



# Ashton Gate Primary School

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## Ashton Gate Primary School News & Information

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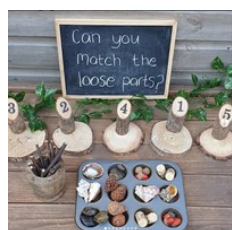
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### Outdoor Maths In Reception

There are lots of resources that can help us explore maths outside in Reception and we need your help! Do you have any old muffin tins, measuring jugs, plant pots that you could donate? Maybe you could collect and gather conkers, pebbles, shells, clear bottles, milk tops over the holidays?

If you do please pass to Mrs Johnson (Bumblebee class).



### Poppy Appeal

Poppies and a range of stationery will be for sale after half term.  
There are a few slap bands priced at £1 all other donations are 50p.



### Parents Evening

Parents evening dates are:

Monday 13th & Wednesday 15th November for EY & KS1

Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th November for KS2 **with the exception of 4M & 4MN** these will be 13th & 16th November.

The link is below for you to book your place. Please be aware this will does not open until 22nd October 10am, you will not be able to book before this time. Bookings will close on 10th November 3pm, you will not be able to book an appointment after this time

<https://parents-booking.com/parents>



Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

### Update from the School Governors

This term saw us welcome a new Chair of Governors, with Derek Hicks stepping down at the end of last year. Sue Waller, who has been a parent governor for 4 years, has now taken the helm and is working closely with the Executive team to deliver the School Development Plan.

The Governing body has two sub-Committees that meet each term – Buildings and Finance; and Curriculum and Personnel, and each governor has special responsibility for a certain area, from Mental Health and wellbeing, to subject leads. This year, we'll be using these newsletters to update you on what we've been focusing on.

A number of us will also be attending the upcoming Parents Evenings in mid-November; we will be available to answer any questions you have, so please look out for us there.

Next term we will be exploring the now submitted planning application for the redevelopment of the Amerind Grove care home site on Raleigh Road, working with the local ward councillors to ensure the construction and the new development are considerate of the school sites and of our pupils travelling to and from school.

### Permanent Change of menu

**For Term 2, there will be a couple of permanent menu changes.**

**Thursday of Week 1.** The menu choices will now be Sweet and Sour Chicken with rice or Sweet and Sour Vegetables with rice.

**Friday of Week 2.** The menu choices will now be Fish Fingers or Vegan Sausages.



### Change of menu

**Week Commencing 30th October**

**Monday— Macaroni Cheese/Tomato and Basil Pasta**

**Tuesday—Margherita Pizza**



### Jacket Potato—EY & KS1

We are now be able to offer jacket potato on the Ashton site on a Wednesday. You will need to pre order this the week before. A link will be sent out on a Wednesday for you to order your child a jacket potato for the following Wednesday. This order will close on a Friday at 1pm. **After this time you will not be able to place the order**



### Author Visit

Years 2 and 3 will be visited by author Polly Ho-Yen on Tuesday 31st October. This opportunity has been organised with the support of our local independent bookseller Storysmith Books, who are also kindly donating a signed copy of the book to our KS1 and KS2 school libraries, so that inspired children can enjoy it at their leisure. Storysmith will be on hand to facilitate a book signing on the day. Further information can be found at: [www.storysmithbooks.com/pollyashtongate](http://www.storysmithbooks.com/pollyashtongate) (please ensure you clearly state your child's name and class in the order notes).



### PTA News this week - back-to-back film nights

Your next PTA fundraising events are on their way in a double-header of film screenings at the Upton site.

We've got one night for the kids, and one night for just the grown-ups. Plus our bar, and popcorn, for that full cinema experience.

#### **Our Kids, Our Lives | Thursday 9 Nov | 7.00pm**

We're excited to announce a screening of a powerful new film about children's mental health, in collaboration with Ashton Gate parent Ben Akers. Ben is the co-founder and co-CEO of the mental health charity Talk Club.

In this feature length documentary he looks at the mental health issues amongst today's kids and what we can do as parents to help our next generation. The ticket includes a Q&A with Ben, and all proceeds from the bar and optional ticket donations will be shared between the PTA and Talk Club.

Please note - this event is for adults only.

[Get your tickets here](#)

#### **FREE Family film night | Friday 10 Nov | 6.00pm**

Our second night will be a FREE event for children and grown-ups to watch a classic family film together.

We'll get the kids to choose which film we're watching in a few weeks' time. Until then, make sure you grab your spot!

Please note - this is for children with an accompanying adult, and not a drop-off event.

[Get free tickets here](#)

### BBF - now supporting your PTA

Thanks to the amazing Brewed To Give initiative from our neighbour brewery Bristol Beer Factory, our event bars are being topped up with some tasty, donated local booze.

Not only does this keep the quality of the beer we sell tip-top for connoisseurs; it also means more of our fundraising can focus on the things that matter to Ashton Gate's kids. Please, feel free to pop into their taprooms to say thanks.

#### **Could your business support us?**

If your business, however large or small, wants to help a local charity, let us know! This year we aim to offer more routes than ever for local businesses to support the school. So if you've got an idea, a proposal or something to contribute, let us know - contact us on [ashtongatepta@gmail.com](mailto:ashtongatepta@gmail.com).

**THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2023**  
**7PM (DOORS OPEN)**  
**7.30 - 9.00PM SCREENING**  
**9.00 - 9.30PM**

*Upton Rd site*

Suggested donation:  
**£5**

Donations to be divided between  
AGPS PTA & Talk Club

**Ashton Gate Primary School PTA**

MADE WITH + TALK CLUB FILMS PRESENT  
**A FILM BY BEN AKERS**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
SILKWORM DIGITAL WORKING PROGRESS JUNGLE STUDIO

# Our kids OUR LIVES

@OurKidsOurLives



Supported by:  
**BRISTOL BEER FACTORY**  
BREWED 2 GIVE  
COMMITTED TO SERVING THE BRISTOL COMMUNITY



### Social Media

We are now on Facebook. Please like our page, we will be using this page to celebrate events and learning moments taking place across the school. We encourage you to invite other parents and family members to join as well, so that too can be part of our vibrant school network.

Rest assured, our Facebook page will prioritise the privacy and security of our children. We will follow all the necessary precautions and guidelines to protect identities and ensure a safe online environment.



### Parent Portal

Last year we introduced Parent Portal. This allows us to send you messages and newsletters directly to an app on your phone. It also allows you to submit changes, such as a new phone number or email address.

The video below explains how it works:

Portal Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpyrDjCEOh8>

You can download the app from the following stores

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/rm-parent-portal/id1531109058>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rm.parentportalmobile&hl=en\\_GB&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rm.parentportalmobile&hl=en_GB&gl=US)

Please log onto this and make any necessary changes to ensure we have up to date information.

### Reporting Absences



Studybugs

The school absence line will close on Sunday 17th September. If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, you need to report this using the StudyBugs app or using this link - [Studybugs – Parents](#). When reporting absences please add your child's name and class.

### Term Dates 2023 to 2024

Friday 1st September to Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024 to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

#### Inset Days 2023 to 2024

Friday 1st September 2023

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Wednesday 19th June 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024





A promotional poster for a football match between Bristol City and Manchester United. The background is red. At the top, the Barclays Women's Super League logo is visible. The central image shows a woman in a red Bristol City kit with her finger to her lips in a 'shh' gesture, with a smaller image of a player in a red Manchester United kit in the background. Below this is an image of the stadium, the Independence Sports Bar. At the bottom, the Bristol City and Manchester United crests are shown next to the text 'BRISTOL CITY VS MANCHESTER UNITED' and 'Sunday, November 26th 2pm KO'. A 'QUID-A-KID' logo is also present.

BARCLAYS WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

BRISTOL CITY VS MANCHESTER UNITED

Sunday, November 26th 2pm KO

QUID-A-KID

**TICKETS AND HOSPITALITY AVAILABLE NOW**

For more details and to purchase tickets,  
contact Matt Chiles

[matt.chiles@bristol-sport.co.uk](mailto:matt.chiles@bristol-sport.co.uk)

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A promotional poster for a rugby match between Bristol Bears and Harlequins. The background is dark blue. The central image shows a player in a blue Bristol Bears kit with his arm raised in celebration. Surrounding him are several polaroid photos of fans and children. A 'QUID-A-KID' logo is in the top right. At the bottom, the text 'BEARS V HARLEQUINS' and 'SAT OCT 28 2.30PM KO' is displayed. The Gallagher Premiership Rugby logo is at the bottom left, and the website 'BRISTOLBEARSRUGBY.COM/TICKETS' is at the bottom right.

QUID-A-KID

FAMILY DAY

BEARS V HARLEQUINS

SAT OCT 28 2.30PM KO

Gallagher PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

BRISTOLBEARSRUGBY.COM/TICKETS