PARTY!

- A fun alternative to Halloween
- Creative Crafts
- Games
- Fancy Dress

Friday 30th October - 4pm till 7pm

For children in Reception to Year 6

At The Vassall Centre, BS16 2QQ

Pizza provided - Free to Attend, Booking Required

PLAY RANGERS

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

PLAY, HANG OUT & HAVE LUNCH

Outdoor play session

Aimed for children 6+*

FREE

1 - 3pm

Lunch for children

Monday 26th October

We bring lots of play to the green space:

Outside Oldbury Court Children's Centre, BS16 2QS

*siblings welcome





Children **aged 8 and over can come on their own** if they are allowed out unsupervised. They will be free to come and go as they please, so they need to be responsible for themselves. **Under 8's need to be with an adult.**

Led by: Children's Scrapstore

Funded by: Bristol City Council, BACA, The Nisbet Trust

No need to book, just come along. Scan for details or call 01179 14 3002

KINGSWOOD HERITAGE MUSEUM

AUTUMN CRAFTS FOR KIDS



Included in entry to museum
Adults: £5
Children under 16: Free

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2-4PM
TOWER LANE, WARMLEY,
BRISTOL, BS30 8XT

Visit Our Website
kingswoodmusuem.org.uk

Term 1 in photos










Sensory
Circuits

Piano Lessons - 2026 2027



Piano Lesson limited availability

Piano lessons will be held on Wednesday each week.

If you'd like your child to take part in Private Piano lessons, please register your interest directly with Link Learning via their website: HERE



Key Dates for your Diary



Key Dates for your Diary

From Trips to Inset days - your place to find out what is happening in school. Click the link underneath the clock to find out more.

We particularly want to highlight:

Disco 12/11/26

Parents evening 24th & 25th November

Year 3 & 4 trip to St Mary's Interfaith event

Year 6 Stone Henge 18/11/26

Year 1 - Christ Church Downend- Christmas Experience 24/11/26

Bring & share & craft event - 4/12/26

Christmas lunch 10/12/26

Reception & KS1 winter show 14/12/26 & 16/12/26

Bizzy Kids

☆ Book now for October Half Term ☆Bizzy Kidz Club is an Ofsted-registered holiday club for children in Reception to Year 6. 🎨 We offer a range of activities for all ages and interests 🔭🎖 The club is run by a highly qualified and experienced team 🌞 Our aim is for your child to have lots of fun in a safe, nurturing environmentFor more information, go to www.bizzykidzclub.com



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