



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Year 5

Headlice has been reported in Year 5. Please check and treat your child's hair accordingly.

Vauxhall Bridge

Vauxhall Bridge will be closing from the 2nd October and is likely to be closed for two years. For more information, the diversion routes, and updates on the project, please go to www.bristol.gov.uk/newcutbridges

KS2 Lunches

Due to staff shortages there will be no jacket potatoes available next week.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information

Don't forget:

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Explorer Dome

On Wednesday Year 4 visited the Explorer Dome. In science this term Year 4 are learning about the digestive system. This immersive experience consolidated their learning about parts and functions of the digestive system. The children loved this experience!



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

The official theme for this year's event is **'Mental health is a universal human right'**. This day is a chance for everybody to talk about mental health and emphasise how important it is to reach out if you're struggling.

Kindness doesn't just help other people, but it also improves our own physical and mental health. Whether we're giving kindness, receiving kindness or even just witnessing kindness, it can have a great effect on us!

On World Mental Health Day we invite you to :

COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN YELLOW

We will be taking part in different mental health activities and everyone will start the day with a mindful moment.

Sophie Sowden



Come along to this September's South Bristol Arts Trail

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 September

125 local creatives will be taking part in September's South Bristol Arts Trail, showcasing artwork, demonstrating techniques, running workshops and selling products and finished pieces. Artists will be opening their homes and studio spaces to you, as well as exhibiting in shops, cafes and community centres. Think ceramicists and sculptors, painters and printmakers, handmade cosmetics, candles and collage. There's so much to see!

As well as a brilliant selection of exhibiting artists, we've got a wonderful workshop schedule lined up. The majority of our workshops are FREE drop-in sessions, all run by Bristol-based creatives. Try your hand at a variety of printmaking, visit the Clayground at Estate of the Arts and head to Silver & Steel to watch silver recycling demonstrations. Get creative with the whole family with activities from Colourful Minds, join in with some crafty collage and have a go at making pinch pots. Your ears can join in the fun too with Saturday afternoon performances from local group CrumScrum and a Sunday afternoon serenade from The Bristol Harpist.

We are working towards becoming a more accessible Arts Trail, helping people feel more included in Bristol's creative community. Use the Arts Trail Map to find venues with step-free access, toilets and places you can stop for a cuppa or a bite to eat.

Download your copy of the map online or pick up one from The Southville Centre or Glass Designs Gallery on North St.



Reporting Absences

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](#).

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

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

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

PTA NEWS

WELCOME BACK BBQ – 23rd September - 4pm to 8pm – Ashton Site - TOMORROW

One of our most popular events is finally here. Come along to the Ashton site for an evening of food, music, drinks and games for all the family. **We are prepared for all weathers** and boast the best value bar on North Street. We will also have the Rugby on for those who don't want to a single try.

Tickets are £5 per Adult, £2.50 per Child and include your first trip to the BBQ.

Tickets are available on the gate or via <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s5w9-20230923160000>

DRINKS and AGM – 27th September – 7.30pm – Ashton Site

We'll be hosting the annual AGM for the PTA at the Ashton site and would like to invite, nay implore, all interested parents and carers to come along for a **free drink** and hear what the PTA has been up to.

As always, **we'll be electing the PTA committee for the year** and looking for new Committee members to join us. It is a great way to contribute to the school community and meet other parents. You don't even need to take on a specific role to take part. We have members without specific responsibilities, which works well if you would like to help but don't want to over-commit.

We will be looking for a new **Communications Officer**. This role is a hugely important part of the PTA. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring to write newsletters, manage Facebook, and generally all things comms, please join us on the 27th.

Many of the events we all enjoy wouldn't happen without the PTA volunteers. If you have the time, please **come down, enjoy a drink and maybe get involved!**

Dates for the Diary	Date
Welcome Back BBQ	23 rd September – 4pm til 8pm
Drinks and PTA AGM	27 th September – 7.30pm
Film Night	November - TBC
Christmas Trees	2 nd December
Christmas Fair	9 th December

If you are interested in hearing more or getting involved you can contact us at ashton-gatepta@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook at [Ashton Gate PTA | Facebook](#)



EMERGENCY FOOD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Dear Parents,

We are South and East Bristol Foodbank, and this coming Harvest time, we are reaching out to you, as parents of our local schools, to join us in our mission to provide emergency food, support, and advice to those in our community facing financial crisis.

Our Foodbank operates through seven centres strategically located around the South and East areas of our city, including in your local area. In the month of August this year alone, we distributed enough food to provide approximately 3,963 meals to individuals and families who are struggling to afford life's essentials. This achievement would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of people like you.

The majority of the food items we distribute come from individuals and families who have been kind enough to pick up an extra item or two during their weekly supermarket trips, or donated in various other ways.

Harvest is a time when we celebrate the abundance we have in our lives, but it's also a reminder to extend our generosity to those in need and we are delighted that your school has generously agreed to support us by organising a food collection drive. They will provide you with details on how and when you can drop off food items, as well as details of specific items we are in most need of this season.

If you find it challenging to physically drop off food items, you can also visit our online shop at <https://www.givetoday.co.uk/sebfoodbanks/> and purchase food items that will be delivered directly to us. Every contribution, big or small, makes a tremendous impact and helps us reach those who need it the most within our community.

We understand that not everyone may be able to contribute, and that's perfectly okay. Your support, however, will be greatly appreciated and will genuinely make a significant difference in the lives of those facing hardship in our community.

If you would like to learn more about the work we do or explore other ways to get involved, please visit our website at <https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/>. We have various opportunities for volunteering and supporting our mission beyond the food drive!

Thank you for your consideration and for being a part of our compassionate community.

With warm regards,
South and East Bristol Foodbank

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www.eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk

Charity No: 298528



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please make sure all donations are in date and unopened!

Brands are just examples!

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Meat and Vegetarian Meals

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Shampoo

Toilet Roll

Instant Mash/Tinned Potatoes

Fruit Juice (Long-Life)

Pasta Sauce

Rice Pudding

Tinned Soup

Tinned Fish

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](https://www.givetoday.co.uk/sebfoodbanks)