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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Our halls are well and truly decked – the children's festive creations look wonderful along our corridors and in their classrooms and our Christmas tree, donated by our PTA, is a beautiful centrepiece in our hall.

We welcomed our local preschool to school on Monday when they joined KS2 to watch our Nativity dress rehearsal and the children performed for their parents and carers on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are sure you agree that this year's cast were fantastic! We've had rave reviews this year from parents which is always lovely to hear. Thank you! The dancing was a particular highlight! Thank you to the EYFS and KS1 staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that props, costumes, scripts and music were on point. We're looking forward to next week when it's the turn of KS2 and their Carol Service at St Thomas a Becket.

In Collective Worship this week, as a more traditional alternative to the chocolate-filled countdown to Christmas, we lit our Advent Candle and discussed what Advent means to Christians. We talked about the Advent wreaths that we might spot if we're at church over the festive season and what is represented by each of the different candles: hope, peace, joy and love. We discussed the symbolism of light and the importance it holds for Christians throughout the year and particularly at this time of year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Jones



Key Dates for Term 2

New dates will appear in red.

- 8th Dec – EYFS/KS1 Christmas dinner
- 9th Dec - Y3 and Y4 Christmas dinner
- 10th Dec – Y5 and Y6 Christmas dinner
- 10th Dec - KS2 Christmas Service at the church 1:30pm
- 11th December – PTA Christmas Present Sale
- 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th Dec – KS2 Christmas service at the church 1:30pm
- 19th Dec –Christmas Parties – EYFS/KS1 – AM
- KS2 - PM
- 19th December – End of term

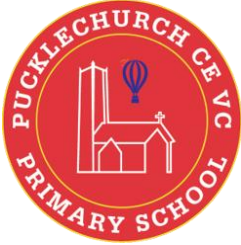
Key Dates for Term 3

- 5th January 2026 – Term starts
- 9th January 2026 – Talent Show
- 5th February 2026 – PTA School Disco (after school)
- 13th February 2026 – End of Term

Inset Days for 2025/26

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





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Christmas Theatre Trip

Today was our annual trip to the theatre. This year we were treated to a performance of 'Enchanted'. As usual the students of SGS College were outstanding and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

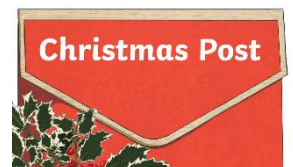


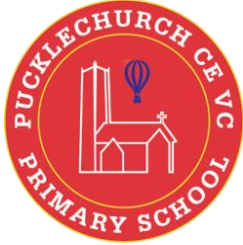
Values Certificates



Christmas Postbox

School Council have been hard at work delivering our festive mail!





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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



**Certificates will be announced on Monday
8th December**

A big well done to our Values superstars this week!

Our Christmas post service is now available and the children are able to post their Christmas cards to their friends. The postbox is located in the main office. Children are able to drop their cards off on their way to and from school or at break/lunch time. We ask that they do not request to visit the postbox during the school day.

Please could we ask that you help make School Council's job easier by ensuring that each envelope has the recipient's name and class written clearly on the front with the first initial of their surname if you know there is more than one child with that name in the class. We want to make sure everyone's cards are delivered safely.

Book Club

Our bookclub is now closed. Thank you to everyone who made a purchase and helped us to raise funds for our school library. If you have ordered books, they will be delivered to school in the next couple of weeks in time for Christmas.

Rather than give the books to your child, we will notify you that they are in reception for you to collect first, just in case they are Christmas presents that you do not want your child to see.



Updated Safeguarding Processes

We shared an update to our safeguarding processes on Wednesday of this week. We have changed the remote entry to our main gate to eliminate the possibility that the gate is not closed securely when a visitor or parent enters or leaves the site. Just to clarify, parents must still buzz the intercom to inform us of your arrival and you will still be asked to speak into the microphone and ensure your face is visible in the camera so that office staff can ascertain who is there. Rather than buzzing you in remotely, a member of staff will then walk to let you in manually so that they can ensure that the gate is closed securely behind you.

We'd like to thank you all for accepting and supporting these changes and recognising that they are with the interests of safeguarding the children at heart. While we explore the possibility of a fully automatic gate that guarantees its secure closing, this is the most secure alternative in the interim.



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Behaviour Curriculum

This week, as a staff, we have revisited our behavior policy and unpicked our 3 school rules: Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn. We focussed on what adhering to these rules looks like in practice at different points in the day: outside at break and lunch, walking around school, in the classroom as well as entering and leaving school.

We discussed the expectations of the children and also the role every member of staff plays in supporting the children to do this from greeting the children with a smile in the morning to ensuring instructions are clear and rewarding positive examples of behaviour with house points.

We will refresh behaviour expectations with the children and have mapped out the different parts so that there is a different focus each week – children will share a session in class where they get to discuss how they can show exemplary behaviour in this area, we will refer to it in collective worship and each week will award certificates to ‘Behaviour Champions’ for showing exemplary behaviour in the area which is the focus for the week.

We will always share the next week’s focus in the newsletter too so we can ensure this is a collaborative venture.

Next week, our focus on our Behaviour Curriculum is ‘**Break and Lunch play**’. While not an exhaustive list, opposite are the main aspects of being ‘Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn’ at break and lunch play. We know that the children have all modelled exemplary behaviour at break and lunch and we look forward to rewarding them for adhering to our school rules and Pucklechurch values as they enjoy break and lunch next week. We’ll also proudly announce next week’s ‘Behaviour Champions’ in the newsletter next week as well as share the focus for the following week.



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Break and lunch time play

At Pucklechurch, we know that:

- We must play *safely* outside without hurting anyone
- We must not ‘play fight’ as this could hurt someone by accident
- We should be kind by including people in our games and share equipment so everyone gets a turn
- If we need to go to the toilet, we must ask an adult first
- We should not return inside the building unless an adult has agreed for this to happen
- Someone who is kind is caring and helpful towards others
- We must stay in designated areas of the playground

We can expect our adults to:

- Help us sort out our playground disagreements if we are unable to ourselves
- Make sure we are safe when playing and remind us to keep our hands to ourselves.

Cauliflower Cards

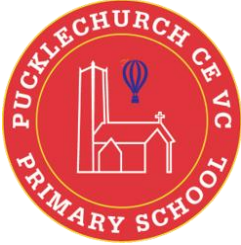
We always love our annual afternoon in early October when we get prematurely festive in order to create our designs for the PTA Cauliflower Cards Christmas card fundraiser. The cards and gifts are back and we’re sure you agree, they look fantastic! Thank you for supporting our PTA this year and raising money for our school. Thank you also to the PTA who co-ordinated this event and ensured that everyone got their orders in plenty of time for Christmas.



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Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year’s Reverse Advent Calendar. We’ve collected so much and we were proud to hand everything over to the North Bristol Foodbank this week.

The Equities Crew did a great job at promoting the event in their classes and around school and helped collect all of the donations from the classes.



Community Notices



Registered charity number: 1194549

TURTLE CYP

Free Christmas Themed Family Sessions

St Nicolas Family Centre
Chargrove, Yate,
BS37 4LG

Monday 22nd December
2025

10:30am-12:30pm &
1:30-3:30pm

Making Christmas Decorations

Arts and crafts

Booking not required

Seasonal games

Free refreshments



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Registered charity number: 1194549

TURTLE CYP

Free Christmas Playscheme for 5-11yr olds

Booking essential

St Mary’s Youth Centre,
Church Road, Yate,
BS37 5BG

Saturday 20th December
2025

11am-2pm

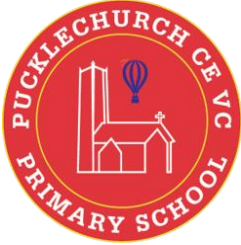
Making Christmas Decorations

Arts and crafts

Seasonal games

Please provide a packed lunch

Please keep an eye on our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Turtlecyp> or website
<https://www.turtlecyp.co.uk/> for booking details to be released. Bookings open 1st December 2025



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Christmas Eve

Nativity Service



6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Doynton Village

All are welcome to join us at this year's Nativity service. We will be meeting outside the Cross House before heading over to the village hall and ending up at the church.

Please feel free to come dressed as one of the nativity characters.

We also having speaking parts available so if this is something that you're interested in, please send us a message.

For more information
email: officepawdd@gmail.com



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day
Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops





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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.

CATCH UP!

Safeguarding

This week, we have spoken to the children about how they stay safe in school. As usual, they showed a good understanding and offered suggestions such as safe behaviour, making sure they kept things tidy so people didn't trip and making sure they didn't leave the classroom without permission.



As well as being one of our school rules, safeguarding is our top priority as a staff. We receive refresher training annually and frequently review our safeguarding practices to ensure that our safeguarding procedures and processes are robust. All safeguarding practices are based on the statutory government safeguarding guidance documents [Keeping children safe in education 2025](#) and [Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance](#)

Our current safeguarding leads in school are Mrs Jones (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs Brooker (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead). All members of our safeguarding team receive additional training to hold this role. If you have any concerns about safeguarding and the welfare of a child/children who attend our school, please do speak to one of them. In addition, we have nominated governors: Our Chair of Governors, Duncan Light and Laura Sutton who are responsible for safeguarding and can be contacted via our Clerk to the Governors, Hollie Brooker who works in our main school office.

Our school has a clear whistleblowing procedure and we encourage staff/visitors/governors to 'whistleblow' if they feel that Pucklechurch Primary is putting children at risk. If they have concerns about a child's welfare in their workplace, they know to inform the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for South Gloucestershire or via the NSPCC Whistleblowing Advice Line. If parents have concerns about the welfare and safety of children within school, we encourage them to talk to a member of a safeguarding team in the first instance.

There are also a range of other numbers, websites and apps that might prove useful if you have concerns about the welfare of a child. At times, you may wish to report something that you are aware of happening outside of school. You can report anonymously to the Access and Response team if you have concerns about a child or, if you have concerns about your own personal circumstances, you can self-refer.

For safeguarding concerns about children:

[Access and Response Team \(ART\) | South Gloucestershire](#)

Access and Response Team – 01454 86 6000 (during working hours)

Emergency duty team – 01454 615165 (out of hours)

Police – 101 for non-urgent issues & 999 if urgent and an immediate response is needed

Domestic Abuse Concerns:

Next Link South Glos domestic abuse telephone help lines are open 8:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am – 1:00pm on Saturday 0800 4700 280



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Mental health support - CAMHS (if young person is currently under CAMHS) – 01454 862431 or if you are concerned that you are not able to keep your child safe or they are not able to keep themselves safe then take them to the Accident & Emergency department at Bristol Children’s hospital or call for an ambulance.

Mental health apps approved by NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/category/mental-health/>

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Activity Sessions

If your child is registered as eligible for free school meals, they are able to access **free** holiday activity sessions through the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme, delivered by Junior Adventures Group (JAG) in partnership with South Gloucestershire local authority this Winter Holidays.

See below for booking details:

Venues:

[Bradley Stoke Lifestyle Centre - BS32 9BS](#)

- Dates: 22nd & 23rd 2025 and 2nd Jan,2026
- Times: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

[Kingswood Active Lifestyle Centre – BS16 4HR](#)

- Dates: 22nd & 23rd 2025 and 2nd Jan,2026
- Times: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

[Thornbury Active Lifestyle Centre – BS35 3JB](#)

- Dates: 22nd & 23rd 2025 and 2nd Jan,2026
- Times: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



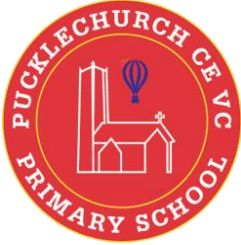
Spanish Activities at Home

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.



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.



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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 Anxiety (10 Dec)

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](#)