



# Pucklechurch Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

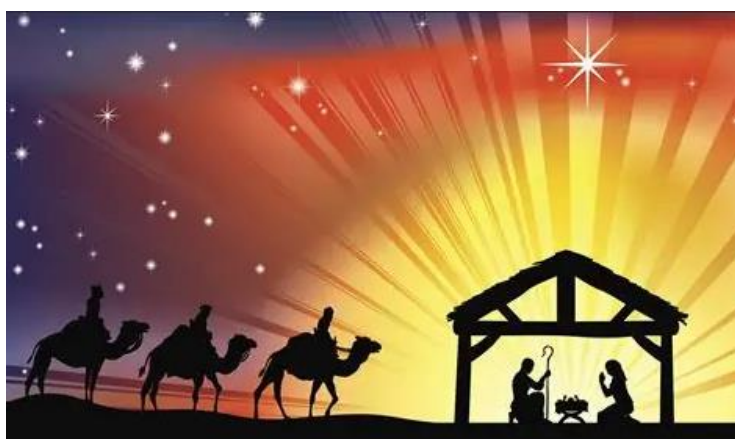
This term has not been without its challenges but there have been so many highlights too. Our annual tradition of visiting SGSC Wise Campus for their Christmas panto did not disappoint. Key Stage 1 and Reception wowed us with their own wonderful performance of this year's Nativity and KS2 delivered a really thoughtful service at St Thomas a Becket.

Thank you to parents, governors, St Thomas a Becket and our wider Pucklechurch community for all your support this year. It really is much appreciated.

We're also grateful to the responsive support offered by Rob Cockle, the Executive Head at Wick CE Primary and Abbotswood Primary, who stepped in temporarily to provide the immediate support to strengthen our leadership capacity when we needed it following Mrs Capel's absence. Following further consultation with the Local Authority, after Christmas, our staff and governors are excited to begin a new, more sustainable partnership, one that will extend until the end of the academic year, with Alan Walters who is the current head at Conniston Primary.

Have a wonderfully happy and healthy Christmas and we can't wait to welcome you back in term 3.

Mrs Jones



## **Key Dates for Term 2**

**New dates will appear in red.**

## **Key Dates for Term 3**

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Term starts

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Talent Show

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Chance to Shine Cricket workshops (All children wear PE kits)

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – Maths Parent Workshop – Parents invited into classes to engage with their child/ren's maths learning

**Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January** – SEN 'My Support Plan' meetings – if your child is on our school SEN Register, call school to book a meeting to review their My Support Plan set at the start of the year

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – PTA School Disco (after school)

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2026** – End of Term

## **Looking Ahead**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** – World Book Day

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 13:30** – Newton Performance to parents

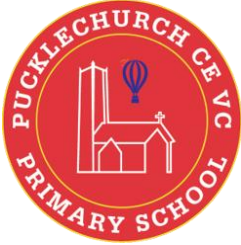
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 13:30** – Newton Performance to parents

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026** – End of Term 4

## **Inset Days for 2025/26**

- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026
- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*INSET Days*



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## A message from Mrs Capel

Dear Pucklechurch Community,

I wanted to write personally to say a final and very heartfelt goodbye. After ten years at the school, I have been reflecting on how much we have lived, built and overcome together. From the installation of the Daily Mile track (a huge thank you to the PTA), to expanding our trips across each hub and for the whole school, giving every hub the opportunity to lead their own performance, introducing crews, weekly newsletters, our website, new vision, values and logo... I could go on - just a small part of a very full decade.

We have also stood strong through some incredibly challenging moments, including the fire and Covid. I will never forget how everyone pulled together with real compassion for one another. I am also proud that, during this journey, we guided the school through positive Ofsted and SIAMS inspections - which reflected the hard work, care and commitment of everyone involved.

I will miss the children so much. They bring light, curiosity and joy into each day. They can make you smile without trying and often surprise you with the things they say and do. It has been a pleasure to see them grow and hear the successes of them as they contribute their journeys.

I always say it but the staff here are exceptional. They work incredibly hard, care deeply about the children and always give their best. I am very grateful for their dedication and support over the years. I couldn't have done any of it without them.

My thanks also go to the church and governors for your continued guidance and support. It has always been appreciated.

To the parents, carers and community, past and present, thank you for your kindness, care and partnership. Pucklechurch CEVC Primary will always hold a special place for me. I wish you every success as the school continues its journey forward.

Have a very Merry Christmas, and here's to health, love and happiness for the New Year.

Take care, Team Pucklechurch,  
Mrs Capel

## Generosity Certificate

This term, our focus value was generosity. It was lovely to hear all of the different ways that the children demonstrated this value through their actions from being generous with their time, their friendship, their kind words and patience.



They all thoroughly deserved afternoon tea in the staffroom this week.



Seacole SJ – Jake  
Armstrong IE – Nancy  
Armstrong CM – Albert  
Newton JB – Ella  
Newton SD – Lyla  
King SM – Maddi  
King AB – Maisie  
King AS – Ollie

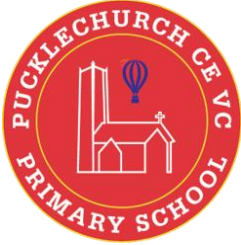
A big well done to our Values superstars this week!

## Behaviour Champions

Our behaviour focus this week has been linked to showing our school rules on the playground at break and lunchtime. We've seen a bit improvement with behaviour and general conduct at break and lunch.



For the first week back after Christmas, our behaviour focus will be start of the day routines and transition into school.



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## EYFS Admissions

South Glos LIFE

The closing date for applications to start primary school in September 2026 is before midnight on 15 January 2026.



To find out more about how to apply for a place in a South Gloucestershire primary school, please click this link: [South Glos LIFE | Primary school admissions](#)

Applications can be submitted online via the South Gloucestershire Council [Citizen Portal](#)

Please be aware that pupils with an EHCP do not apply in this way – the parent / carer must liaise with their Lead Worker in the LA 0-25 Team.

Submitting applications after the deadline (late) greatly reduces the chances of being offered a place at your preferred school(s) **Please remember that having a sibling in attendance does not grant access without an application or guarantee an offer.**

## 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

<https://languageangels.com/login>

Logins:

User / Password

Year 3 – NewtonJB / NewtonJB

Year 4 – NEWTONSD / NEWTONSD

Year 5 – KINGSMC / KINGSMC

Year 6 – KINGASAB / KINGASAB

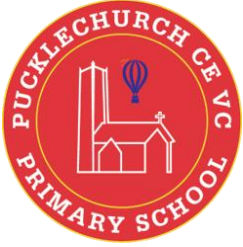
TEACHER LOGIN	PUPIL LOGIN
Username	
<input type="text" value="NewtonJB"/>	
Password	
<input type="password"/>	
<input type="button" value="Login"/>	



## Santa Visit

Thanks to the PTA for organising and funding Christmas presents to be delivered by Santa this week. The children always love this and the staff enjoying seeing their delight when Santa arrives at their classroom door.





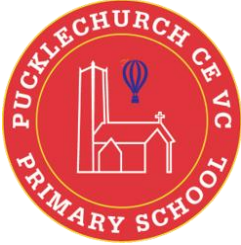
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## Behaviour Curriculum

We have been impressed with how well the children have risen to our refreshed expectations around behaviour outside on the playground during break and lunchtime including when lining up and walking in to lunch.

After Christmas, our Behaviour Curriculum focus will be around the start of the day.

We will be sharing these expectations in a behaviour curriculum lesson on Mondays, as reminders during Collective Worship and throughout the week.

The focus whenever we discuss behaviour with the children is around our 3 simple rules: Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn. This helps us to justify the rationale to the children.

The right start to any day is crucial for everyone and we all know how a bad start can impact us for the rest of the day. We've taken lots of feedback from parents around how we can make the start of the day as positive as possible so that the transition from home to school is as seamless as possible.

We have tweaked the start of the day routine so that the start of the day doesn't feel so rushed. Currently Collective Worship is at 9am which means that children barely settle in class before they're lining up for Collective Worship. Collective Worship will take place at 10:10 from January to try to reduce the morning rush. 9am is when all children in school will engage in their first lesson which will be their daily reading lesson.

We would be grateful to parents for discussing these expectations at home so we can continue to make our refreshed behaviour expectations a collaborative venture. Additionally, to continue to make the morning transition as smooth as possible, please ensure that only brief messages are relayed to teachers at the door and that, if you



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Safe  
Respectful  
Ready to Learn

## Start of day routines

At Pucklechurch, we know that

We wait **patiently** for our adults to open the door at 8:40

We greet the adult on the door with a 'good morning'

We **calmly** put our belongings on our pegs

We **carefully** put our lunchbox and water bottle in our boxes

We sit down in our spaces as soon as we are ready and **quietly** begin our morning work.

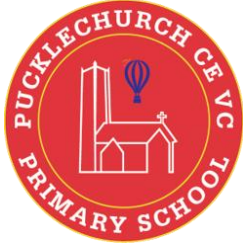
When we enter the classroom, we do not leave again unless we have permission.

We can expect our adults to:

Make sure our classroom is ready for learning

Open the door on time

Welcome us with a smile and a good morning



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require a lengthier conversation, a time is made to meet with the class teacher at a less busy time so that they are able to focus on settling their class for the day's learning and can also give their conversations with parents their full attention. Equally, if your question or query relates to booking lunches/making learning meetings/medical appointments, this can all be done round at the main office.

## 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](#)

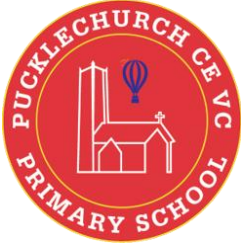
### Workshops

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

- Understanding and Supporting Behaviour - 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 10am-1pm (online)
- Understanding ADHD - 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 7pm – 9pm - (online)
- Self Harm – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 7pm – 9pm (online)
- Understanding and supporting communication - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 0am-1pm (online)
- Understanding masking - 31<sup>st</sup> 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](#)



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In addition, SGPC have shared this message about a Health Care survey that they would like parents to complete if they have experience of navigating health care services for children with SEN.

**Help shape the future of SEND healthcare by taking part in a survey from the local parent carer forums in Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos (BNSSG)**

Navigating local health services for a child with SEND can be challenging, and parent carers know better than anyone how important accessible, timely and compassionate healthcare is. **That’s why the local parent carer forums are inviting you to take part in a Health Services**

**Survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSCRLKC>

The parent carer forums want to understand how well the different parts of the system work for you - whether that’s getting a diagnosis in the first place, managing your child or young person’s condition, your experiences of communication between professionals, or the successes and challenges you’ve had with the many people involved in supporting your child.

By sharing your views, you’re helping build a clearer and more accurate picture of what’s working well and where changes are needed. Your real, lived experiences make a difference, and will directly inform how services improve for children and young people with SEND. Take the survey [now](#) or visit the South Glos Parent Carers [news page](#) for further information.

Working together for SEND families

Survey closes at midnight on Sunday 18 January 2026

If your child has special educational needs or disabilities, you know better than anyone how important accessible, timely and compassionate healthcare is...

Complete the survey

SCAN HERE

We want to know how local healthcare providers are doing - what's working well and what could be improved?

The three local parent carer forums - Bristol Parent Carers, North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together, and South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) - come together as BNSSG to make sure the collective voice of parent carers is heard and understood.

Your experience matters. Help shape change.

**🕒 Is your child on a waiting list? Your local parent carer forums want to hear your experience 🗨️**

Many children with SEND are facing long waits for assessments, therapies, equipment, and specialist services - and we know these delays can have a huge impact on family life.

Take part in the **Health Services Survey** run by your local parent carer forums and tell them what life is really like behind the scenes. They need to understand how well local health services are supporting families, and where improvements are urgently needed.

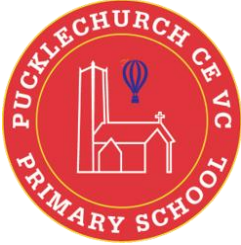
🔗 **Take the survey:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSCRLKC>

**🕒 Key details:**

- ✓ Around 20 minutes to complete
- ✓ One survey per child or young person
- ✓ Completely confidential
- ✓ **Closes midnight, Sunday 18 January**

Your insight will help us highlight the real impact of waiting lists and push for better, more joined-up, more responsive care for families like yours. ❤️

**Brought to you by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Parent Carer Forums. Find out more here** <https://sgpc.org.uk/news-feed/health-survey-2025>



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## Community Notices



Registered charity number: 1194549

**TURTLE CYP**

**Free Christmas Themed Family Sessions**

St Nicolas Family Centre  
Chargrove, Yate,  
BS37 4LG  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
2025  
10:30am-12:30pm &  
1:30-3:30pm

Making Christmas Decorations

Arts and crafts

Booking not required

Seasonal games

Free refreshments




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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Christmas Eve Nativity Service**

6.30 pm - 7.30 pm  
Doynton Village

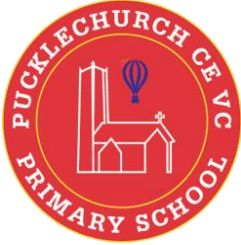


All are welcome to join us at this year's Nativity service. We will be meeting outside the Cross House before heading over to the village hall and ending up at the church.

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](mailto:officepawdd@gmail.com)



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St. Thomas à Becket, Pucklechurch  
BS16 9RB

## Christmas Carol Service

21st December 6.30pm



Villagers and visitors of all ages welcome  
to our church to hear readings and sing well known carols

St. James the Great, Abson. Carol Service 3pm

Contact: Church Administration T: 07895 963544  
E: [officepawdd@gmail.com](mailto:officepawdd@gmail.com)  
Boyd Valley Benefice



St. Thomas à Becket Pucklechurch BS16 9RB

## Nativity and Christingle



Come dressed up as a nativity character  
... we also have costumes if you don't!

Christmas Eve 3pm

St. Thomas à Becket

Pucklechurch BS16 9RB

## Christmas Day Holy Communion

10am



Holy Communion 8.45am  
St. James the Great, Abson

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Christmas Eve

## Holy Communion

11.00 pm

at St. Thomas à Becket

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## DISCOVERY DAYS

at WEMA Music Centres

Our free-of-charge Discovery Days are the perfect chance to try out our Music Centres, meet new friends, and experience the fun of playing in an ensemble. Bring your enthusiasm and see where music can take you!

Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.



Sign up using the QR code or visit:  
[wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres](http://wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres)



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](http://wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops)



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<https://acl-south-glos.glideapp.io>



### \*FREE Adult Courses for January 2026 Yate area

ENROLMENT SESSIONS for courses below – just turn up: no need to book!

Venue	Date and times
Yate library	6/1/26, anytime between 10.30 – 1pm OR 8/1/26, anytime between 4 – 6.30pm

You must provide photo ID with date-of-birth and recent proof of address, plus your NI number. Also, proof of residency status if you do not have a British Passport

Course title	Venue	Date and times
Functional Skills English	Armadillo Youth Café	Tues, 12.15 – 2.15pm. Starts 6/1/26
Functional Skills maths	Poole Court -Yate Town Council	Thurs, 10 – 12pm. Starts 8/1/26
ESOL Skills for Life	Poole Court and Yate library	Mondays and Wednesdays, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 5/1/26
Healthcare Skills to support ESOL learners	Yate library	Wed, 1.00- 3.00pm Starts 7/1/26
ESOL Conversation Club	Yate library	Wed, 12.00 – 1.00pm. Throughout the year
Improving Digital Skills for Work & Further Learning	Armadillo Youth Café	Tuesdays, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 13/1/26
Improve your Memory	Yate library	Wed, 9.30 – 11.30am Starts 14/1/26
Introduction to Working in Childcare Sector	Yate library	Wed, 9.30 – 1.30pm. Starts 4/2/26
Intro to Being a TA - workshop	Yate library	Thurs, 10 – 2pm, 12/2/26
Essential Skills for Everyday Living	Yate library	Wed, 1.00 – 3.00pm. Starts 25/2/26

Contact Sam Jones, Development Worker with any queries

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### \*FREE Adult Courses for January 2026 Staple Hill and Downend areas

Venue	Date and times
Staple Hill library	6/1/26, anytime between 4 – 6.30pm OR 8/1/26, anytime between 10.30 – 1pm

You must provide photo ID with date-of-birth and recent proof of address, plus your NI number. Also, proof of residency status if you do not have a British Passport

Course title	Venue	Date and times
Functional Skills English	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Wed, 1.00 – 3.00pm. Starts 7/1/26
Functional Skills maths	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Thurs, 12.45 – 1.45pm. Starts 8/1/26
ESOL for Work	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Wed, 9.45 – 11.45am. Starts 14/1/26
ESOL Conversation Club	Staple Hill library	Thurs, 11.00 – 12.00pm. Throughout the year
Improving Digital Skills for Work & Further Learning	Christ Church, Downend	Thurs, 9.30 – 11.30am. Starts 15/1/26
Essential Skills for Everyday Living	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Wed, 12.45 – 2.45pm. Starts 14/1/26
Improve your Memory	Staple Hill library	Tues, 12.30 – 2.30pm Starts 13/1/26
Upcycling for the Environment	Staple Hill Methodist Church	Tues, 12.30 – 2.30pm Starts 3/2/26
Intro to Being a TA - workshop	Staple Hill library	Thurs, 10 – 2pm, 5/2/26
Growing your own food	Page Park allotment space, Staple Hill	Fri, 12.30- 2.30pm Starts 6/3/26 – TBC

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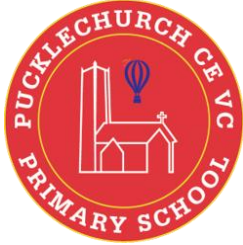
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All of the below articles and notices have been shared in previous newsletters so that if you've missed it or want to check something again, you can catch up below.

# CATCH UP!

## 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.

## 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.

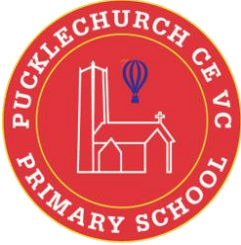


As well as being one of our school rules, safeguarding is our top priority as a staff. We receive refresher training annually and frequently review our safeguarding practices to ensure that our safeguarding procedures and processes are robust. All safeguarding practices are based on the statutory government 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.



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Website: [www.pucklechurchprimary.org.uk](http://www.pucklechurchprimary.org.uk)

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

**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/>

### Restorative Conversations

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have implemented a ‘behaviour curriculum’ which will have a different behaviour focus each week. This week the children were reminded of behaviour expectations during break and lunchtime and the role that staff have in ensuring safe and respectful play. At the centre of our behaviour policy and its implementation are positive relationships between staff and children. We always value the opportunity to listen to what the children have to say and discuss any unwanted behaviour calmly and discretely as part of their restorative conversation, ensuring the children understand any sanctions they receive. Sometimes restorative conversations are difficult for children either due to their expressive communication skills or because they find it hard to admit to unwanted behaviour by discussing it aloud. At these times, we use a visual restorative conversation prompt which can help children recognise what has happened and why it was not ok in a way that allows them to express their voice by selecting the appropriate visuals rather than explaining verbally.

We have attached the visual restorative conversation prompt along with this newsletter for any parents who wish to try the same approach at home.

broke something	scribbled on something	hurt an adult	hurt a child	being unsafe
hid from adult				not being respectful
using bad language				being disruptive
not listening to instructions	threw something	ran off	tore up work	something different



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## 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 2026
- Times: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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



## Arbor

Thank you to parents who have engaged with Arbor as a means of keeping their own personal records for the children up to date. If you have had issues setting up your account, please do call in at the office so that we can help you. As we navigate the additional features of Arbor, we will use it more frequently for many of our admin processes, so having full parental access will continue to be a benefit. In addition to updating personal contact details, it allows parents to ensure that the list of adults you give permission to collect your children is up to date. Once an additional adult appears on your list of agreed adults able to collect your child, you will not need to contact the office for every change to your pick up arrangements. This week, we have also encountered new allergy notifications for children who don't usually have school dinners but have booked in for Christmas Dinner. We urge you to add your child's allergy information to Arbor as this connects with our caterer's interface so that they know of all dietary requirements before serving your child's lunch.



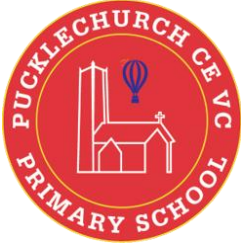
## School Vaccination Service Survey

### Help us improve school vaccination services

*We have been asked by the NHS to share feedback about school vaccination services, and they would like to hear about your experiences of when your child / children have had their vaccinations.*

Here is a link to the survey for parents / carers: [BNSSG Parent / Carer Survey](#).





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Your responses are completely anonymous, and they will help us to make vaccination sessions work better for families and schools.

Please complete the survey by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

If you need the survey in a different language or easy-read format, please contact us via [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net).

Your feedback is very important to us and will help us improve vaccination services for school communities.

**Thank you for your help**