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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 3. We hope you're feeling rested after the Christmas break. We've enjoyed hearing all about the children's holidays and they've settled back into a new term brilliantly.

This term is a short term but there is definitely lots going on! We ended the first term with our annual talent show it was wonderful to see the children let their light shine! They were brimming with confidence and we are proud of each and every one of the performers and also the audience who watched respectfully and full of encouragement. See below for photos.

We also enjoyed a visit from Funf, our new therapy dog who some of you may recognise from the village. Funf will join us in school each Tuesday afternoon and she can't wait to work with the children. She particularly likes to listen to children read.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jones

**New dates will appear in red.**

## Key Dates for Term 3

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Census Day

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Chance to Shine Cricket workshops (All children wear PE kits)

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Maths Parent Workshop – Parents invited into classes to engage with their child/ren's maths learning

**Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January** – SEN 'My Support Plan' meetings – if your child is on our school SEN Register, call school to book a meeting to review their My Support Plan set at the start of the year

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – PTA School Disco (after school)

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – End of Term

## Looking Ahead

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** – World Book Day

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 13:30** – Newton Performance to parents

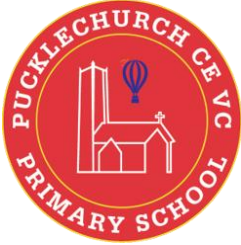
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 13:30** – Newton Performance to parents

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026** – End of Term 4

## Inset Days for 2025/26

- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026





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## Values Certificates

Every week, we award two children with  a values certificate in our Celebration collective worship. They are children who have shown our value of the term and acted as a role model to others

Seacole SJ – Reggie and Ronnie H.  
Armstrong IE – Elodie and Jaimie  
Armstrong CM – Tommy A & Tommy M  
Newton JB – Elma & Clara  
Newton AB – Archie & Isaac  
King SM – Lilly & Teejay  
King AB – Harry & Ben  
King AS – Marnie & Eleanor



A big well done to our Values superstars this week!

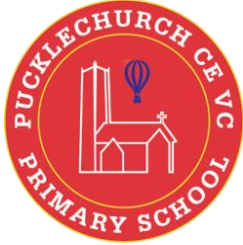
## Talent Show

Today saw the return of our annual ‘Pucklechurch’s Got Talent’ Talent Show. We were treated to an afternoon of singing, dancing, piano, magic and comedy.

Well done to all of the performers but particular congratulations to Immy H who won the KS1 category. Runners up in that group were Clemmie, Maggie & Winnie and Elodie. Big congratulations to Rae & Grace who won the KS2 category. Runners up in that group were Hettie, Alexa, Poppy, Rosey, Lucy, Ivy & Esme and Henrietta.

A huge Well Done to all of our talented Pucklechurch performers today!





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## Reading and Times Table booster Volunteers

We would love to welcome a team of parent/carer/grandparent/community volunteers into school to hear children read and/or support children practise times tables. If you feel you can commit a regular slot each week or more to this role, we would love to hear from you. You must be willing to allow school to apply for an Enhanced DBS Check, engage with safeguarding training in order to participate as a volunteer and be willing to work with children across all classes. In return, we can offer the opportunity to support children on their learning journey. No previous experience is necessary as full training will be given.

There is a financial commitment for school for every Enhanced DBS that we apply for so we ask that you only offer your time if you are able to make a regular commitment to this role.

Please contact the school office with the regular time slot/s that you are able to offer and please indicate whether you would rather participate in reading or times table sessions or both and we will be in touch.



## EYFS Admissions

**The closing date for applications to start primary school in September 2026 is before midnight on 15 January 2026.**

South Glos LIFE

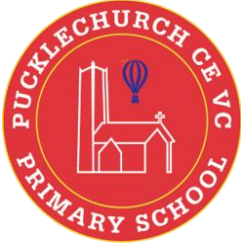


To find out more about how to apply for a place in a South Gloucestershire primary school, please click this link: [South Glos LIFE | Primary school admissions](#)

Applications can be submitted online via the South Gloucestershire Council [Citizen Portal](#)

Please be aware that pupils with an EHCP do not apply in this way – the parent / carer must liaise with their Lead Worker in the LA 0-25 Team.

Submitting applications after the deadline (late) greatly reduces the chances of being offered a place at your preferred school(s) **Please remember that having a sibling in attendance does not grant access without an application or guarantee an offer.**



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## Behaviour Curriculum

Next week, ur behaviour focus in schol will be around classroom behaviour.

We will be sharing these expectation in a behaviour curriculum lesson on Mondays, as reminders during Collective Worship and throughout the week.

The focus whenever we discuss behaviour with the children is around our 3 simple rules: Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn. This helps us to justify the rationale to the children.

When we consider classroom behaviour, the focus is on learning behaviours as well as behaviour in the more traditional sense. Our school motto is 'Aspire Believe Achieve' which is really embodied within the classroom and the children's attitude to learning – believing they can achieve something and putting in their best effort to ensure that they do is key to making good progress.



Pucklechurch way

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Safe  
Respectful  
Ready to Learn

## Classroom behaviour

At Pucklechurch, we know that

- We listen to adults when they are speaking
- We should follow instructions first time
- We listen *carefully* to each other when we are sharing ideas as part of our learning session
- We work at an appropriate volume so everyone can concentrate
- We should look after our classroom and our equipment
- We always try our best with each activity
- We do not leave the room without asking permission from an adult

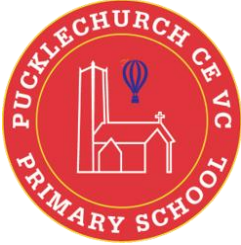
We can expect our adults to:

- Support us in our learning
- Help us keep our classroom tidy
- Encourage us in our learning

## Census Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

On Thursday we will have a special themed menu for Census Day. This day is where we ask for school lunches to be booked as this impacts hugely on our school funding. We really appreciate your support with booking lunch on this day.





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## Community Notices





**\*FREE Adult Courses for January 2026**  
Staple Hill and Downton areas

**ENROLMENT SESSIONS for courses below – just turn up: no need to book!**

Venue	Date and times
Staple Hill library	6/1/26, anytime between 4 – 6.30pm OR
	8/1/26, anytime between 10.30 – 1pm

You must provide photo ID with date-of-birth and recent proof of address, plus your NI number. Also, proof of residency status if you do not have a British Passport

Course title	Venue	Date and times
Functional Skills English	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Wed, 1.00 – 3.00pm. Starts 7/1/26
Functional Skills maths	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Thurs, 12.45 – 1.45pm. Starts 8/1/26
ESOL for Work	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Wed, 9.45 – 11.45am. Starts 14/1/26
ESOL Conversation Club	Staple Hill library	Thurs, 11.00 – 12.00pm. Throughout the year
Improving Digital Skills for Work & Further Learning	Christ Church, Downton	Thurs, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 15/1/26
Essential Skills for Everyday Living	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Wed, 12.45 – 2.45pm. Starts 14/1/26
Improve your Memory	Staple Hill library	Tues, 12.30 – 2.30pm. Starts 13/1/26
Upcycling for the Environment	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Tues, 12.30 – 2.30pm. Starts 3/2/26
Intro to Being a TA - workshop	Staple Hill library	Thurs, 10 – 2pm, 5/2/26
Growing your own food	Page Park allotment space, Staple Hill	Fri, 12.30-2.30pm. Starts 6/3/26 – TBC

**Contact Sam Jones, Development Worker with any queries**  
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\*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications, or experiencing other barriers to work. We will also need to see evidence of identity and eligibility for this course. Please contact us for further details





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Yate area

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	8/1/26, anytime between 4 – 6.30pm

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Course title	Venue	Date and times
Functional Skills English	Armadillo Youth Café	Tues, 12.15 – 2.15pm. Starts 6/1/26
Functional Skills maths	Poole Court -Yate Town Council	Thurs, 10 – 12pm. Starts 8/1/26
ESOL Skills for Life	Poole Court and Yate library	Mondays and Wednesdays, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 5/1/26
Healthcare Skills to support ESOL learners	Yate library	Wed, 1.00- 3.00pm. Starts 7/1/26
ESOL Conversation Club	Yate library	Wed, 12.00 – 1.00pm. Throughout the year
Improving Digital Skills for Work & Further Learning	Armadillo Youth Café	Tuesdays, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 13/1/26
Improve your Memory	Yate library	Wed, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 14/1/26
Introduction to Working in Healthcare Sector	Yate library	Wed, 9.30 – 1.30pm. Starts 4/2/26
Intro to Being a TA - workshop	Yate library	Thurs, 10 – 2pm, 12/2/26
Essential Skills for Everyday Living	Yate library	Wed, 1.00 – 3.00pm. Starts 25/2/26

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All of the below articles and notices have been shared in previous newsletters so that if you've missed it or want to check something again, you can catch up below.



## Spanish Activities at Home

Our Language provider, Language Angels has made some resources available for children to do at home. These include games and songs.



Each class has a single login – you will see it in the children's homework packs over the next couple of weeks. In a similar fashion to Timestables Rockstars, classes have been assigned modules that they have previously been taught. This is a completely optional homework activity but we see in our Spanish lessons just how much children enjoy the Language Angels content and enjoy practising new vocabulary so we wanted to give those that wish to do so, the opportunity to continue to practise their language skills at home

<https://languageangels.com/login>

Logins:

User / Password

Year 3 – NewtonJB / NewtonJB

Year 4 – NEWTONSD / NEWTONSD

Year 5 – KINGSMC / KINGSMC

Year 6 – KINGASAB / KINGASAB

TEACHER LOGIN	PUPIL LOGIN
Username	
<input type="text" value="NewtonJB"/>	
Password	
<input type="password"/>	
<input type="button" value="Login"/>	



## Parenting Courses

An increasing number of parents are requesting information about local parenting courses and workshops. Below are a selection of different offers from South Glos Parents and Carers that anyone is able to attend.



South Glos Parents and Carers are an organisation that are available in our community to give support to any parents and carers across South Glos who are navigating their child's SEND journey. Parents and carers can access their support in many different ways.

### Drop ins

Parents can receive support and signposting from their peer support team every **Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 1.30pm (term time only)** at their Community Base in Kingswood.

[SGPC Community Base in Kingswood - Tuesdays and Thursdays](#)

### Early Years Support

This is a dedicated session for parents of young children aged 0-5 years (including Reception year) to receive information and signposting from their peer support team and ask questions about your child's early development.

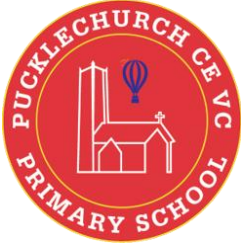
Children are welcome at the drop-in sessions, open every **Wednesday in the Patchway Children's Centre between 10am – 11.30am (term time only)**

[Early Years SEND support - Patchway Children's Centre](#)

### Workshops

South Glos Parents and Carers also run workshops on a range of different themes throughout the school year.

- Understanding and Supporting Behaviour - 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 10am-1pm (online)



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- Understanding ADHD - 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 7pm – 9pm - (online)
- Self Harm – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 7pm – 9pm (online)
- Understanding and supporting communication - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 0am-1pm (online)
- Understanding masking - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 7pm – 9pm - (online)

Click below to book a place on any of the workshops. **Most are online but occasionally they are face-to-face so always check the location.**

[Online workshops to empower you on your child's SEND journey](#)

In addition, SGPC have shared this message about a Health Care survey that they would like parents to complete if they have experience of navigating health care services for children with SEN.

**Help shape the future of SEND healthcare by taking part in a survey from the local parent carer forums in Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos (BNSSG)**

Navigating local health services for a child with SEND can be challenging, and parent carers know better than anyone how important accessible, timely and compassionate healthcare is. **That's why the local parent carer forums are inviting you to take part in a Health Services**

**Survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSCRLKC>

The parent carer forums want to understand how well the different parts of the system work for you - whether that's getting a diagnosis in the first place, managing your child or young person's condition, your experiences of communication between professionals, or the successes and challenges you've had with the many people involved in supporting your child.

By sharing your views, you're helping build a clearer and more accurate picture of what's working well and where changes are needed. Your real, lived experiences make a difference, and will directly inform how services improve for children and young people with SEND. Take the survey [now](#) or visit the South Glos Parent Carers [news page](#) for further information.

Working together for SEND families

Survey closes at midnight on Sunday 18 January 2026

If your child has special educational needs or disabilities, you know better than anyone how important accessible, timely and compassionate healthcare is...

Complete the survey

SCAN HERE

We want to know how local healthcare providers are doing - what's working well and what could be improved?

The three local parent carer forums - Bristol Parent Carers, North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together, and South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) - come together as BNSSG to make sure the collective voice of parent carers is heard and understood.

Your experience matters. Help shape change.

**🕒 Is your child on a waiting list? Your local parent carer forums want to hear your experience 🗨**

Many children with SEND are facing long waits for assessments, therapies, equipment, and specialist services - and we know these delays can have a huge impact on family life.

Take part in the **Health Services Survey** run by your local parent carer forums and tell them what life is really like behind the scenes. They need to understand how well local health services are supporting families, and where improvements are urgently needed.

👉 **Take the survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSCRLKC>

🕒 **Key details:**

- ✓ Around 20 minutes to complete
- ✓ One survey per child or young person



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✓ Completely confidential

✓ Closes midnight, Sunday 18 January

Your insight will help us highlight the real impact of waiting lists and push for better, more joined-up, more responsive care for families like yours. ♥

Brought to you by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Parent Carer Forums. Find out more here <https://sgpc.org.uk/news-feed/health-survey-2025>

## Restorative Conversations

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have implemented a ‘behaviour curriculum’ which will have a different behaviour focus each week. This week the children were reminded of behaviour expectations during break and lunchtime and the role that staff have in ensuring safe and respectful play.

At the centre of our behaviour policy and its implementation are positive relationships between staff and children. We always value the opportunity to listen to what the children have to say and discuss any unwanted behaviour calmly and discretely as part of their restorative conversation, ensuring the children understand any sanctions they receive.

Sometimes restorative conversations are difficult for children either due to their expressive communication skills or because they find it hard to admit to unwanted behaviour by discussing it aloud. At these times, we use a visual restorative conversation prompt which can help children recognise what has happened and why it was not ok in a way that allows them to express their voice by selecting the appropriate visuals rather than explaining verbally. We have attached the visual restorative conversation prompt along with this newsletter for any parents who wish to try the same approach at home.



## School Vaccination Service Survey

### Help us improve school vaccination services

*We have been asked by the NHS to share feedback about school vaccination services, and they would like to hear about your experiences of when your child / children have had their vaccinations.*

Here is a link to the survey for parents / carers: [BNSSG Parent / Carer Survey](#).

Your responses are completely anonymous, and they will help us to make vaccination sessions work better for families and schools.

Please complete the survey by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

If you need the survey in a different language or easy-read format, please contact us via [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net).

Your feedback is very important to us and will help us improve vaccination services for school communities.

**Thank you for your help**

