



Waycroft Academy Newsletter - 13th
September 2024

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A Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break and are as excited as we are to be back for the new term. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school, full of energy and ready for the exciting learning ahead! Many of our staff have commented on how smart the children look and how well behaved they have been in assemblies and moving around the classrooms. Thank you for all your support in preparing the children for the new academic year, including ensuring that they wear the correct uniform.

Over the summer break we didn't have any major works taking place but we did finish the work in Key Stage 2 classrooms to finalise the instalment of new screens. Cabot Learning Federation's IT department have now secured funding to install new screens in all other classrooms which will take place on one of the INSET days at the end of this term. We were also incredibly grateful to the 'Friends of Waycroft' for purchasing a new iPad trolley and sixteen iPads; these have been used throughout most days since the start of term across the curriculum.

As we settle back into our routines, I'd like to remind everyone of a few important things:

Parking Safety

For the safety of our children and to show respect to our local community, please ensure you are **not parking on the yellow zig-zags or blocking residents' driveways** when dropping off or picking up your children. We kindly ask you to be mindful of this to avoid any inconvenience and to keep all children safe.

Dress for the Weather

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your children are **bringing their coats to school every day**. It's important that they stay warm during outdoor play and while travelling to and from school.

Applying for secondary school places

If you are a parent of a child in year 6 then now is the time to be visiting some of the local secondary schools on an evening. Open evening dates are usually available on the schools' website. The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is Thursday 31st October. Please apply at:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/secondary-apply>

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this term a great one!

Mr Smith

Attendance



Penalty Notices

From 19 August, if a child has at least 10 (10 or more) sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 school weeks, their parent/carer(s) may receive a penalty notice. (A morning or afternoon is one session; a whole school day is two sessions.) However, the government's rules also allow for penalty notices to be issued for less unauthorised absence, in some circumstances, for example where parents or carers appear to be avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below threshold, or for repeated absence for birthdays or other family events which the school has not authorised absence for.

Please note: Penalty notices are issued to parents and carers as an alternative to prosecution and are intended to prevent the need for court action. A penalty notice may not be issued if prosecution is considered a more appropriate sanction for a pupil's unauthorised absence.

First penalty notice (in a 3-year rolling period)

The penalty is £80 (per parent/carer, per child) payable within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid between 22 and 28 days. (If the fine is not paid, the parent/carer may be prosecuted for the child's unauthorised absence.)

Second penalty notice (in a 3-year rolling period)

The **second time** a penalty notice is issued to the **same parent/carer** for the **same child** the amount will be **£160** per parent/carer, per child (if paid within 28 days). There is no reduction in the amount if the penalty is paid early. (Again, if the fine is not paid, the parent/carer may be prosecuted.)

Prosecution

Fines per parent/carer will be capped to two fines within any 3-year period. Once this limit has been reached, a prosecution will be considered. Prosecution may result in fines of up to £2,500 per parent/carer, per child.

Attendance information

Week commencing - 04/09/2024

Whole school attendance - 96.6%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Golden Hind 100%

KS2 class with highest attendance - QE2 98.9%

Week commencing - 09/09/2024

Whole school attendance - 96.3%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Santa Maria 100%

KS2 class with highest attendance - Britannia 99.3%

School attendance: Is your child missing out?

	In a week means missing ...	Over a year means missing...	Over the seven years of primary school means missing...
100% attendance	No days	No weeks	No learning at all!
90% attendance	Half a day	Almost four weeks	Over four terms
80% attendance	One day	Over seven weeks	One school year and two terms
70% attendance	One and a half days	Eleven weeks	More than two years
60% attendance	Two days	Over fifteen weeks	Two years and four terms
50% attendance	Two and a half days	Almost twenty weeks	Three and a half years



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

SEND COFFEE MORNING

**Wednesday 25th
September
@ 9 - 10.30am**

Come along to chat with Bristol Parent Carers & school staff to find out about services available locally to support your family and children

1 - SEND Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25th September at 9.00-10.30am - please come along if you would like to find out what services are available for you and your family.

EYFS



Admiral

We have had a great start to the term in Admiral Nursery. We are so thrilled with how well the children have been settling in. We have been singing traditional songs and rhymes together. The children have loved investigating the story of the 3 little pigs this week. We have played with puppets and put on our best grumpy Wolf voices too!

Mary-Rose

Mary- Rose have settled back in to the new term amazingly, all of the new children have come in so brave and confident, and all of the returning children have been superstars, we are so proud of them all.

We have been learning about the story Daisy's Dragons this week, and have been thinking about our emotions. We started with the pink dragon which is 'happy'- the children have enjoyed talking about all of the things that make them happy, exploring the colour pink, and making happy faces with the playdough!

Reception

What a super brilliant two weeks we have had! Reception children have enjoyed their home visits and transition week. We are settling in and making friends along the way. We've loved sharing shoe boxes, finding out about families and our favourite things. The children have created self-portraits, been on listening walks, and continue to develop their fine motor skills too.

We can't wait for next week!







KS1



Welcome back to a new school year! I am Mrs Winsley and I lead Key Stage 1. Some of you may already know me from last year. I have had the pleasure of walking around the classrooms the last few days and I have been SO impressed by the children demonstrating our school values of ready, respectful and resilient! I will be on the gate once a week so please do say hello.

Mrs Winsley

Year 1

Year 1 have had a great start to the year. We have settled into new routines quickly and we have demonstrated fantastic learning attitudes. We have started to count and sort objects in maths, discussing the differences between things and how they could be put into groups. We loved getting outside as part of our Geography unit to discover the human and physical features we could see on the school grounds and the surrounding area. Year 1 also got the chance to impress the teachers with our awesome throwing and catching skills during PE. Well done all!

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been diving into an atlas in their Geography topic of *UK - local investigations and patterns (South-west England including waterways)*. The children could confidently name the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom, find them on a map and then label their own map. They were fascinated to learn that each country had its own capital city and why we have a capital city. We had an interesting discussion as to how the seas surrounding the UK got their names and why we have an Irish Sea, but the other seas are not named after a country. The children were also able to locate Bristol on a map.









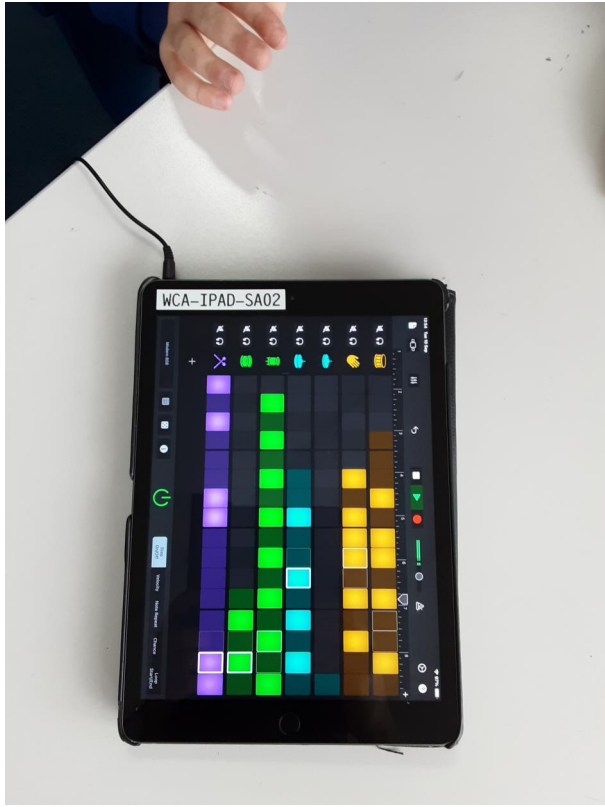
Year 3

Year 3 have had an 'arty' start to the year. They really enjoyed learning about different shading techniques, including hatching and cross-hatching, which they used to fill sections of a flowing design. In music, they were learning about pitch. On glockenspiels, they adjusted the pitch that they were playing based upon how high or low the cut out balloon was. Year 3 are looking forward to learning more about The Tudors in the coming weeks in history lessons.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to the year. They have worked incredibly hard and are showing the school values in everything they do. They have particularly enjoyed the start of our music and computing units, which are focused on sea shanties and composing music, respectively. The children have also shown their resilience during maths lessons, where they have used counters and dienes to improve their understanding of place value.

























UKS2



UKS2 have had a brilliant start to the academic year. We are all so proud of all the children and how well they have settled back into school life, remembering school routines well, embracing our school values and showing great enthusiasm towards their learning.

Year 5

It has been a fantastic start to the school year for Gypsy Moth and Britannia. Both classes have settled nicely and back into their usual routines. Children have already been visited by PE specialists from the Bright Sparks Sports Foundation to help the children with their gymnastic skills. In Geography, we have begun investigating rivers and waterways throughout the UK drawing diagrams of atoms in Science. Tag rugby started this week with Year 5 been very eager to learn the rules of this sport.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the school year, all the children have really impressed the UKS2 adults with their positive attitudes towards their learning and how well they have all embraced the expectations of year 6! In English, the children have been writing some fantastic setting and character descriptions based on the descriptive pieces based on the class book 'Holes'. Across the curriculum, the children have started learning about the Stone Age in history and researching masks from other cultures to help them design their 3D masks in art. In music, both classes have been enjoying learning how to sing a sea shanty with Miss Archer.











Celebration Assembly



Well done to all the children who were awarded certificates in assembly today. We were really impressed with their manners in front of the school, including confidently shaking hands and saying thank you.



Save the Dates for terms 1 and 2



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th September-**Year 2 camp meeting @ 3.30pm**

Wednesday 18th September- **Year 6 camp meeting @ 4.30pm**

Wednesday 25th September-**SEND Coffee Morning @ 9am**

Thursday 26th September-**Deadline for Year 2 camp deposit** (Payment item live from Thursday 19th September)

Wednesday 2nd October-**Year 4 Hooke Court Camp**

Tuesday 22nd October-**Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm** (Information about booking will be sent nearer the date)

Wednesday 23rd October-**Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm**

Wednesday 23rd October-**Last day of Term 1**

Thursday 31st October-**Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for a secondary school place**

Monday 4th November-**Start of Term 2**

Wednesday 13th November-**Individual photo day**

Friday 13th December - **Year 6 Create Centre Trip**

Inset Dates 2024/2025

Thursday 24th October 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Payment Reminders



Year 2 camp deposit - £25 due by Thursday 26th September 2024 (Payment item live from Thursday 19th September)

Year 6 Create Centre - £13.27 due by Friday 22nd November 2024

ATTENTION ALL ASDA SHOPPERS



From today until 30th November, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choosing! You just need to set up for your donation to go to Waycroft & it doesn't take any money away from your own cash pot!

It doesn't take long to set up:

1. Open your Asda rewards app
2. Click 'cashpots' at the bottom
3. Click on 'join cashpots for schools'
4. Click 'great count me in'
5. Select 'I have a school I want to choose'
6. Search Waycroft & click 'continue'
7. Click 'done' !

Then every time you scan your Asda rewards app 0.5% of your total spend will go to Waycroft!

PLUS they get a one off £50 for being nominated. Then they'll get an initial £1 donation for everyone who joins and sets up their funds to go to Waycroft !!

Be sure to let your friends and family know!

Community Notices



"Messy Church" at Stockwood Free Church

We invite your family to come and enjoy Messy Church with us again this year at Stockwood Free Church (Ladman Road).

This runs every third Tuesday of the month from 4pm until 6pm: 17th September, 15th October, 19th November and 17th December this year. Doors will be open from 3.30pm so if you find it easier to drop in straight after school then you are very welcome to come enjoy tea and biscuits before we start the main activities.

Messy Church consists of a variety of fun activities, crafts, games, songs, a Bible story and finishes with a meal (all free).

All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no need to book a place at any of the sessions. A vegetarian option will always be available, but please let us know about any special dietary requirements.

Please note that parking may be limited in our car park for the September session as we are having some roof repairs carried out.

For more information, please contact us at childrenandyouth.sfchurch@gmail.com



Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free groups for adults run by Bristol Children's Centres

Scan here to find out more and register your interest!



Your parenting toolbox:



For more information please call: **07721 311 497** or email: **psso@bristol.gov.uk**

Once you have registered your interest via: **www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups** we will be in touch to find the best group option for you.



Grassroots Extended Afterschool Club



Children have such a wild imagination and it is important to let that flow. Here at Grassroots Sports Bristol we offer a safe environment for children to be whoever or whatever they can envision.

Inclusive to all children and personalities.



We have experience working with SEN (Special Educational Needs) children for over four years in our Extended After School Clubs

The children have a choice of a variety of activities they can do. These include:
Sports
Board/Card games
Chat and play with friends
And many more!



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