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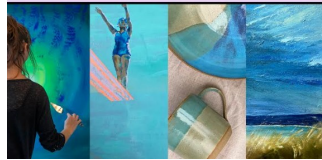
South Bristol Arts Trail

Join us for a weekend celebrating local creativity across Southville, Bedminster and Ashton

20 & 21 September 2025 11am - 5pm

Download your Arts Trail Map online or collect a paper one from The Southville Centre or Glass Design Gallery

Boardwalk



This year, the children of Ashton Gate Primary have again collaborated together within their classes, to create a piece of artwork that has been inspired by one of the artists they have been studying. The work is displayed on letters depicting the school motto of "Rising High Together".

It's the return of the South Bristol Arts Trail this weekend! At the end of the summer term, we were working on a whole school art installation inspired by the artists we had studied. Each class was given a letter, which they have creatively decorated, that spells out our school motto - 'Rising High Together'. The children worked so hard on this and are so excited for you to see it!

The installation will be along the long, low railing outside the Ashton site on Ashton Gate Road. It can be viewed at any point across both days.



Project Zulu



On behalf of everyone at Project Zulu, we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire Ashton Gate school community for their outstanding support throughout the choir tour.

We're absolutely thrilled to share that your fundraising and involvement helped to raise a record-breaking **£36,894.6**, during their 3 week visit to Bristol! These funds will be used to improve educational facilities at our partner schools in South Africa, including harnessing solar energy and installing learning and technology equipment to develop digital classrooms.

Beyond the incredible fundraising, we're extremely grateful for the school's enthusiastic involvement, from attending the gala concert to hosting a brilliant day for the choir at school. These moments made a lasting impression on the children and helped create an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.



Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Girls Rugby

Yesterday we took a group of year 5/6 girls to take part in a Women's Rugby World Cup themed touch rugby event. The girls had an enjoyable day and played so well as a team. Their skills and confidence improved with each game and each one displayed great resilience when the rain arrived. Well done to all who took part



Year 5

Year 5 will have workshops led by Papaya. They will discuss and learn ways to safely navigate the digital age and how to make informed choices about smartphones, social media and screens. More information can be found at the link below or by contacting Jon Anderson at school.

<https://www.papayataalks.com/janderson@ashtongateprimary.org>



Online Safety videos:

[A Stolen Childhood](https://nipinthebud.org/films-for-teachers-professionals/a-stolen-childhood-smartphone-free-childhood/) - <https://nipinthebud.org/films-for-teachers-professionals/a-stolen-childhood-smartphone-free-childhood/> For parents / carers (7 mins - featuring Dr Susie Davies)

[The Smartphone Dilemma](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFsiYAsgx7U) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFsiYAsgx7U>
For parents / carers (10 mins - featuring SFC's Anish, former Facebook product manager)

[5 Superpowers](#) - for parents / carers (1 min - featuring SFC's Anish)

[Why to delay Smartphones - video for children](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw

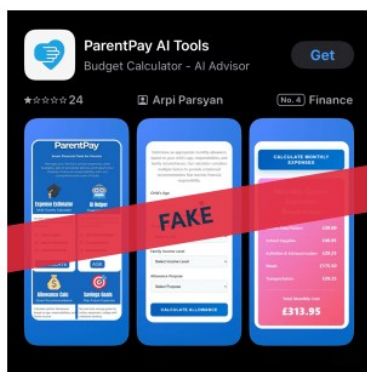
For parents / carers / schools to share with children (10 min - featuring SFC's Anish)

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!



We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.



Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay **does not have an app available for download from any app stores**
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

This message is for awareness only, so you can confidently and quickly respond to any parent queries.

Yours sincerely,

ParentPay Group Customer Service Team

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>



Hello Parents and Carers



Bristol City Council would like to know whether childcare in our city is meeting your needs.

Please complete this quick survey. It's completely anonymous.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HHLiEXct3a>

If you have a smart phone, open your camera and focus on the QR code to go straight to the survey!

Thank you, The Early Years Team

PTA News

This week we have a couple of reminders for you all

Bristol City at Ashton Gate

Following on from last week's Penalty Shoot Out, this coming Monday it's the turn of years 4, 5 and 6 to take on the challenge and see if they can put one past the Goalie!

All those who take part will receive a certificate and have the chance of winning a prize, including tickets, a signed shirt and many more. These will be chosen at random and presented in assembly on 29th September.

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

<https://forms.gle/UmUU53uoK4hAqBSH6>

Money can be raised by either completing the sponsorship form your child will have taken home from school or directly online via our JustGiving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ashtongatebristol>
All the money raised will be shared by the PTA and Robins Foundation. The money we receive will help kit out our new calm spaces on both the Ashton and Upton sites.



PTA AGM

Also, we will be holding our PTA AGM on Tuesday 30th September at 7:30pm at the Ashton Site reception school hall.

You'll have the chance to meet the team, hear about what we have been up to and our plans for the academic year.

Remember, there is no obligation to get directly involved so if you're just curious then pop in and say hi.

That being said, we are also looking for new members – more so now than ever with many parents due to leave the school next year. Without new members all the amazing work we do is at risk. We really don't want to have to scale back on our plans but without more direct support we might have to consider what we are able to do.

What does that mean for the school and our kids? Less fun and exciting events like our film and quiz night, Summer and Christmas Fairs, Sport events and a host more, which all means less money raised to support the school and our kids.

So come down, find out what it's all about, meet the team, have a drink and see if you feel you can give some of your time to help support the work your PTA does – and remember there is NO pressure on your side...but we think you will love it so much you won't be able to resist to get involved (will you take the challenge?).

Ashton Gate Wishlist

We have been updating the school's Amazon Wishlist, which is a great way you can offer some additional support with a range of different items that have been selected by our teachers.

From giant chalk, games, sports equipment and musical instruments, there is a range of items big and small.

You can view the Wishlist by following this link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/K1HHIHI85XUE?ref=wl_fv_le

Thanks as always for your support and we hope you have a great weekend.

Your PTA

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