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Year 2

As part of our DT project year 2 will be creating paper ferris wheels. Please can your child bring in a cardboard box or plastic container that is easy to cut like shown in the photographs. No need to cut anything - class teachers will do this for you.

Many thanks

The Year 2 team



Year 3

To celebrate our history topic, we will be having an Ancient Britain Day this term. On Tuesday 21st October, we will be off timetable for the day, taking part in lots of different activities that will enrich the children's learning of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children are encouraged to dress for the occasion and we can't wait to see you all in lots of fur and animal prints. Please note that costumes are optional, any children not dressing up are asked to wear their school uniform as normal. Please contact your class teacher with any enquiries.

Year 6

Deadline for secondary school applications

Please be aware that the deadline for secondary school applications is **31st October**. If you need any assistance with the application process then please contact Carolyn Busby (cbusby@ashtongateprimary.org) and Rachael Herbert (rherbert@ashtongateprimary.org).

If you are visiting an open morning and taking your child out of school, please inform your child's class teacher and the school office.



Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

REMINDER

Tomorrow, Friday 26th September school is closed for Inset Day.

Parent Volunteer Readers Needed

We are looking for parent volunteers to support reading across the school. . If you can spare a little time, even if it's not every week, we'd love to hear from you. Parents often volunteer less in Key Stage 2, but we especially need help across all classes from Reception all the way through to Year 6! To take part, you'll need to complete a DBS check, please go to either office who can guide you through the process.

KS1 Library

KS1 are looking to add Children's **National Geographical and Okido** magazines to the library, if you have any at home, that you would like to donate please pop them into the KS1 office.

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](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!



HARVEST COLLECTION

Brands are just an example



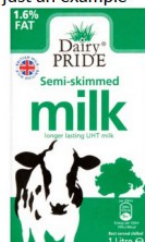
Tinned Carrots



Tinned Vegetarian Soup



Tinned Pulses



Long Life UHT Milk



Size 5 & Size 6 Nappies.



Washing Up Liquid



Chocolate Bars



watch our harvest video

As we approach the harvest season, we have a great opportunity to come together as a school community and support those in need by collecting donations for the South & East Bristol Foodbank. They provide emergency food services in locations around the city, including in our community. They're part of InHope, a charity based in Bristol that runs various projects to assist people in need, and also part of the national Trussell Trust network, which helps provides food to those who are struggling across the country.

What to Donate

The foodbank is always in need of a variety of non-perishable foods, household and toiletries items. Below is a list of the most needed items currently:

Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Potatoes, Deodorant, Soap Nappies, Instant noodles, Crisps, Tinned Meat or Veggie Meals, Shampoo, Washing Up Liquid, Rice, Pasta, Tea bags Instant coffee, Tinned beans, Tinned Veg, Tinned soups UHT Milk, Biscuits,

Golden Rules for Donations

Before you gather your donations, please remember these important guidelines:

1. ****It has to be in date**** - Please check expiration dates and dispose of any items that are past their best.
2. ****It has to be unopened**** – Please only donate items that are sealed and unused.
3. ****It has to be long-life**** – The Foodbank can only accept items which don't require storing in a fridge.

Your kindness and generosity will go a long way in ensuring that our local foodbank can continue to support those who

Donate here or get in touch for other locations:
ebfoodbank@inhope.uk

Follow us on social media @sebfoodbank
 Shop online at givetoday.co.uk/sebfoodbanks

inHope.
 project

are struggling. Thank you for your support and for helping us make a positive impact in our community.

PTA News

Penalty Shoot Out – The Results Are In (almost)



A huge thank you to Bristol City and Red for coming down and running the penalty shoot out over the last two weeks. All the children that got involved had a great time and lots of fun, which is what it's all about!

Of course, with all that fun came lots of incredible donations! And we're very excited to say we have raised almost £2,000 so far with money still coming in. So, a massive thank you to everyone who donated. We will confirm the final amount once we have it.



PTA AGM – Quick Reminder

Don't forget that next week we will be holding our PTA AGM on **Tuesday 30th September at 7:30pm at the Ashton Site reception school hall**. We've made a focus of this over the last few newsletters, so we won't say too much more other than we would love to see some new faces, so even if you are just a little intrigued or feel you could offer some support, we would love to see you.

South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods: Have your say!

Bristol City Council needs your help to design safer and quieter streets. If you live work, visit, study or play in the BS3 area including Bedminster, Southville or Windmill Hill, have your say at: [South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods consultation 2025](#)

BCC want to get as many people involved as possible to help design safer and quieter streets, encouraging walking, cycling and wheeling for shorter journeys, improving air quality, enhancing the public realm and green spaces, and improving access to local high streets. Potential changes could include measures to reduce traffic taking short cuts through residential streets and near schools, improved crossings to help connect neighbourhoods, planting more trees, providing more benches and community activity spaces and improving lighting.

*If you have any questions or concerns about the South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood and how it could affect the area around the school, Bristol City Council officers will be running two drop-in sessions on **Monday 29 September** outside the school gates **at the below times:***

Ashton Site: 8:30am-9:30am
Upton Site: 3pm-4pm

Bristol Parent Carers are running an interactive 'Let's Talk About Moving Through School: Transitions' session on Thursday 9th October at 7pm, online, with Clare Greene, Lead for School Improvement, from Bristol City Council.

You can book your place here: <https://bit.ly/4mqVSpR>

We are looking for parents and carers to share their experiences of their children's transitions, whether that be a 'big' transition, such as starting Reception, moving to secondary school or starting a new school mid-year, or a more 'regular' transition, such as the start and end of school terms and starting a new academic year.

Did it go well? What might have helped you and your child navigate the change?

Your voice matters and your feedback will help shape Bristol's guidance on making transitions safe, effective and smoother for families. A thank you for active attendees is also included (check our booking page for details).

Can't join? Share your thoughts here: <https://forms.office.com/e/stQybSMUUB>



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LET'S TALK!

ABOUT

MOVING THROUGH SCHOOL: TRANSITIONS

Online
Thursday 9th Oct, 7pm-9pm

Has your child started a new year group or moved schools?
We need to hear from you -
your voice matters!



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

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