



Pucklechurch Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school, we've continued to make changes to the children's learning environment so that we've creating a sense of consistency across each classroom. We've reduced clutter in classrooms whilst making sure that the children have everything they need in class. By sharpening the organisation and simplifying the layout, the increased sense of calm and focus has been clear. Children know where everything is, have a greater sense of ownership and are showing pride in their refreshed learning environments.

The sense of community spirit has been palpable too. The children can see adults around school tidying, sorting, clearing, fixing and have been so keen to help. When it's been safe to do so, we've allowed some of the older children to join in with jobs here and there and have been impressed with the maturity and responsibility they have shown and they are so enthusiastic about contributing to the changes taking place in their school. Everyone has lent a hand - staff, children, cleaners, governors, parents and we're so grateful. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jones

New dates will appear in red.

Key Dates for Term 3

13th February 2026 – End of Term

Looking Ahead

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day

Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th March 2026 - Book Fair

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

Monday 27 April 2026 – Class Photos

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

- 22nd May 2026
- 19th June 2026



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 – John and Jake
 Armstrong IE – Aylla and Avery
 Armstrong CM – Freyja and Parker
 Newton JB – Mia and Codey
 Newton AB – Eva and Oliver
 King SM – Jenson and Harvey
 King AB – Maisie and Corban
 King AS – Milo and Isaiah

A big well done to our Values superstars this week!

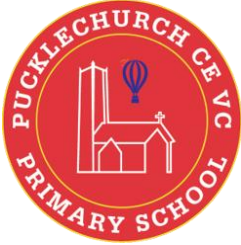
Behaviour Champions

Our behaviour focus this week has been around taking care of classroom resources. Children may have mentioned their new stationary trays and resources – another step we have taken to help add to the sense of pride children have with their learning.



Our behaviour champions this week are:

EYFS/KS1: Clemmie
KS2:



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PTA Disco

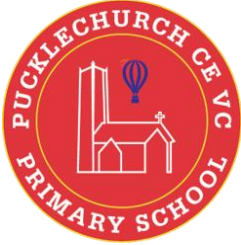
Thank you so much to the PTA for running another successful disco night at school! Thanks to everyone who bought tickets to support.
Looks like everyone had a great time!



PE Sessions

We were lucky enough to have some Dance and Gymnastics sessions with Debbie from CSET on the Thursday. The children who took part really enjoyed the variety of activities and exercises that they learned in these sessions. As staff we are looking forward to using these ideas in our PE lessons to enhance the dance and gymnastics curriculum that we currently teach.





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Community Notices

Pucklechurch
Family Planting Day

South Gloucestershire Council
Delivering climate & nature action

Parkfield

Block A, Block B, Block C, Block D, Block E, Block F, Block G, Block H, Block I

Tree planting areas

Join us on Wednesday 18 February. Meet at Block E.
Stay for as long or as little as you can, every bit of help makes a difference.

We provide:

- All training
- All equipment

Please bring:

- Food and water
- Sturdy, waterproof footwear

Contact us at pucklechurchwood@southglos.gov.uk

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Bikeability - Cycle Training for the 21st Century SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING COURSES



BEFORE BOOKING YOUR COURSE, PLEASE READ BELOW CAREFULLY

- All courses are subject to a £5 Booking Fee which is non-refundable, so please make sure you book the correct course for your child.
- Places are limited so they are booked on a first come basis. Please only book 1 course for each child during the holiday.
- The child must have a roadworthy bike with 2 working brakes and have a properly fitting helmet.

Bikeability Learn to Ride This course is for School Year 3 and above.

This session is for trainees who **cannot** ride a bike with pedals without stabilisers, including older children who have never mastered the skill. The session lasts 1.5 hours. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Learn to Ride skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Learn to Ride and a Level 1 course within the same holiday period.

Level 1 This course is for School Year 3 and above who can cycle without stabilisers.

This session is intended for existing riders to build on their confidence and to learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic such as a playground or a closed car park. For more details about the content go to: [Bikeability Level 1](#) Session lasts 1.5 hours.

Combined Level 1 & 2 This course is for School Year 5 and above who can cycle confidently and with control.

This is a one-day course from 9:15am – 2:45pm. There is an initial assessment in the playground covering level 1 skills to ensure they are ready for on-road training. Once out on the road, they will learn about road position, which road user has priority and when, and how to recognise typical hazards as well as manoeuvring through junctions. For more details about the content of the course, go to: [Bikeability Level 2](#)

Level 3 Trainees must be in School Year 6 or above. This course is for competent riders.

All riders MUST have completed a level 2 course to an acceptable level prior to enrolling on this course. An acceptable level is where on the back of their level 2 certificate each box is ticked either **Independently** or **With More Practice**. If any of the boxes are ticked as either **With Some Assistance** or **Not Yet Attempted** they should attend another Level 2 course. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Level 2 skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Level 2 and a Level 3 course within the same holiday period.

This 2-hour course aims to equip riders with skills for more challenging roads and traffic situations such as using multi-lane roundabouts and traffic lights, passing queuing traffic, road narrowing, understanding blind spots and how to perceive and deal with hazards. For more details about the content, go to: [Bikeability Level 3](#)

Courses are being held at:

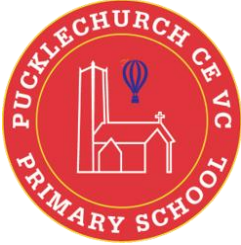
Bradley Stoke Community Secondary School, Fiddlerswood Lane, Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS

Watermore Primary School, Lower Stone Close, Frampton Cotterell BS36 2LE.

To book on one of the above courses please log onto <https://southglos.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

All Instructors are DBS checked and work for the Council's Road Safety Team. Bikeability certificates are awarded to all trainees who successfully complete the course.

Please note courses are subject to a minimum number of children attending on the date. Locations of training may vary according to availability.



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HOLIDAY HQ
DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Where imagination turns into action this February half-term

Multi-activity holiday childcare clubs



February half-term childcare clubs near you

When school closes for half-term, work often doesn't slow down — and many families find themselves needing reliable childcare during the week.

This February half-term, Holiday HQ camps will be running at over 70 venues across the UK, delivered by **Junior Adventures Group** — an experienced provider of **Ofsted-registered** holiday and wraparound childcare.

Holiday HQ is a multi-activity holiday childcare programme designed for children aged 4–11, with activities adapted across age groups. It offers full days of structured, active care in a safe, welcoming environment — helping children stay engaged while parents get through the working week.

Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination

Each school holiday, Holiday HQ runs under a different theme. This February, **Destination Imagination** invites children to take part in creative challenges, team activities and hands-on play that build confidence, curiosity and teamwork.

Mon 16 – Fri 20 February (dates may vary by venue)

What a day at Holiday HQ looks like

Days follow a clear, reassuring structure, with a balance of activity and creative time:

- Hero Activities** – themed, high-energy activities that bring the day to life
- Make & Take workshops** – creative projects children can proudly take home
- Skill Zone challenges** – confidence-building games focused on teamwork and problem-solving
- Sports & team games** – active play that keeps children moving and engaged

What parents can expect

- Ofsted-registered childcare**, delivered by friendly, fully DBS-checked staff
- Reliable holiday cover** you can plan around
- 10% Sibling discount** applied automatically
- Tax-Free Childcare** accepted, where eligible
- Convenient** local venues

Ways families can save this February half-term

- Sibling discount**
An **extra 10%** off automatically applied when booking more than one child
- Multi-day discount**
Book **4+ days** in the same week and receive an **additional 4%** off, automatically applied at checkout

All eligible discounts are combined automatically at checkout, helping families get the best available price.

If you're starting to think about childcare for February half-term, you can find your local Holiday HQ club via the link below to view session times, prices and booking options.

[Find your local club](#)

Less stress for you. Themed fun for them.



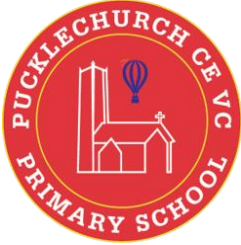
HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT DESTINATION IMAGINATION THIS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination offers a mix of activities designed for children aged 4–11, keeping them engaged throughout the day. From **Hero Activities** and hands-on **Make & Take** creations to **Skill Zone** challenges that support confidence and teamwork, every day brings something a little different. Daily themed activities include:

<p>DEEP-SEA DISCOVERER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sunken Treasure Quest ✓ Ocean Creature Cookies ✓ Sea Bottom Mini Golf 	<p>EXPLORER ENGINEER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Elements Endurance Towers ✓ Static Surge Dance ✓ Electric Paper Circuit
<p>RAPID RESCUE RESPONDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Disaster Dash – Save the Town! ✓ Mini Parachute Buddy ✓ Emergency Airfield Landing Zone 	<p>INTELLIGENCE AGENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Operation: Escape Room! ✓ Cipher keypad ✓ Operation: Stealth Trace
<p>SPORTS STAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Super Sports Tournament ✓ Finger Football Frenzy ✓ Slam Dunk Snack Shootout 	<p>Holiday HQ by Junior Adventures Group provides trusted, Ofsted-registered holiday childcare. Flexible attendance options and a range of payment methods help families plan February half-term with confidence.</p>

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future talent



**BRISTOL
CREATE
DAY**

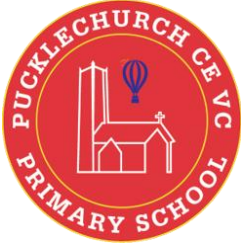
With Siobhan Clough

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
Romney Avenue
Lockleaze
Bristol
BS7



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KIDS & ADULTS
Train with our World Champion Coach, Kam Doyle

MAKE YOUR MARTIAL ARTS JOURNEY AN EPIC ONE!

LYDE GREEN, BS16 7GW

BOOK A FREE TRIAL

TIMETABLE LYDE GREEN, BS16 7GW

EVERY Wednesday	EVERY Thursday	EVERY Saturday
5pm - 5:45pm Little Dragons 6pm - 6:50pm Kids Kickboxing	5pm - 5:45pm Little Dragons 6pm - 6:50pm Kids Kickboxing 7pm - 7:50pm Adults Kickboxing	10:40am - 11:25am Little Dragons 11:30am - 12:20pm Kids Kickboxing 12:30pm - 1:20pm Adults Kickboxing

Take some time to read our Google reviews

HEAD COACH | KAM DOYLE
Train with our master! Coach Kam Doyle brings exceptional martial arts expertise to Lyde Green. His training ethos and personalised approach ensures every student reaches their full potential. Unleash **your** potential in a supportive and empowering environment.

Little DRAGONS
Fun martial arts classes for kids aged 4-6, building confidence, focus and essential life skills!

Kids Kickboxing
For ages 7-13, learn awesome moves, get strong and have a blast!

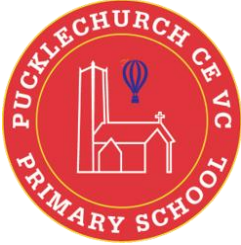
Adults Kickboxing
Learn to jab, weave, build your fitness and release your inner champion!

BOOK A FREE TRIAL
epicmartialarts.co.uk/book

WHERE FITNESS BECOMES COMMUNITY

EPIC
MARTIAL ARTS & FITNESS

We're closer than you think and we can't wait to meet you!
Lyde Green Community Centre, Thistle Close, Lyde Green, BS16 7GW.



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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.**



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Boyd Valley Benefice



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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.

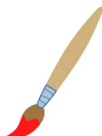


The Great Pucklechurch Spring (Term) Clean

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.



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.



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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.

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.

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.

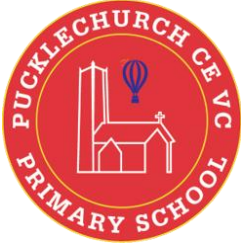
Children are welcome at the drop-in sessions, open every **Wednesday in the Patchway Children's Centre between 10am – 11.30am (term time only)**

[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.

- Self Harm – 10th Feb 2026 7pm – 9pm (online)
- Understanding and supporting communication - 2nd March 2026 0am-1pm (online)



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- 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](#)