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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a short but very busy term.

As always, the children have wowed us with their attitude to learning and desire to be the best that they can be.

There have certainly been lots of changes this term but each one has been carefully considered and shared with children and staff alike so that they have been fully part of the process.

We hope that after these changes, what follows will be a clear level of stability and consistency with which comes deeper security and trust.

School underwent a safeguarding audit this week which was rigorous but positive. Children talked positively to the Local Authority about safety in school and showed a good understand of the robust measures that are in place to keep everyone safe.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing after refreshed and ready for term 4, lighter evenings and hopefully less rain!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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



Each term, we award a values award to the child from each class who has demonstrated the value of the term in all that they do. This term, the focus has been on 'compassion' and we were proud to present the award to these children who

enjoyed afternoon tea with Mrs Jones this week and were awarded one of our values badges to wear proudly on their uniform as recognition of their achievement.

- Seacole SJ – Lucy
- Armstrong IE – Avery
- Armstrong CM – Jasper
- Newton JB – Theia
- Newton AB – Evie
- King SM – Romey
- King AB – Harrison
- King AS – Rosey



Well done to these children for being a role model this term and showing our Christian value of Compassion.



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Personal items in school

As part of our drive to develop the consistency across each classroom in respect of classroom environment, layout, behaviour and presentation, we have provided each classroom with fresh stationery and have begun to remove the children’s personal drawers. This has made each room more spacious and removed unnecessary clutter. The children no longer need their own pencil cases or other equipment as the classroom has everything they need for school and they will soon no longer have a personal drawer in which to keep extras. If they haven’t already done so, the children have today brought home any personal items in school that are no longer required. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that these items or any additional toys, stationery, fiddle toys, colouring books do not return to school after the school holidays.



Thank you.

Uniform

Since September, we have noticed several non-uniform items creep into the clothing that some children are wearing to school each day. This is particularly the case around footwear. Please note that, on non-PE days, children’s footwear should be black in colour and should not have any bright logos or patterns.



Please see the below as a reminder of our summer and winter uniform as appears on our school website:

Recommended for Winter	Recommended for Summer
Red polo shirts	Red polo shirts
Black or grey trousers	Red/white check summer dresses
Red sweater/cardigan	Black/ grey shorts
Red fleece with school logo	Dark/white socks
Black/ grey trousers/skirt	Black sensible shoes or sandals (no flip flops, sliders or other backless shoes) may be worn in the summer months
Dark/white socks/tights	
Black sensible shoes	

PE kit should be black shorts/bottoms, red polo shirts and trainers. Children can also wear their PE sports hoodies.

Internet Safety Day

Children took part in a national Internet Safety Day on Tuesday this week. Their national focus was on educating children around the dangers and positives of Artificial Intelligence.

Mr Boulton led an assembly discussing the impact of AI on everyone’s lives already in school and discussing the importance of ethics with the children. The children were already very aware and were able to talk maturely about the rights and wrongs of AI.

Key Stage 2 joined a live lesson run by the BBC. The children had to design a chatbot that could reveal facts around a particular animal. This lesson discussed the understanding of accuracy and that AI is not always so. The Live Lesson featured a video from the AI Adventurers, an animated video series from Minecraft Education introducing the basics of how AI works and how to use AI tools responsibly.

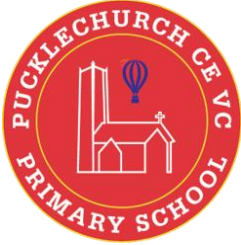
KS2 produced some great examples of understanding this.

Key Stage 1 completed some activities around AI in relation to voice assistants and how to effectively use them and to always be cautious around the usage of them.

Throughout the day, the message was always if you aren’t sure: speak to a trusted adult.

Thanks to the whole school for their work in putting this very important topic at the forefront of their day.





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Pucklechurch Woodland

Lots of Pucklechurch families are already aware of this wonderful community sustainability project. We have plans to take some of the children during school time. Our efforts so far have been blighted by bad weather but we do have hope for making this happen in spring. There is an opportunity for Pucklechurch families to play their part in this Pucklechurch woodland legacy on Wednesday 18th February. If you are planning on attending, please email pucklechurchwood@southglos.gov.uk

If you do go, we'd love to hear all about it!



Safeguarding

As we approach the end of term, we'd like to take this opportunity to share details of who you should contact if you have concerns about anyone's safety or welfare.

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), Mr Walters (Deputy 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 Jo Marsh 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.





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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

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/>

Community Notices



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 Airlift 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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Take some time to read our Google reviews

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Little DRAGONS
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Kids Kickboxing
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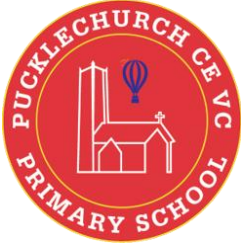
Adults Kickboxing
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All of the below articles and notices have been shared in previous newsletters so that if you've missed it or want to check something again, you can catch up below.

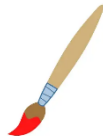


The Great Pucklechurch Spring (Term) Clean

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

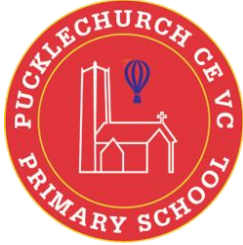
A text was sent to all parents on Wednesday 21st January reminding parents not to park in the staff car park at the start and end of the day. This is to ensure the safety of your children on their journey to and from school. It also ensures that staff can park in the car park without the delay that navigating 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.

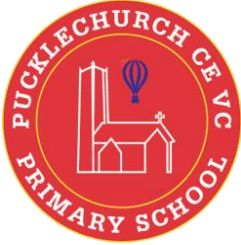
Children are welcome at the drop-in sessions, open every **Wednesday in the Patchway Children's Centre between 10am – 11.30am (term time only)**

[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.

- Understanding and supporting communication - 2nd March 2026 0am-1pm (online)
- Understanding masking - 31st March 2026 7pm – 9pm - (online)



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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](#)