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Ashton Gate Primary School News & Information

12th September 2025

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SOUTH BRISTOL SURVEY

In the newsletter last week we shared information about the survey for South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods. The consultation on the proposals for South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods (SBLN) is now live. The survey closes on Thursday 30 October and can be accessed here. Bristol City Council are inviting parents to tell them what you think about new proposals. Liveable Neighbourhoods aim to make streets healthier, more accessible and more pleasant by:

- putting people first – reducing traffic and lowering vehicle speeds to create safer, more welcoming and accessible streets. Vehicles would still be able to access all properties at any time, though some routes may change
- prioritising health – improving air quality and allowing more people to choose physically active travel options, like walking and cycling, and be safe doing so
- making better community spaces – designing calmer streets and greener areas where people can relax, children can play, and families feel safe travelling to school
- You can view the feedback from last year's engagement in the SBLN Engagement Report.

There are some exciting proposals for the **Ashton site on Ashton Gate Road**, including a partial closure to make a safe and welcoming area outside the school gates. As you all know this is a very busy area, particularly at pick-up and drop-off times and we would love to make this a safer space for all. We would all be fully involved in co designing this space!



Please do take time to have your say using this link (please copy & paste it):
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/sblnconsultation2025>



Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Reminder of Meet and Greet times next week

Year group	Date (September)	Time
1	Tuesday 16th	2.20
2	Thursday 18th	2.20
3	Monday 15th	2.30
4	Wednesday 17th	2.30
5	Friday 19th	2.30
6	Friday 19th	2.30

Messages from Teachers

Year 6

For our DT project this term we will be creating playground structures. For this, we would be grateful if your children could bring in any cardboard, egg cartons and cardboard tubes for the beginning of the week beginning 15th September.

Thanks for your help with this.
Best wishes
The year 6 team

Battle of the Bands



From 15th September to 23rd October, there will be a Times Tables Rock Stars battle of the bands between classes in Year 4, 5 and 6. The class in each year group, which scores the most points on TTRS in this time period, will win some extra playtime. It's time to begin the battle!

Liveable Neighbourhoods

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Have your say on them by
30 October 2025.



www.bristol.gov.uk/SBLN



Bristol City coming to Ashton Gate



Years 1, 2 and 3 – this is your last chance to sign up for the penalty shoot out with Bristol City as this will be taking place for you on Monday 15 th Sept.

What do you need to do if your child wants to take part?

Please sign up your child using the following link. We need this information to be able to manage numbers.

<https://forms.gle/UmUU53uoK4hAqBSH6>

Don't forget to bring in your sponsor forms and any money collected and give to your teacher on Monday. Or the link for online donations is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ashtongatebristol>

Years 4, 5 and 6, you have a bit longer as your turn will be on Monday 22nd September.

PTA AGM – 30th September, time and place TBC

Following on from our message last week, we wanted to let people know that we will be recruiting a Co-Chair this year. Jo Phillips, our existing Co-Chair, is looking for someone to share the role with her as she plans to step down next year, when her child moves to secondary school. If there is someone out there who is interested in being Co-Chair, this would be a great opportunity to take on the role but with the help and support of Jo and the PTA, many of whom have been involved for several years. If you think this could be you, please drop the PTA an email and we will get in touch to have a coffee and a chat.

EMAIL : ashtongatepta@gmail.com



4th September 2025

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Re: Increase in measles cases and how to protect your family

Between January and May 2025, Bristol had 47 confirmed cases of measles. Cases were seen in both adults and children, and some people were very unwell and needed treatment in hospital. During this time, Bristol had more measles cases than any other area in England.

In Bristol, our MMR vaccination uptake is too low, which means we remain at risk of further outbreaks in the city.

We are urging parents and carers in Bristol to take action to protect themselves and their children from catching measles.

Anyone who is not vaccinated is at risk of catching measles.

By booking yourself and your children in for any missed measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccinations you will protect your own family and help protect others.

If you are unsure if you've been vaccinated, you can check in your personal child health record, known as the red book, or speak to your GP practice. There's no harm in receiving an additional dose if you are unsure if you've been vaccinated before.

The MMR vaccine is safe, effective and free on the NHS, whatever your age. Two doses provide you with 99% protection against catching measles and it's never too late to get vaccinated.

If you don't eat pork products, please ask for the pork free vaccine, called Priorix. If you have any questions about the MMR vaccine please do speak to a qualified health professional such as your GP practice, pharmacy or health visitor.

If you would like to learn more about the MMR vaccine, you can watch a short video created by Caafi Health at bit.ly/lets-talk-MMR or by scanning this QR code.

Further information can be found at www.bnssqhealthiertogether.org.uk/vaccination/mmr-information/



What is measles?

Measles is highly infectious and can cause serious long-term complications such as pneumonia, swelling of the brain, permanent hearing loss, harm to unborn babies and on rare occasions, death.

Measles can spread very easily among those who are unvaccinated. Approximately 17% of five-year-old children in Bristol have not had the MMR vaccination and so are currently not protected. There are also a significant number of older children and younger working adults who have missed their MMR vaccination and are therefore not protected.

What you need to do if you think your child has measles

If your child develops the symptoms of measles, such as a high temperature; a runny or blocked nose; sneezing; a cough; red, sore, watery eyes; or a rash, then:

1. Contact your GP if you are worried. You should call your GP or NHS 111 before visiting them in person. This is to avoid spreading measles to others.
2. Keep them away from their education or childcare setting, or work, for at least four days from when the rash first appears (the date the rash appears is the day that you should begin isolation). Do tell your child's school or early years setting if measles is confirmed.
3. Avoid close contact with vulnerable people. This includes babies under 12 months, people who are pregnant and people with weakened immune systems.

To find out more about measles and see images of what the rash might look like on your child's skin visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/.

Yours sincerely



Julie Northcott, FFPH, MPH
Deputy Director of Public Health,
Bristol City Council

Lunch Ordering

Please remember to order your child's lunch before 10pm on a Wednesday. If your child only has a meal once a week, you will still need to book this.

We are still having a lot of children who do not have a lunch booked with no packed lunch. Please remember the default meal is always salad bar. No other option will be available.

Please remember not to order a school lunch if your child is on a school trip, where a packed lunch is required. If you have already booked a meal for this date, the meal can be cancelled by the payer until midnight on a Wednesday for the following week. As all food is pre-ordered there will be no refunds issued for non-cancelled meals.

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.



Recording Absences

Studybugs is no longer in use.

Please record any illnesses/medical appointments using the Arbor parent portal app.

For planned absences please complete the online form on the attendance page of our website.



Arbor

Term Dates and Inset Days 2025 to 2026

Term Dates 2025 to 2026

Term 1: 2 September 2025 to 24th October 2025

Term 2: 3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025

Term 3: 5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026

Term 4: 23 February 2026 to 2 April 2026

Term 5: 20 April 2026 to 22 May 2026

Term 6: 1 June 2026 to 22 July 2026

Inset Days 2025 to 2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 26th September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026