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NHP News

Welcome to our newsletter - a little slice of what we've been up to at NHP!

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

	Friday 18 th September
Dragonfly Class	Rosie
Firefly Class	Joshua H
Koala Class	Remi
Panda Class	Anna
Iguana Class	Paige
Gecko Class	Leia
Jaguar Class	Lois
Leopard Class	Aubrie-Lee
Rhino Class	George
Buffalo Class	Henry
Attenborough Class	N/A

Free School Meal Changes for the 2026 to 2027 Academic Year

Free School meal eligibility is changing - Many families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM Criteria which is changing from September to the following:

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less

Expanded FSM, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earning of £7,400 & above

If you believe you may qualify for the expanded FSM please make an application now. Please see the link here: www.bathnes.gov.uk/form/apply-free-school-meals

School Meal Bookings

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

PARENT PACT

How many families at your school are choosing to wait?

Find my school →

The Parent Pact

See how many families at your school are choosing to wait — and add yours. The Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact: no smartphones until 14, no social media until 16.

The Parent Pact

A snippet of joy from every yeargroup!

Curiosity Corner

It has been a wonderfully busy start to the new term – the children have taken everything in their stride, from learning new routines to demonstrating incredible behaviour and embracing everything Curiosity Corner has to offer.

Drawing Club continues to be an integral part of our day. Our book of the week was recently *The Colour Monster*, which tied in beautifully with Wellbeing Week. The team were blown away by the children's emotional intelligence and comprehension skills. Mark-making is a huge part of what we do at nursery, and focusing on those early writing skills during sessions such as Drawing Club greatly assists the children with their communication and fine motor development.

It has been fantastic to see the children jump straight back into familiar routines, whilst welcoming those who are new to the setting with open arms. The children at Curiosity Corner take great pride in their nursery, and it is fantastic to see such a strong sense of belonging so early on in the term.



The Hive

The Hive has been buzzing this week! What a fantastic second week the children have had. The children have settled into school life so wonderfully, with new friendships blossoming as they play, learn and explore together.

We have been busy getting to know our school and exploring the different areas and spaces within it, including our wonderful Music Room and Library. The children have enjoyed discovering these new places and learning how they are used. It has also been lovely to see them becoming familiar with our daily routines and growing in confidence each day.

We have begun our Phonics learning too, and we have been amazed by the children's enthusiasm and excitement! They have shown such fantastic curiosity and eagerness to join in, and we are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes they are already showing towards their learning. What a wonderful start to Reception and school life!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic few weeks settling into their new school year, and what a busy and exciting start it has been! We have kicked off the year with our wonderful 'Wellbeing Week' where we explored the importance of making 'marvellous mistakes' and learning from them. We discovered that mistakes are an important part of learning and growing. We also had lots of fun doing teamwork challenges and enjoyed creating artwork that celebrates what makes us unique and special.

In Science, we have become 'Material Masters!' and we have been investigating different materials and their properties, using our amazing digital microscopes to take a closer look at our materials under the lens.

Our Picasso Room was transformed into a 'Colour Mixing Lab' where we explored the science behind the mixing of primary colours. The children were busy experimenting, making predictions and discovering how new colours can be created.

It has been a wonderful start to Year 1, and we are so proud of how the children have settled into their new routines, embraced new challenges and approached their learning with such enthusiasm. We can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings.



Year 2

Year 2 have settled in wonderfully and have made a fantastic start to the new school year. We have been working hard to adapt to the new expectations of Year 2, and the children have shown great enthusiasm, resilience and determination in all of their learning.

In English, we have been learning all about expanded noun phrases and have enjoyed creating descriptive sentences inspired by our current text, Look Up! It has been wonderful to see the children's imaginations shine through in their writing.

In Maths, we have been exploring place value and developing our understanding of two-digit numbers. The children have been identifying different ways to represent numbers without using numerals, using practical resources, pictures and objects to show the tens and ones within each number.

This week, the children have particularly enjoyed our Learning Launchers and have loved getting stuck into these exciting lessons. In Science, we have been exploring habitats, while in our wider curriculum learning we have been planting seeds for Navratri and recapping our brilliant knowledge of the Great Fire of London.

We are so proud of the positive attitude the children have shown so far and are looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead!



Year 3

In Year 3, we have had a wonderfully busy opening two weeks, but have really begun to settle into our new year and have had the opportunity to get stuck into lots of exciting learning!

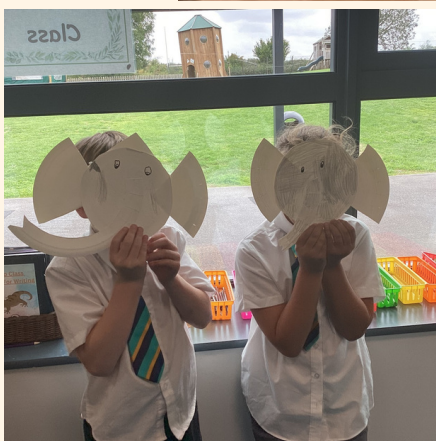
We launched our French topic with a fun and immersive lesson, where we sampled some French foods, sang French nursery rhymes and explored some of the famous sights of Paris through an augmented reality video.

In RE, we explored the Hindu festival of Ganesh Chaturthi by learning about Lord Ganesh and creating and decorating our own colourful Ganesh masks. In PSHE, we thought about the year ahead and set ourselves new personal goals, considering how we can challenge ourselves and make positive choices throughout the year.

We have also begun our new English topic, where we are studying *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin. We have started exploring the experiences of the Windrush generation as portrayed within this wonderful story.

In Maths, we have been revisiting and strengthening our understanding of place value, while in History, we have been getting creative with Ancient Egypt! We created striking hieroglyphic-etched prints of Egyptian canopic jars using oil pastels and black paint.

It has been a fantastic start, and we are incredibly excited about the learning, creativity and discoveries still to come. We can't wait to see what the weeks ahead have in store for Year 3!



Year 4

Year 4 have settled wonderfully into the new term and have already embraced a wide range of exciting learning experiences.

During Well-being Week, pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the activities each day. Their spaghetti and marshmallow structures provided a fantastic opportunity to develop teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills as they worked together to create their designs.

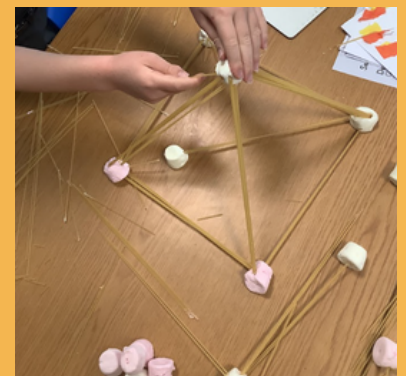
Pupils have also enjoyed our 'Learning Launchers', which have been designed to spark curiosity and intrigue around our new topics. In History, they created authentic and creative Greek shields to represent their learning about what it was like to be a Greek warrior. Pupils were able to justify their design choices using what they had learned about this fascinating era.

In Music, pupils have been getting their feet tapping as part of our Samba topic, learning about the origins and cultural background of this vibrant style of music.

We have already put our scientific enquiry skills to the test by investigating the melting points of different substances. Pupils have enjoyed making predictions, carrying out investigations and considering what their results tell us.

In English, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed our study of *Counting on Katherine* and are looking forward to discovering more about this influential and inspiring individual. They have also created informative texts about the Space Race, developing their contextual knowledge of this incredible period of history and the technological advancements that shaped it.

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we are looking forward to seeing where our learning takes us next!



Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year! One of the highlights was a visit to Norton Hill School as part of Thankful Thursday during Wellbeing Week.

Year 5 created a wellbeing hamper for the staff at Norton Hill, along with appreciation letters introducing themselves and asking questions about life at secondary school. Mr Green kindly answered all of their questions in person in the school's main hall before giving Year 5 a tour of the school. Year 5 loved seeing the work displayed on the walls and exploring the different areas where they may learn, eat and study when they move on to secondary school. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to get a taste of secondary school life and begin to feel excited and confident about this next step in their education.

In RE, we explored the Hindu festival of Holi. We learned about the significance of colour within the celebration and explored how different colours can represent different meanings. The children particularly enjoyed mixing colours and experimenting with different combinations to investigate colour mixing. The colour mixing also helped to build on the children's prior knowledge in Art, supporting their first lesson on tints, tones and shades. They were able to apply their understanding of colour mixing while developing their knowledge of how colours can be changed and combined to create different effects.

To launch our new English topic, we used our detective skills and magnifying glasses to discover clues and try to figure out who some of the characters in our new English text are. We found out they were Simone Biles, Usain Bolt, Beyonce and Barack Obama. All famous and talented black people. This introduced our new text *Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present* by Jamia Wilson. Inspired by Nina Simone's powerful song *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black*, the book introduces children to 52 inspirational Black figures from history and the present day. Through their stories and achievements, we have been learning about the incredible contributions they have made across a wide range of fields, including the arts, science, sport, activism and education.

It has been fantastic to see Year 5's enthusiasm and curiosity across all areas of learning in the last two weeks.



Year 6

As a new academic year dawns, a cohort of mini-Attenboroughs have effortlessly found their feet. Amidst the buzz of a successful Wellbeing Week, this group have collectively conquered a whole host of activities: from electronic STEM challenges and stunning displays of art, to orienteering across the vast landscape of our school grounds - there is very little this intelligent herd cannot overcome. Whilst the perils of a new and challenging curriculum can make even the most distinguished student cower, our Attenboroughs remain steadfast and strong as they work in a most resilient fashion - whether it is place value up to 100,000,000 or virtually exploring African civilisations. Tapping into their deep love of nature and the great outdoors, this class have shone during the newly established 'Wild Roots' sessions too. I am certainly invested in observing what else they will achieve for the remainder of Term 1 and beyond!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Date	Event	Info
Tuesday 29th September & Wednesday 30th September	Individual and sibling school photos	Details to follow
October	Black History Month	
Thursday 1 st October	Parent Coffee Morning	10am - 11am arrive via the main entrance
Friday 2nd October	National Poetry Day	Activities within school
Tuesday 6 th October	The Hive : Learn with me Phonics - Session 1 at 9am to 9.45am	Parents to book via Arbor
Thursday 8 th October	The Hive : Learn with me Phonics - Session 2 at 9am to 9.45am	Parents to book via Arbor
Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October	Space Week	Activities within school
Saturday 10th October	Annual Scarecrow Hunt	Details to follow
Monday 12 th October	Harvest Festival - The Hive : Session 1	2.30pm parents to book via Arbor
Thursday 15 th October	Harvest Festival - The Hive : Session 1	2.30pm parents to book via Arbor
Wednesday 14th October - Tuesday 20th October	Democracy Week	Activities within school
Friday 16th October	Just One Tree Day	Details to follow
Wednesday 21st October	Term 1 Clubs finish	
Wednesday 21st October	End of Term 1	
Wednesday 21st October	School Disco - Details to follow	Reception - Year 2 4.15pm - 5.15pm Year 3 - Year 6 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 22nd October	Inset Day	School and Nursery closed
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day	School and Nursery closed

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Date	Event	Info
Term 2		
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents Meetings	Details to follow
Thursday 5 th November	Parents Meetings	Details to follow
Monday 9 th November	Term 2 Clubs start	
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 1 - Learn with Me	9am - Year 1 parents welcome enter via the main entrance
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day	
Friday 13 th November	Year 6 Bath Taps into Science	Details to follow
Monday 16 th November - Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Activities within school
Wednesday 25 th November	Inset Day	School and Nursery closed
Friday 27 th November	Family Quiz Night	5pm - 7pm Details to follow
Tuesday 1 st December	Year 3 Christmas Production	2pm & 5.30pm details to follow
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 2 Christmas Production	2pm & 5.30pm details to follow
Friday 4 th December	Term 2 Clubs finish	
Tuesday 8 th December	Nursery Nativity	Details to follow
Wednesday 9 th December	Flu Vaccinations due today	Consent form emailed to parents
Thursday 10 th December	Year 1 Christmas Production	2pm & 5.30pm details to follow
Monday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Production	
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner	Details to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Chistmas Event	4.30 - 5.30pm : Details to follow
Friday 18 th December	End of Term 2	



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Invitation to schools: SEND coffee morning for families

Sendias Bathnes would like to offer a joint coffee morning (or similar event) for SEND families at your school. This would provide a friendly, informal opportunity for parents and carers to learn about our service and how we work together with schools and other organisations to support the best possible outcomes for children and young people. We can also emphasise that talking through any concerns at an early stage can prevent them from escalating into bigger issues.

At the coffee morning we can...

- Introduce our service and let families know how they can contact us
- Signpost families to other relevant local services and sources of support
- Where possible, join with local partners, for example **BANES Parent Carer Forum**, to provide a broad overview of the support available to families across Bath and North East Somerset.
- Share Sendias Bathnes leaflets and pens

If possible, we ask you to provide:

- A suitable space (hall/classroom) and a member of staff to welcome families
- A date and time
- Help promoting the event to families (through newsletters/other communication to parents)
- We can provide refreshments, if you have cups and hot water!

We can be flexible with dates and times for school coffee mornings and parent events – please get in touch to book us in:

Email: sendias@bathnes.gov.uk Phone: 01225 394382 sendiasbathnes.org.uk

Family Support & Inclusion Day

Come together, find support, and see what's out there for your family



Family Support & Inclusion Day - for parents, carers and professionals

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Doors are open from 9:30am - 7pm, join us at any time

Apex City of Bath Hotel
James Street West, Bath, BA1 2DA

Ever wondered what support is out there for your family? Not sure where to start or who to talk to? Come along, meet the teams and hear more from services. Pre-book your place or just drop in on the day!



Scan here for more information and to find updates on the event
banespcf.co.uk/event/family-support-inclusion-day



THE SCHOOL AGED HEALTH SERVICE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER A FREE WEBINAR ON PICKY EATING TO SUPPORT PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN. THE SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 10:00-11:00.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THIS VALUABLE SESSION!

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THE SCHOOL AGED HEALTH SERVICE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER A FREE WEBINAR ON HEALTHY BLADDER AND BOWELS TO SUPPORT PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN. THE SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER 10:00-11:00.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THIS VALUABLE SESSION!

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HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CLUB

5-11 year olds

Wednesday 28th October
10am - 3pm

Greyfield Wood, High Littleton
£35 p/child p/day £25 p/sibling p/day



www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now

