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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, it was lovely to welcome parents into school for our maths workshop. Feedback was positive from parents and the children shared how much they love to see their family members in school so they can show off their learning.

The children may have mentioned that they've noticed work starting on refreshing our school library and book supply. We're making changes to our reading provision and the way in which children select books to bring home. We're not making any radical changes just tweaks but we're hoping that refreshing reading choices will continue to grow a positive reading culture that we feel passionate about at Pucklechurch. EYFS and Year 1 families have received a communication today about changes to their children's reading routines and we will let all parents know as we implement any changes that will impact on their child.

In the meantime, continue to record home reading in your child/ren's reading records. Some parental engagement with recording home reading is low so we'd love to hear any feedback regarding any barriers to this and any ways that parents feel we could make recording home reading more accessible.

Don't forget next Friday - Jan 30th is an INSET day so the children will not be at school.

Thankyou.
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jones

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 – Zeke and Ollie
- Armstrong IE – Beau and Lilla
- Armstrong CM – Thomas and Ollie
- Newton JB – Jacob and Louie
- Newton AB – Dashel and TJ
- King SM – Callun and Lucas
- King AB – Freya and Rocco-Jay
- King AS – Connor and Rae

A big well done to our Values superstars this week!



New dates will appear in red.

Key Dates for Term 3

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

Wednesday 24th June – Sports Day 9am-1pm (Parents welcome to watch and bring a picnic to enjoy lunch with their child until 1pm)

Inset Days for 2025/26

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



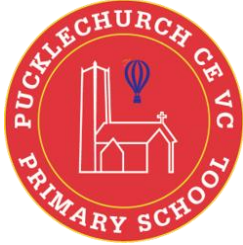
Behaviour Champions

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 settling in classrooms.

Our behaviour champions this week are:

- EYFS/KS1:** Tommy M
- KS2:** Isaac H





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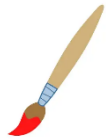
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The Great Pucklechurch Spring (Term) Clean

We are having a BIG Spring Clean at Pucklechurch with a view to streamlining our resources and re-organising them for optimum use. We currently have a skip on the premises to help clear our clutter! If you are able to donate time to help us with this, please contact the office. Thank you to those who have let us know they are able to help. As well as after school, there will be some times within the school day as we recognise that this is more convenient to some parents.



Many thanks!



If anyone is able to volunteer to do some painting and decorating please let the office know!

Staff carpark

A text was sent to all parents on Wednesday 21st January reminding parents not to park in the staff car park at the start and end of the day. This is to ensure the safety of your children on their journey to and from school. It also ensures that staff can park in the car park without the delay that navigating the car park is currently bringing to their working day. There have also been incidents of staff vehicle damage due to reckless driving/parking within the staff carpark. Despite this text being sent on Wednesday, several parents are still making the choice to park in the staff car park and are continuing to put children’s safety at risk. We would like to ask once more that parents do not use the staff carpark unless you have a clearly displayed permit which has been pre-agreed with school. We ask that any members of our school community that observe parking in breach of these expectations, to please report it to school so that it can be followed up directly.



Reading and Times Table booster Volunteers

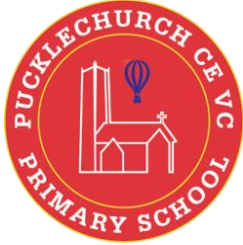
We would love to welcome a team of parent/carer/grandparent/community volunteers into school to hear children read and/or support children practise times tables. If you feel you can commit a regular slot each week or more to this role, we would love to hear from you. You must be willing to allow school 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.



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Communication with Teachers

Thank you to all parents who have supported our request to use the admin inbox to contact all staff. We hope you have found no change in the promptness of responses.

In addition, **we would like to request that parental discussions with teachers do not happen on the door in the morning.** If you wish to meet with your child’s teacher, please contact the office via e-mail and they will set up an appointment. If you have any ‘housekeeping’ notices such as pick up arrangements or medical appointments, these can be send to the admin inbox at any time and will be passed to the relevant member of staff. This arrangement helps to ensure that the teacher can focus on taking the register in the morning and settling their class into their day.

As always, we thank you for your co-operation and support.

Behaviour Curriculum

Next week, our behaviour focus in school will be around behaviour in the lunchhall.

We are focussed on ensuring that lunchtimes are a calm, sociable environment for everyone. We are working on ensuring that the volume of conversations is not too loud. Everyone talking loudly at once can be overwhelming for lots of children and if children are only talking to those on their own table, it is unnecessary.

Another point of focus is the mess that is often made when children spill their lunch on the table or floor. If children are sitting at the table with their chair tucked in, there is no reason for food to fall on the table or floor. It also shows respect to the staff who tidy up as having lots of food to clean off surfaces is an unpleasant job.

The children have been rising to our refreshed behaviour expectations with enthusiasm and commitment and we’re really proud of the difference they are making to the atmosphere around school.

Thank you for your continued support.



Pucklechurch way

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Safe
Respectful
Ready to Learn

Lunchtime in the hall

At Pucklechurch, we know that

We should **sensibly** find a space to sit or line up to get our lunch

In the line, we should use our ‘whisper’ voices to talk to our friends whilst waiting

We should make sure everyone has someone to sit with and no one is left on their own

At our table, we should speak at a quiet volume so only our table can hear us.

We clear our plates away before we leave the hall

We eat carefully so that food doesn’t spill onto the table or floor

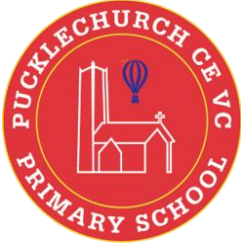
We do not leave any rubbish behind (it should go back into lunchboxes)

We should use our cutlery **correctly**

We walk **quietly** and **sensibly** from the hall down the corridor

We can expect our adults to:

Help us find a space if needed



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Community Notices

This week we pray for

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

Jon 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

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[Boyd Valley Benefice](https://www.facebook.com/BoydValleyBenefice)

future talent



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](https://www.trinityacademy.com)
[Romney Avenue](https://www.romneyavenue.com)
[Lockleaze](https://www.lockleaze.com)
[Bristol](https://www.bristol.com)
BS7

Sports update

This week has been a great one for sporting activities at Pucklechurch! On Tuesday, some Y1 and Y2 students took part in a Throwing & Catching Festival with Miss Southcott. The children had lots of fun apply their gross motor skills to a range of different games. On Thursday, Mr Boulton (bravely) took some of our year 5 and 6 girl's to a football event. Despite the difficult weather conditions the girl's had lots of fun and it was a great opportunity for some of our girl's to get involved in football.



On the note of girl's football – we still have continuing opportunity for girl's to participate in girl's only football on Tuesdays at lunchtime as well as taking part in mixed gender football on Monday, Thursday & Friday. We have noticed that less girl's are taking up this opportunity and it would be great to reinspire the girls at Pucklechurch. If you know anyone who would be happy to volunteer their time to a girl's only football club after school – either a one off session or a regular club please get in contact with Miss Southcott by emailing the office.



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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

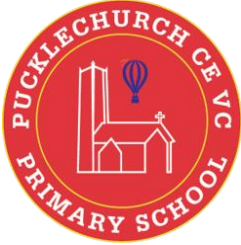
This is a dedicated session for parents of young children aged 0-5 years (including Reception year) to receive information and signposting from their peer support team and ask questions about your child's early development.

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.



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- 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](#)