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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a fab week getting ready for Harvest. We were lucky enough to have a guest speaker come and visit us to talk to the children about the importance of the food bank and how it helps so many families each year.

We are raising food donations for the food bank, if you have any dry or canned foods which you would like to donate please can your child take them into class to their class teacher. Please see below for the shopping list provided by the food bank. They will be collecting food on the last Friday of term so please can donations be brought in by then.

### SHOPPING LIST – Harvest 2025

- Timed Veg – Sweet Corn, Carrots *etc*
- Timed Potatoes
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Timed Chicken in White Sauce
- Timed Mince Beef
- Tomato Based Cooking Sauces
- Timed Fruit
- Timed Rice Pudding
- Timed & Packet Custard
- Packet Rice (Microwaveable)
- Long Life Fruit Juice (Orange or Apple)
- Orange or Blackcurrant Squash
- Wrapped Chocolate Biscuits (Kit-Kats, Penguins *etc*)
- Washing Up Liquid
- Deodorant – Male and Female
- Shampoo / Conditioner

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Capel

### Key Dates for Term 1

- 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 at Mill on the Brue
- 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October – HALF TERM
- 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – Secondary School application deadline

### Key Dates for Term 2

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Inset day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Start of term 2
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Individual and sibling photos
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu Immunisation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance 2pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance 9am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Whole School Theatre Trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS/KS1 Christmas dinner
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y3 and Y4 Christmas dinner
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y5 and Y6 Christmas dinner
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Christmas Service at the church 1:30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas service at the church 1:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec –Christmas Parties – EYFS/KS1 – AM  
KS2 - PM
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – End of term

### Inset Days for 2025/26

- 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025
- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



### PTA Conkerama

We would like to say a huge thank you to our fabulous PTA who arranged Conkerama this week. It was wonderful to see such a big turn out and see the children so engaged in the wonderful activities provided by the PTA.





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## School Photos

Individual and sibling photos will be taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

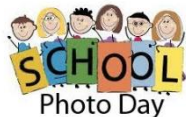


Photo Day

## 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/FTQstK9WwDD45Mi714M1CG>

## 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.

## 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.



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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 – Albie W and Enola
- Armstrong IE – Darcy and Avery
- Armstrong BM – Felix and Jasper
- Newton JB – Ediz and Theia
- Newton SD – Carter and Dashel
- King SMC – Maya and Teejay
- King AB – Joe and Ben
- King AS – Jacob and Esme

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](mailto:absence@pucklechurchprimary.org.uk)

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

## Flu Immunisations

### School Flu Consent Form 2025/26



Sirona will be coming to Pucklechurch on 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

## Coats

With the weather changing and becoming distinctly more autumnal, colder and wetter weather is inevitable. Whilst we try to get our children out as much as possible, we cannot take children out if they don't have coats. Please ensure they always bring one into school so they're prepared to go outside whatever the weather.



## Gates

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.

**Please close the gate securely behind you**

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

## Dogs

Please do remember that dogs are not permitted on site.

**NO DOGS  
ALLOWED  
ON SCHOOL  
GROUNDS**

Many thanks.



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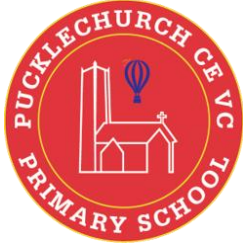
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<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>Armstrong IE – 82%          Armstrong BM – 35%          Newton JB – 66%          Newton SD – 72%          King SM – 85%          King AB – 85%          King AS –</p>  <p>A reminder that part of children’s homework is for them 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><b>House Points</b></p> <p>Australia – 546          Brazil – 775          China – 449          USA – 704</p> <p>Congratulations to <b>Brazil</b> who have earned the most house points this week!</p>
<p><b>Y6 Secondary School Applications</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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: <a href="mailto:admissionsandtransport@southglos.gov.uk">admissionsandtransport@southglos.gov.uk</a> Telephone: 01454 868008</p>	
<p><b>School lunches</b></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><b>Nut Free School</b></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><b>Tyres</b></p> <p>We have 9 large tractor tyres and approximately 20 tyres with various sizes. If you have any use for them or would like them, please contact the office. Thank you</p>	<p><b>Jigsaws</b></p> <p>If you’re having a pre-Christmas clear out any time soon, we would love donations of any pre-loved jigsaws that could be used in school. Please drop any donations in at the school office.</p> 
<p><b>Mini First Aid</b></p> <p>On Monday, Year 2 and Year 6 took part in first aid sessions run by Mini First Aid. They were incredibly informative sessions that have equipped our children with some basic first aid knowledge.</p> <p>Two of our Year 6 children have written reports of these sessions.</p> <p>Esme (King AS)</p> <p>A couple of days ago, we had the opportunity to learn first aid. It was a fun chance to learn and I am going to tell you all about it. First, we learnt about unconscious and conscious and they taught us how to check. We learnt</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MINI FIRST AID </p>	



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the recovery position and what to do in each situation. My favourite part was learning how to do CPR and performing this on a mannequin.

We also learnt what to do if someone was choking and we got to practise this skill using the mannequin again.

Next, we looked at what to do if someone wasn't breathing. This was fun because we got to learn all the skills and tricks about how to help. We also had to use our imagination to think if things to use instead of first aid kits.

We also looked at burns and how to safely and properly take care of this injury before attending hospital. We were taught about broken bones and what to use to hold an arm up.

Overall, this was an amazing experience and a chance to learn!

Henrietta (King AB)

Henrietta again! On Monday, the year 6s and year 2s did First Aid Training. A lady from Mini First Aid Kids came in, and talked about DR ABC. If you have never heard of it before, it helps you remember what to do if you find an injured person. It stands for Danger Response Airways Bleeding CPR. You check each of these in that order. She talked about what to do with burns, cuts, how to perform CPR, and what to do if someone is choking. I'm sure all of year 6 enjoyed the whole thing thoroughly! It was really fun! We learned the recovery position, and even tried it on our friends. I loved it and I hope none of us will have to use DR ABC in our lives.

## South Gloucestershire Cross Country

On Saturday, some of our children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the South Gloucestershire cross country. Well done to Willow, Maya, Arnie, Toby, Teejay, Milo, Isabelle, Annika and Henrietta for taking part.

Milo, Henrietta, Annika and Isabelle have all qualified to represent South Gloucestershire in an inter-county cross country competition. We wish them all the best in the next round!

Henrietta and Milo in Year 6 have both written race reports.

Milo (King AS)

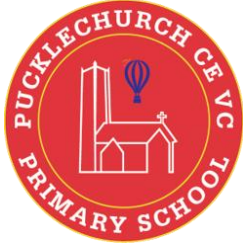
I arrived at cross country full of excitement. I got to watch a few races before I lined up for mine. Alex (the sports coach) blew the whistle so I knew what I had to do. I sprinted in front of everyone and took the first corner in first place. I had wasted some energy and dropped into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. I kept trying to sprint after the person in front but still couldn't quite catch up. As I headed into the last bend, I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. I am very proud and happy that I can go on and represent South Gloucestershire in the next round.

Henrietta (King AB)

Hello! I am Henrietta Minks, and on Saturday the 11th, I did a cross-country race. It was based in Mangotsfield Secondary, the first ten people to cross the finish line, would represent South Glos.

There was a Girls Year 5 and strong Year 4's race, Boys Year 5 and strong Year 4s, a Girls Year 6 and Boys Year 6. Boys year 5 and Girls year 5 went first. I myself am not so sure who was racing, but I'm sure Miss Britton will add it in (please see above!) Then Boys year 6, Milo was racing, he came 3<sup>rd</sup>, and finally, Girls year 6.

As I walked towards the start line, I looked at my fellow racers, and noticed there were only seven of us! Meaning we'd all represent South Glos! 'Well, that's reassuring!' I thought to myself! The other racers from Pucklechurch were Annika and Isabelle. I knew if they could do it, I could. I did it last time! There's no difference! I hoped I would come 4th or even 3<sup>rd</sup>, looking at the other girls, part of me was worried another 200 girls would turn up, and I would never be able to do it!



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I looked down the course, readying myself for the whistle. I wouldn't let myself be distracted or slowed down by anything. Alex, the man in charge of CSET, blew the whistle. I started running, not at a sprint, but I noticed I was going a bit fast. 'This isn't my pace,' I thought, but it was working, I was in first, so I kept it up.

I ran the race like that, I could hear Annika behind me, which was comforting. Everyone cheered me on, the parents, Milo and Miss Britton at the last lap, I knew I was going to make it. Crossing the finish line was the best thing that has happened to me in my life. I was so tired! My legs wouldn't work! I was so happy when I got first, and everyone did so well! Can't wait for the next race! Next time, maybe you could win the race!

## 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](#)

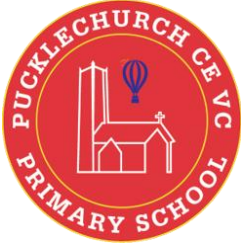
## Workshops

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

- 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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We have also been made aware by Families Plus of a regular 6 week long program that parents can access with a referral. Parents are able to self-refer. Just scan the QR code for more details.

## FREE Triple P and Stepping Stones Parenting Programmes



Parenting is one of the hardest jobs in the world - our free parenting courses are designed to support parents to be the best they can be

Our regular 6 week programmes will not tell you how to parent, but give you a toolbox of ideas to improve your confidence in:

The staff are amazing! Friendly, great communication and make you feel at ease."

- Boundaries
- Routines
- Behaviour management techniques
- Looking after yourself as a parent



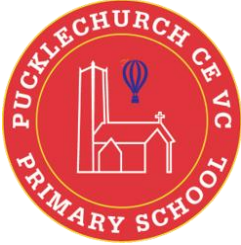
Our programmes are:

- Free to access
- For parents of children aged 0-12
- Run by professionals with SEN Experience
- Friendly and Non judgemental
- A chance to meet like minded people who understand your situation
- Flexible - run across the year, at different venues across South Gloucestershire, with day, evening and online options to attend

"We've seen a huge improvement in our confidence as parents. Since implementing strategies learned on the course, our family life is much calmer and happier."

For more information, get in touch via [family.referrals@ccp.org.uk](mailto:family.referrals@ccp.org.uk), or to book a place please scan the QR code





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## Reverse Advent Calendar

It's almost November which means that it's time for the annual North Bristol Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar.

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting a range of ambient food and Christmas items ready to donate to the North Bristol food bank on 1<sup>st</sup> December in time for Christmas.

We're always overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our Pucklechurch families during this event but recognise that some families are not in a position to donate so please do not feel the pressure to do so.

If you feel you are able, please see the list below for the items that they would love to receive.

If you are able to donate 'Bags for Life' to help with the collection and distribution on the items, we would be grateful.



Pasta sauce	Tinned peaches	Tinned pineapples	Toilet roll	Tinned potatoes
Egg noodles	Toothpaste	Washing detergent	UHT cow's milk	Squash
Washing up liquid	Christmas treat! (non-alcoholic)	Tinned custard	Savoury snacks	Curry sauce
Tinned peaches	Deodorant	Instant mash	Rice pudding	Microwave rice
Tinned sweetcorn	Fruit juice	Tinned tuna	Christmas treat! (non-alcoholic)	Thank you!