



Wellness Week

We have thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities that we have been able to access during this year's annual Wellness Week. We started off with 'Music Monday' where all the classes had a Djembe drum workshop with Abi, and also did all sorts of other activities in their classes such as drawing to music and creating their own raps! On Tricks Tuesday, we welcomed Adam Allsorts who gave us a very entertaining magic show followed by some workshops looking at how some tricks can be done. Turtle Class made balloon models and Seal Class also did their own science magic! On Wandering Wednesday, there was orienteering and map activities. Yesterday was Thrifty Thursday and the children worked in houses to transform the very generous cardboard donations into their own House Mascots! We were all so impressed at how well they worked as teams, showing cooperation, resilience and creativity. Today has been Foodie Friday and the classes have been busy making food for the whole school! Dolphin Class made pinwheels, Seal Class made fruit tarts, Shark Class made lemon cake and Turtle Class made pizza. Delicious!



Attendance

As we enter the final term of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance. There has been an increase in requests for absence during term time for holidays and long weekends away. These absences are unauthorised due to the long-term impact that they have on children's learning as well as increasing feelings of uncertainty about school due to the disruption of routine. The curriculum and lesson sequences are carefully planned to scaffold children's learning and understanding, so gaps that develop as a result of absence can lead to misunderstandings and misconceptions that can be difficult to address. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school, unless they are unwell, enabling them to thrive and flourish alongside their peers. If however you do have a planned absence coming up, you must always submit an 'Absence from school during term time' form three weeks in advance to allow time for the request to be processed. These are available from the office or via the [MNSP website](#) as an attachment at the end of the attendance policy. 'Confirmation of absence' letters from the school (whether authorised or unauthorised) shall now always be sent by email to both parents as required by the local authority.

We hope that you have a lovely half-term break and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



After school art club

Term 6 - Monday's for 5 weeks

GINA BELFORD ART

Art club helps children build confidence with painting, collage and drawing in an expressive way.



During term 6 we will learn how to create expressive abstract paintings. Over 5 weeks we will explore intuitive painting, how to create our own colours, learn how to layer a painting plus how to combine texture and pattern. The outcome? 6 individual abstract paintings on a sheet of A3 artist quality paper.

£35 per term, all materials provided.

To book: www.ginabelfordart.co.uk/after-school-art-club



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Some fabulous Spring Paintings created during Term 5 Art Club. Inspired by colours, words, flowers Birds and insects associated With Spring. We used a Number of painting Techniques plus collage.



Notices

- **ARBOR** - Please ensure your data on your child/ren's record is correct.
- **Clubs** - Please see below details of additional clubs for term 6:
Fizz Pop Science Club (Y1-6) Tuesday - registration is now open (via www.fizzpopscience.co.uk and click on the 'Cloud' and register on Arbor.
Ignite Sports (YR-6) Thursday - register [here](#) and please register on Arbor.
Musical Theatre Club - has been cancelled due to lack of the minimal numbers to make it viable - those who have paid will be refunded.
- **Dinners** - Please remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week. The menus for next term are now live to book.
- **Foodbank Centre and Lighthouse Centre, Bath** - Please click [here](#) for details.
- **Road Closure** - There will be drainage improvement works in Church Lane on Tuesday 26th for 4 days.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Sun Hat & Sun Screen** - Now the warmer weather is with us, please remember to send your children to school with a sun hat, sun screen applied and a water bottle topped up with fresh water.
- **Volunteers** - We value our volunteers who have stepped up to help around school. If this is something you would like to do; please contact the office.

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Diary Dates

June

Mon 1st
Thur 4th
Fri 12th
Tue 16th

Term 6 starts
Class Photos and Year 6 with Nigel Coles
Celebration Assembly
Dolphin Class Quadkids Athletics (details to follow)
New Intake Parent Meeting 4-5pm
Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition 12.30-3 (details to follow - small group attending)
Year 3/4 Tennis tournament 1-3 (details to follow - small group attending)
Leavers Moving Up Celebration at Wells Cathedral (please consent on Arbor)
Teddy Bears Picnic on the Field for New Intake 12-1pm
Celebration Assembly
Y4, 5 & 6 Bristol Beacon Trip (please consent on Arbor)

Thur 18th
Mon 22nd
Wed 24th
Thur 25th
Fri 26th
Tues 30th

July

Thur 2nd (not the 9th)
Fri 3rd (not Thur 2nd)
Tue 7th
Wed 8th

New Intake Stay & Play Session 9:30-11am and Shuffle Up day
Whole School Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Dolphin Class Matinee Performance 1.30-3pm (details to follow re tickets)
School Sports Day
Seal Class Quadkids Athletics after school (details to follow)
Dolphin Class Evening Performance 5-7pm (details to follow re tickets)
Last Celebration Assembly for this academic year
Last swimming session for KS1.
Y6 Pilgrimage to Paulton AM (details to follow)
Leavers Service at the Church 9-10am
Year 6 Final Farewell under the tree on the sports pitch 2:30-3:15pm
End of Term 6

Thur 9th
Friday 10th
Tue 14th
Wed 15th
Friday 17th

WILD CAMP
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Years R-6

MAY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMPS

St John's C of E Primary School
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Tues 26th May
Musical Theatre
OR
Football

Thurs 28th May
Street Dance
OR
Striking & Fielding Games
(Cricket, Rounders, Danish Longball etc.)

BOOK NOW!

SCAN HERE

Fri 29th May
Nerf, Dodgeball,
Archery & Football

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LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c May 25 2026 Half Term Fun

Late May Bank Holiday

Our Libraries are closed on Monday 25 May as it's a bank holiday and we'll be open again as usual from Tuesday 26 May

Bath Central Library - Fresh Fringe Family Festival

Tuesday 26 May

- Drama workshop for children aged 7-10 (improvisation, games and creative play)
- "Speedy" puppet show (story about racing snails and sibling rivalry)

During the week

- Family poetry and performance sessions with John Hegley and Suzi Corker (storytelling, music and creative activities)
- Interactive spoken word workshop with Caleb Simon (inspired by science and space)

Thursday 28 May

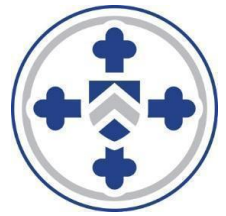
- Zine workshop for ages 11+ (create a mini magazine using writing, poetry and artwork)

visit <https://bathfringe.co.uk/> for details

Bath Central Library, Keynsham Library and Midsomer Norton Library will all have craft areas set up to pop in and use for free

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GO ALL IN.



Thought of the Week

'Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honour. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them.' (Luke 5:29)



In our society, we often place a lot of value on celebrating. Sometimes this is for something of real importance - a birthday, a wedding, the birth of a child. Sometimes the celebration isn't for any great event - celebrating a sunny day, reaching the end of the working week, sometimes getting to the end of a difficult day!

There are several examples of celebration in the Bible. In the Old Testament, there were seven annual festivals which after the Jews

went into exile increased to ten. Every week, Jews would also celebrate the Sabbath by having a special meal on Friday evening and many Jews still celebrate Shabbat to this day.

As we move into the New Testament, these festivals were still marked and celebrated - many of these Jesus celebrated himself. But there are also other examples of Jesus celebrating. When Matthew (Levi) decided to follow Jesus, he was invited to eat with Matthew and his friends. When Zacchaeus changed his ways and decided to pay back the people he had cheated, Jesus invited himself to eat at his house. Jesus and his disciples also famously attended a wedding in Cana and he even helped out with the wine! In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father throws a massive party when his son finally returns.

Many of us have an extra day to enjoy this weekend. This doesn't happen very often in our country so it is worth taking the opportunity to celebrate. One of the main reasons we have this bank holiday at the end of May is because of Whit Monday, a traditional Christian holiday celebrating Pentecost which was supposed to happen 50 days after Easter. Because the date kept changing, the government decided to fix it as the last Monday in May in 1971.

But the end of May also marks the beginning of Summer and it's usually the time when the weather improves and we can enjoy being outside more.

Whatever the reason, let's take the opportunity, if we can, to enjoy an extra day and see it as a reason to celebrate - celebrate family, celebrate summer, celebrate life.

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