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Ms Biss's Best Bits

It's so lovely to see the children outside making the most of this lovely spring sunshine at last.

I hope the weather holds out for us all over the Easter break!

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our families for your support this term and for your positive feedback on the parent/carer survey. We have taken on board feedback on communication and more positive feedback on behaviour and learning.



Our new Arbor communication system and the introduction of 'planet points' as well as our usual awards will continue to encourage our children to uphold our Green Rules and school values of kindness, fairness and respect. We can let you know more frequently how they are doing and when they have done a great piece of work in class for example.

Next term we would like to celebrate 80 years since VE Day on 8th May and communication will go out to families today regarding those celebrations. Please see dates for your diaries for all events coming up over the next two terms including sports, day, VE celebrations, SATs etc.

We would like to wish you all a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing all the children back on 22nd April.

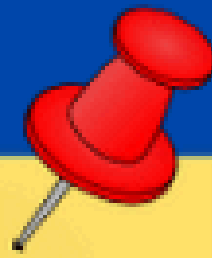
Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions and concerns. We are proud to offer an open door policy and encourage families to talk with us, if ever the need arises.

From lost toys to personal circumstances, we are always happy to help or book appointments with other members of staff that can help!

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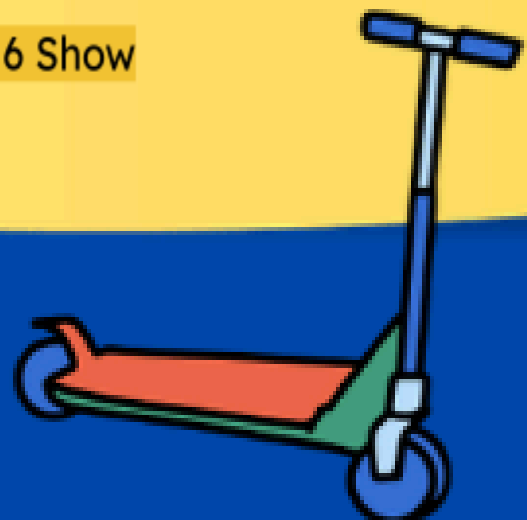
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Dates For Your Diary

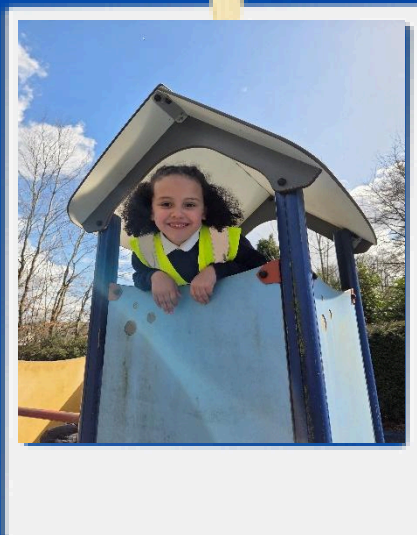
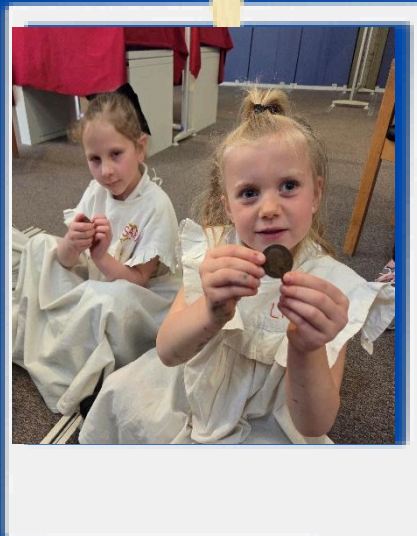
- 23rd April - Year 5/6 Trip to Field to Food at Bath & West Showground
- 25th April - Infant Wheelie Play (Alternate Weeks)
- 2nd May - Junior Wheelie Play (Alternate Weeks)
- 13th May - Reception Class Trip to Bath City Farm
- 12th - 15th May - SATs Week
- 26th - 30th May - Half Term
- 20th June - Sports Day
- 18th July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 - 16th May - Inflatable Fun Day
 - 3rd June - Class & Year 6 Individual Photos
 - 8th May - VE Day
 - 16th July 9.30am & 1.45pm - Year 6 Show



Radstock Museum

Our KS1 children had a fantastic time on their trip to Radstock Museum! They loved walking along the cycle path in the beautiful spring sunshine, dressing up and stepping back in time as Victorian children, and, of course, enjoying a fun picnic and playtime in the park!

The children were so well behaved that the volunteers at Radstock Museum wanted to convey "how impressed they were with the children. Their behaviour was excellent, they were very interested in everything and asked lots of sensible questions. They were a credit to your school."



Dance Umbrella

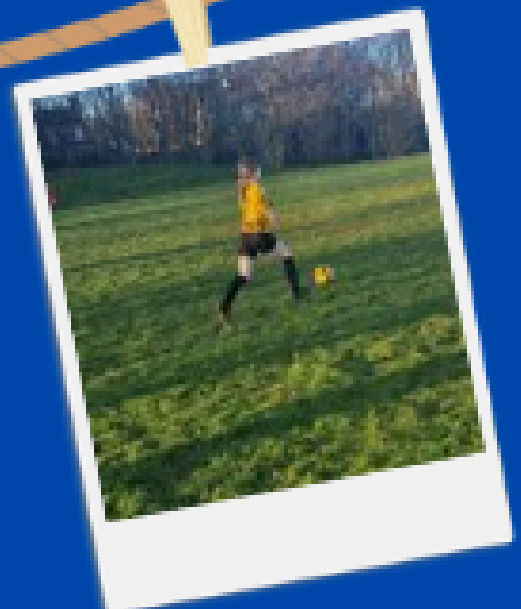
What a show! We couldn't be more proud of our girls! They captivated the audience with their poise, precision, and infectious enthusiasm. Their beautifully choreographed routines, coupled with their radiant smiles, made for an unforgettable evening. A huge congratulations to all the dancers for their exceptional performance and for bringing such joy to our school community!





We're bursting with pride at the incredible sporting efforts of our students this term! From the thrilling football matches where our team showcased exceptional teamwork and skill, to the cross country event where individual students achieved personal bests and also the amazing efforts made at netball and gymnastics.

We're so proud of the sportsmanship, dedication, and resilience shown by every participant. Well done to all our budding athletes!



Staff Leavers

GOOD
BYE!

As we approach the end of this term, we have some bittersweet news to share. We will be saying goodbye to four members of our school community: Mrs. Emma Harvey, Mrs. Michele Knightly, Mrs Viv Harvey and Miss Mia Harrison who are to fill new roles and have new adventures. Their dedication and commitment to our school has been invaluable, and they will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Emma Harvey has worked as a Teaching Assistant and Higher Level Teaching assistant at MSN Primary since 2007 and has wide experience across the school. Many of our children will have experienced her wonderful and skilful support from her many years in early years and more recently in Comets. Emma has contributed so much to many children's lives over the years and will be missed by the children & all of her colleagues . We wish her all the best in her new position.

Mrs. Viv Harvey has worked as a School Meals Supervisory Assistant since 2003. We would like to thank Mrs Harvey for her many years of dedication to supporting our children at lunchtimes and wish her a happy retirement.

Mrs. Knightly, as you know, has taught children right across the school over the past 4 years and has developed our forest school provision with passion and enthusiasm. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Miss Harrison has supported children in Mercury class this year. We would like to thank her and wish her all the best with her move out of the area.

good luck

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING



FIRST OFFENCE

1

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave 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.

2

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

3

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.



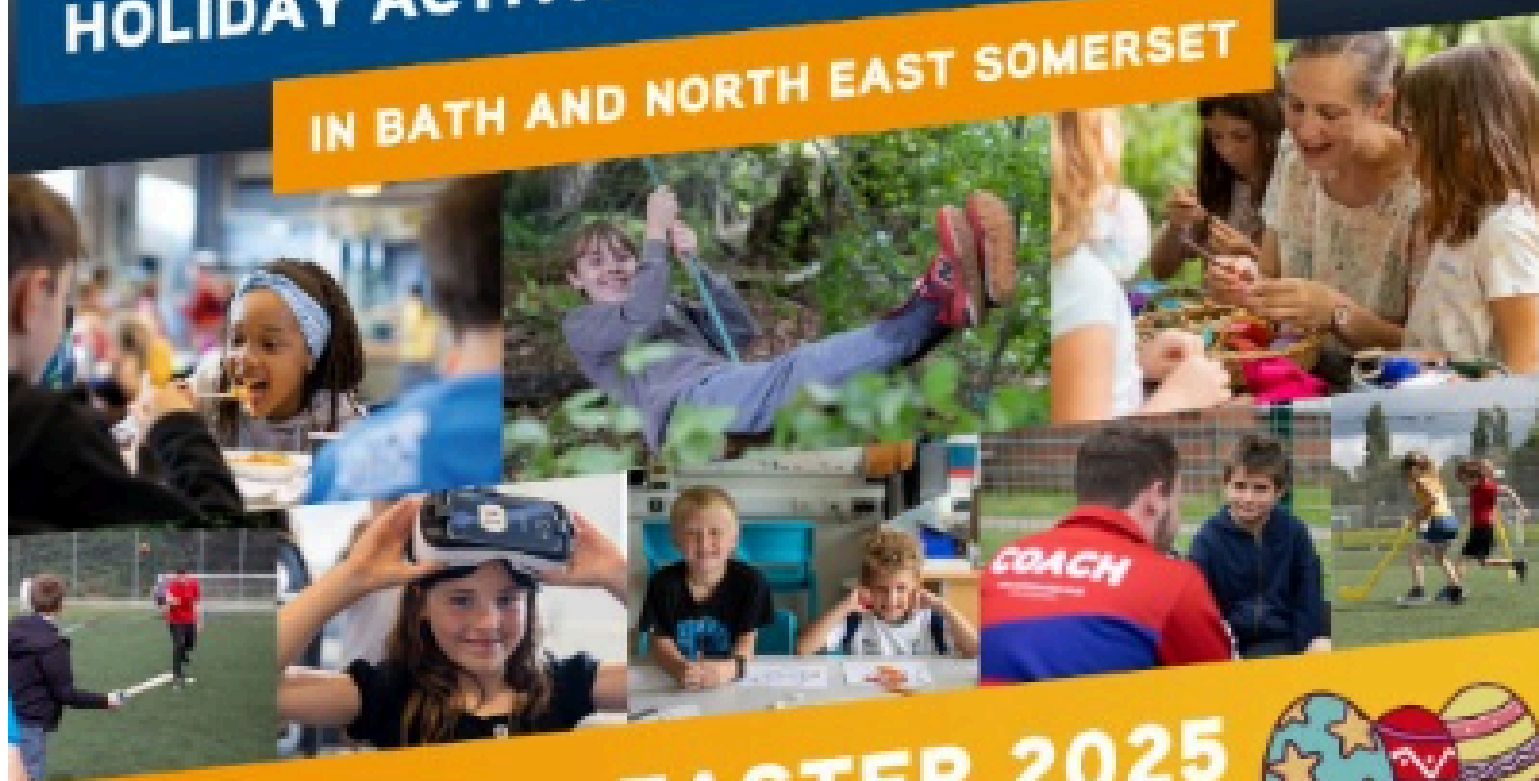
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YOUR HOLIDAY



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

IN BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET



EASTER 2025





HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME IN BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET EASTER 2025

WHAT IS IT?

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) in Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES) provides funded holiday activities for all children and young people aged 5-16 years old (reception to year 11), who receive benefits related free school meals (FSM). We have a wide selection of childcare, sports, outdoor education and activity programmes on offer across Bath and North East Somerset this Easter 2025.

WHO IS IT FOR?

All HAF camps and programmes are funded and include a meal for any child or young person in receipt of benefit related free school meals (FSM). We have primary/secondary aged provision available in B&NES, please only book a place if you know your child can definitely attend.

HOW DO I BOOK?

All eligible children and young people will receive their unique HAF pass through the Holiday Activities platform on Monday 24th March.

These will be sent directly to the contact associated with the child or young person.

You can then view and book the activities on offer from this direct link.

All children and young people have been allocated 4 credits, which can be used to book 4 different activities or dates across the Easter Holidays.



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