

Pucklechurch Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Each term, we focus on a core value that helps guide our learning, relationships and personal growth. This term, our chosen value is Friendship which we've been exploring what it truly means to be a good friend - both in school and beyond. We always say that our values are not school values, they are values for life and make the difference of how we want the world to be.

To help us reflect on this value, we learn about the story of The Good Samaritan from the Bible. This powerful story teaches us about kindness, compassion and the importance of helping others, even when they are different from us or when it's not the easiest thing to do.

Through thoughtful discussion, the children explored how the actions of the Good Samaritan show us how to live our lives with empathy and courage. They considered how they could apply these lessons in their own lives - by looking out for other children who might need a friend, showing kindness at home and being brave enough to stand up for others.

We were incredibly proud of how reflective and mature the children were during these conversations. Many shared personal examples and ideas about how they could carry the value of friendship into their daily routines. Well done children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Capel

Key Dates for Term 1

- 29th Sept. 2pm** – New EYFS (26/27 cohort) show around
- 1st October 5pm** - New EYFS (26/27 cohort) show around
- 2nd October** – Census Day – please support us by booking a lunch
- 9th October 5pm** – KS1/EYFS Parents' Phonics information session
- 10th October 9am** – Reading Parent Workshop
- 20th -24th October** – Year 6 at Mill on the Brue
- 27th-31st October** – **HALF TERM**
- 31st October 2025** – Secondary School application deadline

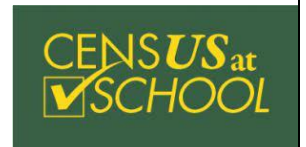
Inset Days for 2025/26

- 3rd November 2025
- 30th January 2026
- 22nd May 2026
- 19th June 2026



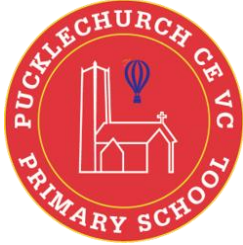
Census Day 2nd October

On Thursday 2nd October there will be a Census Day where the Local Authority collects information about pupil numbers for lunches. It would be really helpful to us if you could book your child a school lunch on this day as we need the maximum number of children booked on as this has an impact on our school funding.



Please book a school meal for your children on this day - it will help massively!

Many thanks for your support.



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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 & Lucy
- Armstrong IE – Jaimie & Louis-Jax
- Armstrong BM – Kiara & Leo
- Newton JB – Keira & Codey
- Newton SD – Flynn & Isaac
- King SMC – Willow & Lilly
- King AB – Phoebe & Harry
- King AS – Alexa & Sam

A big well done to our Values superstars this week!

Absence

If you are reporting a pupil's absence, please call 0117 937 2579 or please email the Absence mailbox at: absence@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk

Please do not send this into the admin email box or to class teachers directly.

Thank you.

Our Pucklechurch Values

At Pucklechurch we have 6 key values which we follow and which guide us in our lives. Alongside these values we use 6 bible stories which support us in our to make the right decisions and choices.

Term 1: Friendship The Good Samaritan



Term 2: Generosity The Lost Sheep



Term 3: Compassion Feeding the 5,000



Term 4: Forgiveness Jesus and the Taxman

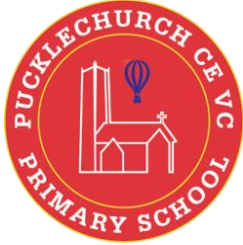


Term 5: Respect The Last Supper



Term 6: Courage David and Goliath





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PSHE

Our first Jigsaw unit for PSHE is ‘Being me in My World’. This covers a sense of belonging, welcoming others, being part of the school, wider and global community, exploring children’s rights and responsibilities and working with others.

Seacole – Who am I?

Year 1 – What makes me special?

Year 2 – What are my hopes and fears for the year?

Year 3 – How can we help others feel welcomed and cared for?

Year 4 – How can we make our school community a better place?

Year 5 – What are my rights and responsibilities in Year 5?

Year 6 – How can I make a positive impact for global citizens?

PTA Announcement

This year’s Conkerama will be held on Thursday 16th October at 3.15pm on the school field.



We will have hot dogs, hot drinks and sweet treats for sale. Lots of fun games and free autumn crafts!

If anyone is available to help out on the day, kindly make/ donate some cakes or would like to get involved in other PTA events please get in touch via the PTA Facebook page or email

Pucklechurch_pta@hotmail.com

Pucklechurch PTA

Flu Immunisations

School Flu Consent Form 2025/26



Sirona will be coming to Pucklechurch on 18th November for flu immunisations (nasal) for all children from Reception to Year 6. The link to give consent is below or alternatively scan the QR code below:

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/consent?v=4>

Lunches

Our school lunches are provided by ABM Catering. Please ensure meals are booked in advance via ParentPay. If you are experiencing issues with this, please contact the Office.

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send children to school with any items which contain nuts. This includes spreads and cereal bars.

Coats



A growing number of children are coming into school without coats. We try and get the children outside at break and lunch as much as possible to get fresh air but it makes it more challenging to do so without coats. Thank you for your support with this.

Gates

Please help us to keep the children safe by ensuring the school gates are firmly shut and that they are not propped open. when you come in and out.

This is much appreciated and helps to safeguard everyone on site.

Please close the gate securely behind you

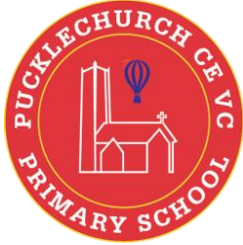
NO DOGS

ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Dogs

Please do remember that dogs are not permitted on site.

Many thanks.



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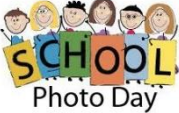



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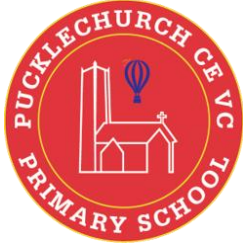
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 <p>School Photos</p> <p>Individual and sibling photos will be taking place on 6th November 2025. If you would like to bring younger siblings in to have their photos taken all together, they will start from 8.15. Please can you make your way round to the back of the hall. Please can children wear their full school uniform for the photos. If they have PE on this day, please can they bring trainers to change into.</p>	<p>New Reception Visits</p> <p>We are looking forward to showing off our wonderful school to potential new reception parents on:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 29th September at 2pm Wednesday 1st October at 5pm Thursday 9th October 9am</p> <p>Please contact the Office if you would like to come to one of these sessions.</p>
<p>Car Parking</p> <p>Just a reminder that the car park is for Staff only and those who hold a blue badge. Parents/Carers who have been given a Pucklechurch Parking Permit are also allowed to park in the car park.</p> 	
<p>Uniform</p> <p>Thank you for the effort you make with ensuring your child comes in wearing the correct uniform. We know how important this is and we really want all of our children to feel a sense of pride when wearing this.</p>  <p>Please don't feel that you have to have uniform with the Pucklechurch logo on as plain items are absolutely fine. If your child is entitled to free school meals, we do offer to buy the PE Team Pucklechurch hoodie, or other uniform items, so do get in touch if this applies to you and you have not had this.</p> <p>School shoes should be plain black (not branded shoes) but suitable for the children to run around in. As the children are out on the Daily Mile every day we do encourage them to run on or walk at a pace.</p> <p>Please note that 'branded' items such as football kits or hoodies are not allowed as part of the school's PE kit. Children should wear a red T-shirt with plain navy or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that shorts are longer than t-shirts for health and safety and all hair must be tied back - along with earrings removed. This is causing a challenge as a number of children are telling us they cannot remove earrings - if this is the case, (unless just put in) they should be removed before the child comes to school. Tape should only be used in exceptional circumstances such as having recently had ears pierced - which we do encourage to take place in the holidays to avoid this issue.</p> <p>We do continue to have a large amount of lost property! We know how frustrating this is for you as parents too, so please do make sure that all items are named, which means we can deliver them back to your child if they lose anything.</p>	
<p>Smart Free Childhood</p> <p>It is frequently in the media that children are spending an increasing amount of time on smart devices. Health professionals are reporting that too much screen time can have a detrimental effect on a child's attention span and ability to concentrate on other things. This concern has been echoed by thousands of parents nationwide and has been brought to our attention by some of our own Pucklechurch families through a movement called 'smart phone free childhood' which has useful resources for how to combat this.</p> <p>The resources around how to discuss this issue with others may be particularly useful.</p> 	



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<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/how-to-talk-to-other-parents>

Reading

Armstrong IE - 72%
Armstrong BM - 64%
Newton JB - 53%
Newton SD - 55%
King SM - 52%
King AB - 89%
King AS - 85%



Research shows that reading a little every day with your child increases their reading fluency and their love of reading. Please remember that we do ask children read 5 times a week as part of their homework.

House Points

Australia – 287 points
Brazil – 423 points
China – 421 points
USA – 423 points

Congratulations to **USA** who have earned the most house points this week!

Reading workshop

We are really excited to invite parents into our reading workshop on Friday 10th October from 9-9.40am. You will be able to come into the hall and learn about how we deliver reading in school and then have an opportunity to pop into your child's class to see their learning in action! You do not need to pre-book you can pop along on the day.

Year 2 and Year 6 Mini First Aid

You should have received letters with regards this workshop for Year 2 and Year 6. This is always a highlight of the year with children learning some basic first aid and what to do in an emergency. Please do give consent via Arbor.

Y7 Secondary School Applications

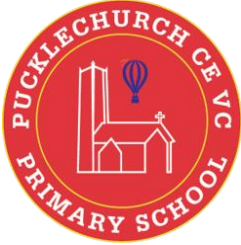
The deadline for secondary school online applications is 31st October 2025. If you miss this deadline you will not be allocated a place until the second release of applications which is April 2026.

Should you have queries, you can contact the council's admissions department directly. Please bear in mind that phone lines are very busy at this time of year, so please do not leave your application too late. Each secondary is currently advertising their open days where you can visit the schools and see them in action.

For South Glos. Council Click Here Email: admissionsandtransport@southglos.gov.uk Telephone: 01454 868008

Free School Meals (FSM)

Is your child(ren) entitled to a free school meal? Don't miss out on the benefit-related free school meal offer. You can quickly check if you are eligible and apply at www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals



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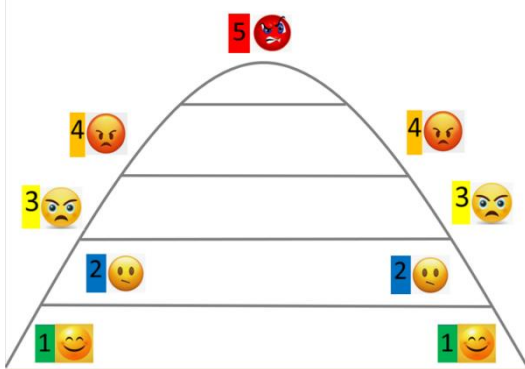
Thank you to all the parents that park safely and to everyone that uses our School Crossing Patrol. Just a reminder that for everyone's safety please DO NOT PARK, WAIT OR STOP on the yellow Zig zag lines or double yellow lines for any reason.

It's against the law.

We are very lucky to have Lorraine as our patrol, but please make sure to cross at her site as she can't ensure your safety if you cross further away.

Respect our patrol – she works hard to keep our community safe

Well-being



Well-being is an absolute priority at Pucklechurch. Just like English and maths, we make time each day for reflection and mindful practices. We teach the children strategies to help them to calm should they feel themselves beginning to rise up the 5 point scale. Find out more about the concept by clicking this link: <https://www.5pointscale.com/>. We teach the children that the 5 point scale is a curve rather than a ladder so that they see that whatever point they reach, it is always possible to return back to a calmer state.



We also teach the children reflective, mindful techniques to support them with refocusing on learning and turning off all 'noise' and slowing right down so that they can just be. Even though they may already be focussed and ready to learn during the reflection session, just like with any lesson, it equips them with the skills for whenever they need them. We use techniques such as finger tracing, breathing techniques, gratitude practices, 'Draw your breath' as well as responding to music.

Ask your child/ren which they find most effective.



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Progressive Sports

As you know, Progressive Sports are now the providers of our wrap around care. It's been lovely to see their breakfast and after school club in full swing and watching them getting to know the children. We've popped down to visit a couple of times and the children are having lots of fun! If you want to book onto either breakfast or after school club, you can do so by following this link:

[Enrolmy | Progressive Kids Bristol - Booking Calendar for Pucklechurch CE VC Primary School - Progressive Kids Wraparound Care | Sept - Dec 2025](#)

If you want to contact Progressive Sports, you can e-mail them directly at office@progressivekidsbristol.com or call them on 07946 656 332.



As well as a general breakfast and after school club they will also be offering a different sports club each day. Just scan the QR code on the flyer opposite to book. The booking screen looks like this:

Just check the flyer to see which sport club runs on which day and select the corresponding day on the booking form to book on.

Select the recurring sessions you want to book...

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Breakfast Club (7:30am to 8:40am)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports Club (3:15pm to 4:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After School Short Session (3:15pm to 4:31pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After School Full Session (3:15pm to 6:00pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
After School Add On Session 4:30pm Onwards (4:30pm to 6:00pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dear Parents and Carers,
Not long until the Progressive Kids Roadshow arrives at Pucklechurch Primary!

Here's what your children can expect:

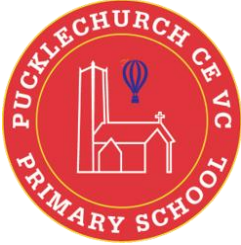
- 🎈 Balloon Magic with Jojo: Professional entertainer creating amazing balloon animals, swords and magical creations
- 🔪 Mad Science Lab: Fizz, foam and fun! Launching boom rockets, making slime and explosive experiments
- 🐍 Reptile Adventure Zone: Live snakes, lizards and reptiles with Bristol Reptile Encounters - truly hands-on!
- 🍕 Pizza Chef Workshop: Children create and make their own personal pizza masterpieces
- 🎧 Silent Disco Party: Professional equipment from Party Peeps - headphones on, music pumping, silent hall but everyone dancing!

Starting Monday 6th October, end of school day-6pm, £12 per workshop.

Limited to 30 spaces per workshop, so we encourage early booking to secure your child's place

- <https://enrolmy.com/progressive-kids-bristol/activity/48->

[Pucklechurch CE VC Primary School Progressive Kids Wraparound Care Sept Dec 2025](#)



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WILD WEDNESDAY



High-energy dance party using professional silent disco equipment for an unforgettable finale

Only available if children are booked onto our after-school Roadshow session (3:20–6:00pm)
Already booked? Just head to your account, go to Casual Bookings, and switch to the "Roadshow" session on your chosen day.

New to Progressive Kids?
Don't miss out — join the fun by scanning the QR code and book your Roadshow session now!



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Got questions? We're happy to help — contact us at

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Email Us office@progressivekidsbristol.com

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AFTER SCHOOL ROADSHOW

MAGICAL MONDAY



Professional balloon artist creates amazing sculptures while teaching children the magic of balloon twisting

Only available if children are booked onto our after-school Roadshow session (3:20–6:00pm)
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WILD WEDNESDAY



Touch, hold and learn about incredible snakes, lizards and exotic reptiles in a safe environment

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