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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at Pucklechurch!

Highlights of the week include the start of our reading sessions with the newest member of our team – Funf from Pets as Therapy. Funf enjoyed a calm session in the library listening to groups of children read. We're already looking forward to next week!

It was also wonderful to hear Year 5 rehearsing for their performance in Spring with the professional musicians from Voices for Life. I was tempted to record a clip to share but we decided to keep things a surprise for the night. Parents received an e-mail reminder of how to book tickets this week. You are certainly in for a treat!

We also welcomed Chine to Shine back into school for a day of cricket. After the dreary weather this week, it was nice for everyone to finish the week with an active session outside.

We're going to be doing lots of work to boost the profile of reading in our school, particularly reading for pleasure. The National Literacy Trust have dubbed 2026 'The Year of Reading' and Pucklechurch are excited to be involved. See here for more details on this exciting year long project [National Year of Reading 2026 | National Literacy Trust](#) We started by spending part of this week remodelling and enriching our reading curriculum and some of our teachers had an exciting day of phonics training which we're really excited to bring back to classes all across school.

We'll also be refreshing our library and hope to involve the wider school community in our work to strengthen our reading culture at Pucklechurch. As mentioned last week, we'd love to hear from anyone who can commit to a volunteer role to support our reading journey but we'd also love to hear from anyone who can't commit consistently but would be available to offer support in other ways including occasionally being the special guest class story teller at the end of the day in your child's class. See below for more details.

We're really excited about what 2026 will bring for Pucklechurch and, as always, we're grateful of all of your support.

Have a lovely weekeend,

Mrs Jones

New dates will appear in red.

Key Dates for Term 3

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

Week Beginning 19th 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

27th and 28th Jan – Year 4 learning meetings

5th February 2026 – PTA School Disco (after school)

13th February 2026 – End of Term

Looking Ahead

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day

Tuesday 24th March 2026 13:30 – Newton Easter Performance to parents

Wednesday 25th March 2026 13:30 – Newton Easter Performance to parents

Thursday 2nd April 2026 – End of Term 4

Inset Days for 2025/26

- 30th January 2026
- 22nd May 2026
- 19th June 2026





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Welcome Back

We're really pleased to share the news that Mr Lavis will be re-joining our staff team again from Monday 19th January. He was a long-standing part of team Pucklechurch until April 2025 but left to pursue an alternative career path. He will be joining us again primarily as part of the King Hub team but will also cover in classes on occasion and will resume his role as a lunch break supervisor too with a focus on our lunchtime sport offer. We're sure you will join us in welcoming him back.



Behaviour Champions

Our behaviour focus last week was linked to the start of the day routines and transition into school. With this focus, the start of the day has felt much more setting in classrooms.



Our behaviour champions this week are:

- Seacole:** Lucy
- KS1:** Connor
- KS2:** Maddison-Rose

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.

In addition, we recognise that due to work and family commitments, not everyone is able to commit a regular time slot to volunteering. We have some more 'casual' opportunities too. If you'd like to offer to read our end of the day story in your child's class, we would also love to hear from you. Each day, at 3PM, the children end their day with a story. This may be a short story that can be read in full in around 15 minutes or a chapter from a longer class text of the term. If you'd like to come in just before pick up and read the end of the day text in your child's class, please e-mail the school office at admin@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk and we will allocate you a day.

The Great Pucklechurch Spring (Term) Clean

We are having a BIG Spring clean at Pucklechurch with a view to streamline our resources and ensure that the building is being looked after.



With this in mind, next week we are having skips delivered to help clear any unwanted items.

If you are able to donate some time after school one day to help us with this, please contact the Office.

Many thanks!



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Behaviour Curriculum

Next week, our behaviour focus in school will be around transitions within a lesson and at the end of a lesson. This includes the way the children move around the classroom – for example to and from their carpet space in the younger year groups or moving around the room to collect resources. It also includes the way the children line up and leave the classroom at the end of the session.

We will be sharing these expectations 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, or any behaviour we know the adults' responses and responsibilities are key. In placing this week's behaviour focus on transitions, we are also placing focus on making sure that the children are not subject to any unnecessary transitions, keeping things predictable and always ensuring that instructions are clear.



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Transitions within a lesson and at the end of a lesson

At Pucklechurch, we know that
When our adult signals, we should **immediately** stop what we are doing and listen.

When our adult signals, we should tuck in our chairs if seated or stand up if sat down

When our teacher signals, we should move to our table space or line up.

This should be done **quickly** and **quietly**.

We can expect our adults to:

Give clear instructions to help us

Keep routines predictable

Ensure most things we need are at our tables to reduce unnecessary transitions

Chance to Shine Cricket

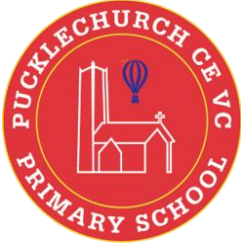


On Friday 16th January we were very lucky to have Rob from Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation join us for a day of Cricket! The day started with an engaging and inspiring assembly from Rob who shared his experiences in cricket and talked to the children about the importance of courage when taking part in any sport. The children asked some very interesting questions about Rob's experiences in cricket and how



they could get involved in playing themselves. Throughout the rest of the day each class had the opportunity to join Rob in a cricket session where they practised different cricket skills through fun games and activities. Before finishing their session Rob spoke to each class about how they can get involved in local cricket clubs throughout the year. We hope the children have been inspired to play cricket outside of school!





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Community Notices



St. Thomas à Becket
Pucklechurch

In a benefice with Abson, Doynton, Dyrham and Wick

Everyone welcome to Sunday 18th January
The Second Sunday of Epiphany



Our theme for today is:- come and see 

This is not a traditional service, but a relaxed time of worship when you can enjoy a hot drink and a pastry (or 2!)

Children and families welcome
Not sure about it?... Come and See!




 "The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity"
Amelia Earhart

There are no formal readings at Café Church.
The Rev. Elaine will be talking about
John 1: 29 - 42





**BRISTOL
CREATE
DAY**

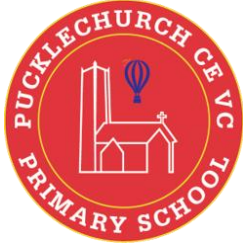
With Siobhan Clough

Sunday 8th February 2026
10:30am-3:30pm
Future Talent & West of England
Music and Arts

SIGN UP HERE

This Create Day will focus on **Open Scores** - a flexible, creative way of making music that welcomes all instruments and experience levels. Young musicians from **Future Talent** and **WEMA** will join together to explore ideas, experiment, meet new friends, and create new music as a group.

Trinity Academy
Romney Avenue
Lockleaze
Bristol
BS7



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This week we pray for

The Congregations of the Benefice, for Elizabeth and John Heal and the residents of Birch Drive.

Jan Twardowski was a Polish Roman Catholic priest and poet. Born in 1915 in Warsaw, he studied literature, then after the war he studied theology and became a priest in 1948. His poetry beautifully intertwines faith, love and everyday wisdom, making him one of Poland's beloved poets.

No Angel Helped

As he was dying on the cross
there weren't any miracles
no angel came to help him
rain did not cool his head
the lightning was daydreaming
struck elsewhere
the resourceful Holy Mother
did not arrive with a miracle
Faith means trusting when there are no miracles
A miracle means well
but obstructs faith.

Forthcoming Services

St. Thomas à Becket
Sunday 25th January at 10.00am. Holy Communion with Rev. Huw Davis.
The Readings
1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 25 Read by Bradley Parker
Matthew 4: 12 - 23
We will be led in prayer by Joanne Fern.

St. James the Great
1st Sunday of each month **Evensong 6.30pm.**
3rd Sunday of each month **Communion 8.45am.**

Contact: Church Administration T: 07895 963544
E: officepawdd@gmail.com
Boyd Valley Benefice

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

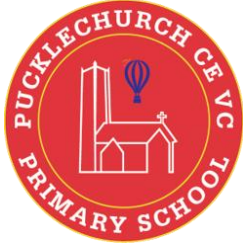
TEACHER LOGIN PUPIL LOGIN

Username
NewtonJB

Password

Login





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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 - 14th Jan 2026 10am-1pm (online)
- Understanding ADHD - 20th Jan 2026 7pm – 9pm - (online)
- Self Harm – 10th Feb 2026 7pm – 9pm (online)
- Understanding and supporting communication - 2nd March 2026 0am-1pm (online)
- Understanding masking - 31st 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](#)



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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:**

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
- ✓ 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>