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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into our reading workshop this week run by Mrs Davis. Reading is such an important skill for the children which is why it's always our first parent workshop of the school year. The children also love being able to share their learning with you.



We do ask for children to read 5 times a week at home. If you have any problems with this or need more support with doing so, please do speak to the class teacher who would love to help you.



Many thanks,

Mrs Capel

Key Dates for Term 1

13th October – Mini First Aid Sessions – Year 2 and Year 6
20th -24th October – Year 6 at Mill on the Brue
27th-31st October – HALF TERM
31st October 2025 – Secondary School application deadline

Key Dates for Term 2

3rd November – Inset day
4th November - **Start of term**
6th November – Individual and sibling photos
11th November- Remembrance Day
18th November – Flu Immunisation
2th December – KS1 performance
5th December- **Whole School** Theatre Trip
8th December – KS1 Christmas dinner
9th December- Y3 and Y4 Christmas dinner
10th December – Y5 and Y6 Christmas dinner
10th – 11th December – KS2 Christmas service at the church
15th December – KS1 Christmas lunch
16th December – KS2 Christmas lunch
19th December – KS1 and KS2 Christmas Party
19th December – End of term

Inset Days for 2025/26

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

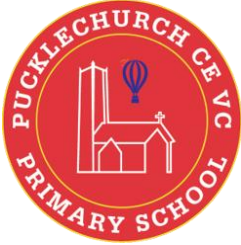


Phonics workshop

Thank you to those who attended the Phonics Workshop on Thursday evening with Mrs Davis.

If you were unable to attend but would like more information, please let us know.





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School Photos



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 8.15am. 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.

Music at Pucklechurch

Here at Pucklechurch we pride ourselves on the variety of musical opportunities we offer our students. All classes follow the Charanga music scheme, which incorporates both practical and theoretical skills.



Throughout the year, every class from year 2 upwards will have the opportunity to take part in 10 weeks of music lessons where they will learn to play an instrument (such as recorder, ukulele, samba drums etc.) taught by a professional. The children will then have the opportunity to celebrate their progress through a performance to the parents.

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 – Annabelle and Abie P
- Armstrong IE – Connor and Barnaby
- Armstrong BM – Evelyn and Eli
- Newton JB – Diya and Elma
- Newton SD – Oliver and Isaac
- King SMC – Maddi and Toby
- King AB – Isabelle and Rocco
- King AS – Marnie and Milo

A big well done to our Values superstars this week!

Absence

Please remember to report your child's absence before the start of the school day as the office staff then spend time phoning parents of absent children in the morning which takes a lot of time. We would be grateful if you could let us know before the school day starts. This can either be done via phone on 01179372579 option 1 or via our e-mail address absence@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk

Please can you use our specific absence e-mail address rather than the admin address to report absence.

PTA Conkerama

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

Flu Immunisations

School Flu Consent Form 2025/26





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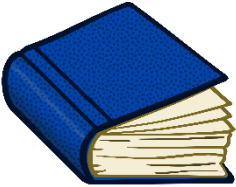
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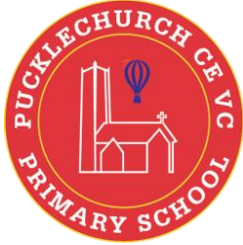
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<p>get involved in other PTA events please get in touch via the PTA Facebook page or email Pucklechurch_pta@hotmail.com</p> <p>Pucklechurch PTA</p>	<p>Sirona will be coming to Pucklechurch on 18th November for flu immunisations (nasal) for all children 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</p>		
<p>Lunches</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Nut Free School</p> <p>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.</p>		
<p>Coats</p>  <p>We had a lot of rain today and try to get our children out as much as possible. We cannot take classes out when children don't have coats. Please ensure they always bring one into school.</p>	<p>Gates</p> <p>A reminder to not let others in when you are leaving our site as the office do need to know who is coming in and out of the premises.</p> <p>This is much appreciated and helps to safeguard everyone on site.</p>	<p>Please close the gate securely behind you</p>	<p>NO DOGS Dogs</p> <div data-bbox="1155 837 1310 987" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS</p> </div> <p>Please do remember that dogs are not permitted on site.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p>
<p>Reading</p> <p>Armstrong IE – 74% Armstrong BM – 65% Newton JB – 56% Newton SD – 78% King SM – 67% King AB – 85% King AS – 79%</p>  <p>A reminder that part of children's homework is for them to read 5 times a week. If you need any support with this, please do speak to the class teacher who is happy to help.</p>	<p>House Points</p> <p>Australia – 345 Brazil – 276 China – 347 USA – 389</p> <p>Congratulations to USA who have earned the most house points this week!</p>		



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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

Smartphone Free Community

One of our lovely parents has shared this link to a WhatsApp group to encourage children to have a smartphone free childhood.

Please follow the link below if this is something that interests you!

Smartphone Free WhatsApp Community. Here's the link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FTQstK9WwDD45Mi7I4M1CG>

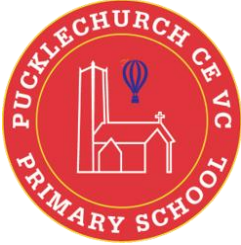
Welcome and Goodbye

As many of you know, I'll be leaving the school at Christmas. The Governors are currently working through the plans for what happens next and will keep everyone updated as things move forward. I just want to say a heartfelt thank you for the kind words and support so many of you have shared with me — it really means a lot. I'll write more about this closer to the time.

Whilst the year 4 parents have been emailed separately, I did want to also let the school community know that sadly Mrs Davis will also be leaving us at Christmas. She has been such an important part of our Pucklechurch family and has been here even longer than I have! On behalf of everyone, I want to thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the years. Recruitment for her replacement is already underway.

We know that change can feel unsettling, but please be assured that we are all continuing to work with the same dedication and care as always to ensure a smooth and positive run up to Christmas for everyone. We'll do everything we can to manage this transition well and keep things as stable and positive as possible for the children.

We are also delighted that Mrs Child will be returning from maternity leave on 1st December. She'll be joining the Year 2 class, sharing the week equally with Mrs Macarthy — with Mrs Macarthy teaching the first half of the week and Mrs Child the second. We're really looking forward to welcoming her back!



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Progressive Sports

Don't forget that you can book into Progressive Sports via the link below. We have had so much positive feedback about their offering which has been lovely to hear!

[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.

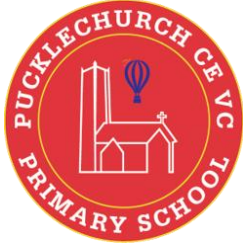


Don't forget that as well as a general breakfast and after school club they also offer a different sports club each day. Just scan the QR code on the flyer opposite to book. The booking screen looks like this:

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"/>



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South Glos Parents and Carers

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](#)

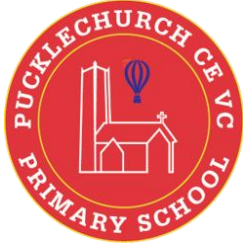
Workshops

South Glos Parents and Carers also run workshops on a range of different themes throughout the school year.

- An Introduction to Autism (14 Oct)
- Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences (5 Nov)
- Neurodiversity and Sleep (20 Nov)
- 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](#)



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Arbor Details

In a bid to remain as paperless and efficient as possible, we will no longer be issuing a paper contact details check sheet or updating child contact details via our school office.

Instead, we invite all parents to access their online Arbor account to check and, where necessary, update the details we hold for your child/ren.

It is crucial that we hold up to date information for all children, particularly relating to medical information and next of kin. These are the details that we use to contact you in case of an emergency but also for e-mail correspondence such as newsletters etc.

Click on the link to see how to check and update your child's details on Arbor:

[Seeing and updating my child's information on the Parent Portal or Parent App – Arbor Help Centre](#)

Please be aware that, for security reasons, each parent can only access their own contact details so, even if shared details such as home address change, this may need to be changed for both parents by logging in separately.

Thank you for your co-operation in continuing to ensure the smooth and efficient running of our school office.