



Ashton Gate Primary School

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We would like to invite you in to school to see your child's classroom and to hear from your class teacher all about the Reception curriculum and experience.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Butterfly and Bumblebee Classes – Tuesday 7th November 2.30pm

Ladybird and Caterpillar Classes – Thursday 9th November 2.30pm

If you are unable to make this, the powerpoint will be available on the school website after the sessions have taken place.

Please can we remind families not to allow children and younger siblings to play on the Reception play equipment (eg slide and climbing frame) and bikes after school.

Year 6

A reminder that 6S and 6E will not return back at school until 3.20pm on Tuesday after their visit to the Create Centre for Lifeskills.

Appointments

If you need to collect your child early for an appointment or other reason, please complete a Request for Planned Absence form: <https://forms.office.com/e/MF8waxCQ81>

Please be aware that you may be asked to provide evidence for appointments. If a request is not received, then the absence will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Bristol Old Vic



Year 6 had a great trip to Bristol Old Vic this week to take part in a story-telling workshop with renowned story-teller Jan Blake. She told us riddles, wove a tale which kept us all entranced and answered questions from the audience about her career. It was really interesting. We were lucky enough to be offered a free workshop following this trip. On Thursday, Jan Blake came and worked with a group of children in Y6 to develop their story-telling skills. We would like to extend a big thank you to 'The Children's Bookshow', who made this possible and Jan Blake for sharing her expertise with such enthusiasm.

Don't forget:

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

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.



Jacket Potato—EY & KS1

We are now be able to offer jacket potato on the Ashton site on a Tuesday and 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 Tuesday and Wednesday. This order will close on a Friday at 1pm.

After this time you will not be able to place the order.



School Triathlon

Restless Development School Triathlon is back! This event proved to be hugely popular last year! If you were not selected to take part last year and would like to enter into the ballot again this year, then please read the information carefully. The deadline for entries is Friday 24th November.

This event is organised externally by the charity Restless Development so please direct any questions to:

schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org



ASHTON GATE SCHOOL IS INVITED TO THE SCHOOLS TRIATHLON 2024

The Schools Triathlon is the largest sports fundraising event for children in the UK. Since 2015, more than 25,000 children have raised over £3.4m for Restless Development and 100s of different charities chosen by participating schools. As part of a team, children of all abilities are invited to take on the challenge of swimming, running and cycling to raise money for charity.

When? Sunday 5th May 2024

What is Involved in The Schools Triathlon?

Teams of 4 complete the course as a relay. Each team member will swim (50m / 100m), cycle (1km / 2km) and run (750m). The distances will depend on the child's year group which are split as follows: Years 3 & 4 will participate together, as will Years 5 & 6. Years 7 & 8 will complete the longer distances together.

How Can My Child Enter?

- Create a team of four children
- Choose a team name (the more creative the better!)
- Elect one parent from the team to enter the whole team into the ballot for the event (you will need all participant names and their parent/guardian's email)
- You will receive an email to confirm you have entered your team into the ballot (NB: if you did not receive an email your entry has not gone through)
- If you are successful in the ballot, each participant's parent/guardian will then be emailed directly to complete their child's registration
- The team's place is only secured when all members have completed registration
- **Hoodies are available to preorder during registration, or can be purchased on the day of the event**

Important Information

Your school's deadline for entering the ballot is Friday 24th November 2023.

Due to the high demand for places and limited capacity at the venue, each participating school is limited to a set number of teams.

We aim to notify teams within 3 weeks of your school's deadline.

Where? Clifton College

Who is Invited?

Anyone in Years 3 – 8 can enter
All abilities are invited to participate!

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
FOR THE CLIFTON COLLEGE TRIATHLON**



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Fundraising

Each participant must fundraise a minimum of £50, with a target of £100. This can be done through JustGiving. The first £50 raised by each child will go to Restless Development as the organising charity. The second £50 raised will go to your school's chosen charity. Anything raised over £100 will go to Restless Development.

Restless Development

Through education and training Restless Development develops young people's skills so they can support themselves and their community. We support young people all over the world to use their youth power to lead change and tackle challenges they face such as lack of education, unemployment and climate change.



Please check out our FAQs, or email us on
schoolstriathlon@restlessdevelopment.org



@schoolstriathlon

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Date:

Monday 13th November
- Thursday 16th November

**Scan the QR code
to pay online!**





PTA News this week - did someone say 'Christmas'?

Santa's reindeers are fast approaching and bringing a range of festive PTA baubles to celebrate (and raise funds for your favourite school).

Custom Christmas cards - ordering deadline Monday 6 November

First up are the beautiful custom Christmas designs, drawn by your little one and ready to be printed on cards, wrapping paper and more.

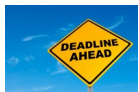
Your child should have already come home with their design and instructions on how to order:

Visit the Class Fundraising website

Enter the school code (C8C707)

Enter the design code and your child's details

Approve the design and start shopping



The deadline for ordering is 23:59 on Monday 6 November (3 days' time)

We'll confirm the delivery date as soon as we can; though everything should arrive in good time for Christmas. Please contact Class Fundraising directly with any ordering issues.

Order your Christmas tree from the PTA

Christmas trees are now available to reserve! We have 70 trees, supplied locally by Frenchay Forestry, starting from £36 depending on size. Enjoy decorating your tree in the knowledge you've raised some money for the school.

Tree collection: Saturday 2 December (AM)

These trees tend to disappear quickly - so get yours while stocks last!

[Book your tree here](https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-swer-20231202100000): <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-swer-20231202100000>



Deck the halls with Dates for your Diary



We'll be sharing more details on Christmas events and fundraising very, very soon - but for now keep these dates locked in your (advent) calendars...

The Big Christmas giveaway | Deadline for class prizes and hampers Wednesday 6 Dec | More info coming soon

PTA Christmas fair | Saturday 9 December | 11am - 3pm | Volunteering slots coming soon

PTA film nights - next week

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

An adults-only screening of Ben Akers' powerful new film about children's mental health.

[Get your tickets here](https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s8vc-20231109190000): <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s8vc-20231109190000>

FREE Family film night | Friday 10 Nov | 6.00pm

The kids will soon choose from Inside Out, Lightyear, or Shaun the Sheep: Farmageddon.

[Get free tickets here](https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-sbud-20231110180000): <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-sbud-20231110180000>

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

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A FILM BY BEN AKERS

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
SILKWORM DIGITAL WORKING PROGRESS JUNGLE STUDIO

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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.

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



3rd November 2023

BARCLAYS
WOMEN'S
SUPER LEAGUE



BRISTOL CITY VS MANCHESTER UNITED

Sunday, November 26th 12.30pm KO