



Waycroft Academy Newsletter - 31st
January 2025

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A Message from the Headteacher



Firstly, I would like to start with thanking everyone who was able to make it to our maths 'Work-a-longs' this week; the children have really enjoyed working with different adults, regardless of whether they were their own or not. We hope these sessions help you at home to also understand some of the maths curriculum that we teach.

It has certainly been an eventful and busy week at Waycroft, which included what can best be described as a waterfall suddenly appearing from the ceiling of the Year 6 Cutty Sark classroom! I am mentioning this because we were so proud of the way that the children in Cutty Sark class have adapted to having to move to a different place. The class have spent the rest of their week based in the Pioneer building after staff and children worked together to set up their classroom - thank you to everyone for working together as a team in a tricky situation!

If your child has a school dinner, you are probably aware that Mrs Sweet and I hand out dinner bands so the children are reminded of what lunch has been ordered. For all children who have a cooked dinner, please can parents/carers make sure that:

- The dinner is always booked online. Otherwise the kitchen have to give your child whatever they have cooked the most of, regardless of how much he/she likes it. This is nearly always a jacket potato.

- You share the menu with your child and discuss with them what they would like.
- Your child is reminded of what they have ordered each day, unless of course they have a jacket potato or pasta every day etc.

This is especially important for any children with special educational needs. Whilst we would love to be able to give children the option to change what is booked, we are not able to do so due to the kitchen cooking for the numbers booked. We also want to make sure that all children get the meal which you have booked for them.

Looking forward to term 4, we will be having a GB athlete visiting our school to complete some fitness circuits with the children and lead an assembly with them to promote being active, resilient and healthy. On Monday 10th February, I will be announcing in assembly who our visiting athlete will be and the children will be bringing home sponsorship forms. There is no pressure for anyone to raise money for the event, everyone from Y1-6 will take part; however, as a school we will receive a voucher that we can spend on equipment to promote physical activities if money has been raised. A letter will be sent about the event in the next week.

It was great to see the sun out today, almost in celebration of the end of January! I hope you all have a restful and happy weekend!

Mr Smith





Safeguarding/Health and Safety



There have been some recent incidents of drivers stopping on the yellow lines, parking in front of the school gates, stopping in the middle of the road or 'bumping' up the curbs outside of the school along Selden Road. This is causing a safety concern for our pupils, parents and wider community. If you need to drive, please ensure this is done responsibly and where possible, park a little further away and walk. With this in mind, please also be mindful of the local residents as we often receive complaints about driveways being blocked. Thank you.

Attendance



Week commencing - 20/01/2025

Whole school attendance - 96.5%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Santa Maria 98.2%

KS2 class with highest attendance - Discovery 99.2%

Week commencing - 27/01/2025

Whole school attendance - 94.8%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Santa Maria and Pinta 95.9%

KS2 class with highest attendance - Endeavour 98.7%

Penalty Notices

- 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.)
- The first time a penalty is issued within a three-year rolling period, it 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.
- 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.)
- 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.

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

Who are Young Bristol?

Young Bristol is a Mission led youth charity that works with children and young people, 8-19 years of age, through a variety of engaging and impactful programmes in a number of communities across the City of Bristol. They believe every young person has the right to discover what they're capable of.

Water-based Outdoor Activities include canoeing, stand up paddle boarding and raft building.

Land-based Outdoor Activities include abseiling, climbing, orienteering and stream walking.

For more information call: 01179292513 or go to: info@youngbristol.com

SEND concerns

If you have any concerns regarding your child and any additional needs they may have, please speak to your child's class teacher. They will then discuss your child with me, Mrs Winsley, and I will be able to advise them on next steps.

EYFS



Admiral

In Admiral nursery we have continued to explore our topic "Marvellous Me!" The children have been discovering lots of ways they can use their hands in kind ways through the story "Barry the fish with fingers". This week we have been considering how to be a marvellous friend, like the rainbow fish who learned to share his shining fish scales. The new children have now completed their induction hours and are attending for their full hours. We are incredibly proud of how all of the children are so settled and ready to learn.

Mary-Rose Pre-School

This week Mary-Rose has had a great week learning all about Chinese New Year, we learnt that it was the year of the snake, and did lots of fun activities relating to this, including Chinese dancing, making lanterns, trying fortune cookies, making lucky Chinese envelopes plus lots more.

Reception

In Reception we have loved reading The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs over the last two weeks. The children have enjoyed listening to and engaging with these wonderful

tales. Through these stories, they have learned about important themes such as perseverance, problem-solving, and teamwork. They've also had fun retelling the stories, acting out scenes, and discussing their favourite parts. The Big Bad Wolf was a firm favourite this time! It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing love for reading! Thank you for reading at home and recording your reading times in the reading diaries too. In Maths, we have been focussing on numbers 6, 7 and 8. The children have been counting in a 1:1 sequence and spotting these numbers in our environments. The children have been practising their handwriting and letter formation this week too. We have been practising 'down' letters in our jotters and the handwriting across Reception is really developing and our children are becoming more confident writers! We are so proud. We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

KS1



Year 1

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our work-along this week. The children loved showing you everything they have learned in their maths lessons. We are using manipulative's everyday and it was fun to teach adults things they may not know.

We also loved seeing the family trees made as part of the homework project. It was really interesting to read about different generations and look at the impressive photographs which were found! Even Mr Randall created one, although he didn't have paper big enough for all of his siblings.

Year 2

Thank you so much to all the adults that attended our maths work-along. It was fantastic to see so many adults interacting with their children to support their mathematical thinking. We hope you found the session engaging and useful!

Research project

We have made the decision to extend the research project until Friday 7th February. Thank you to the children and families who have already handed their research project in - they look amazing!

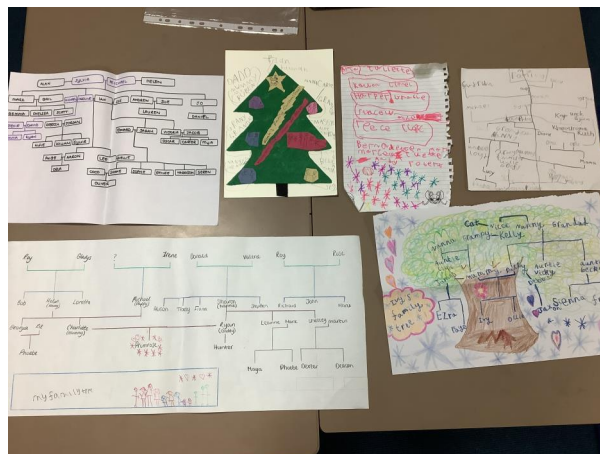
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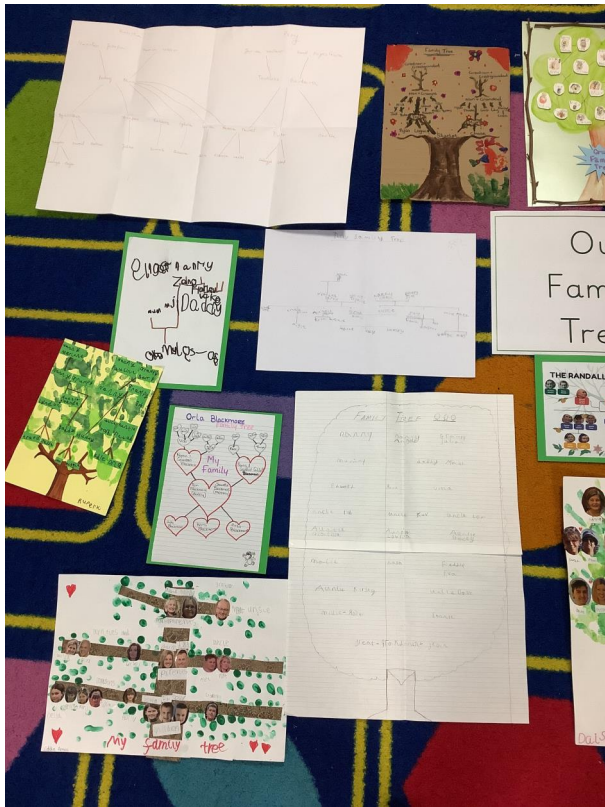
Each year group will have a research project to complete in Term 3. This is **optional**, and children can choose whether to take part or not. The children are invited to bring their research project into school to display in class and share with their peers. We will be sharing these in assembly on Friday 7th February.

Year 1 - Can you research and create your family tree? There are some wonderful examples online. Have a go at writing all the names of the people on your family tree!

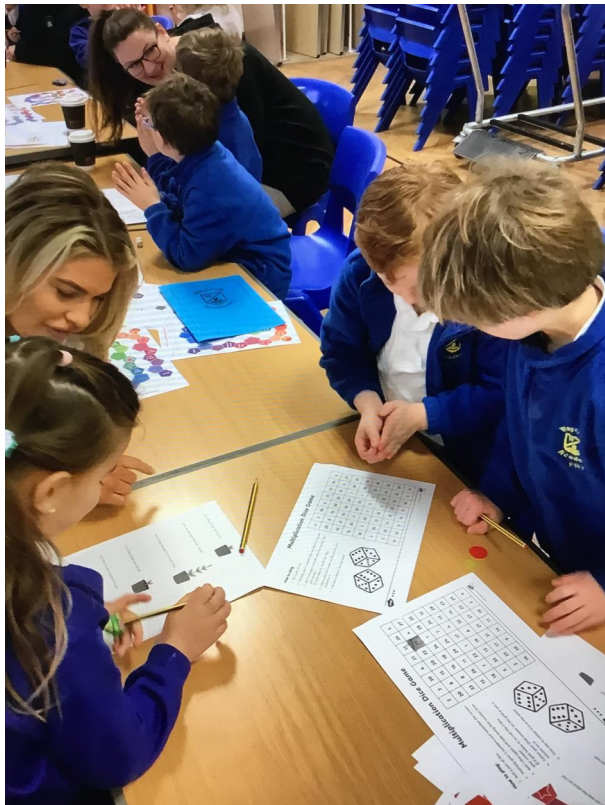
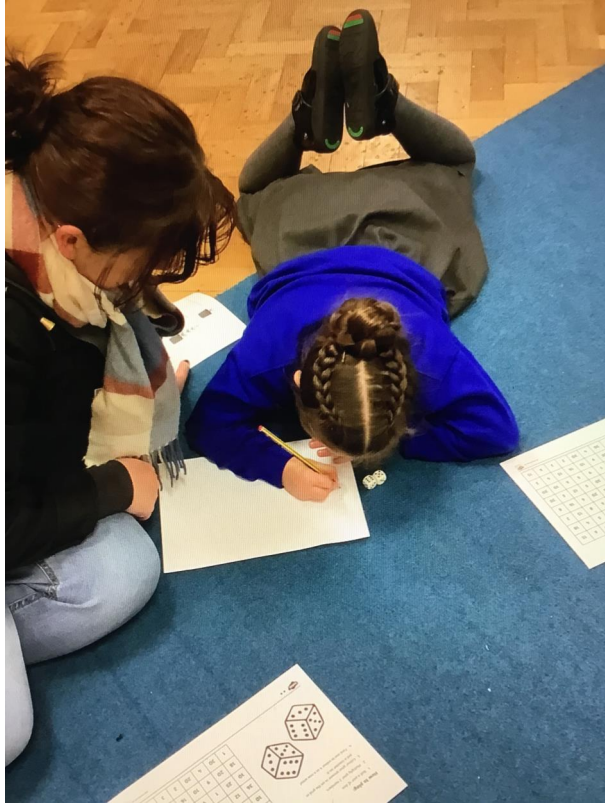
Year 2- Can you design your own invention? If you would like to, have a go at making it too! It could be a cup that holds your favourite chocolate bar, or a bag that is made of crisp packets!

Please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Winsley if you have any questions. Happy researching! :)

















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Year 3

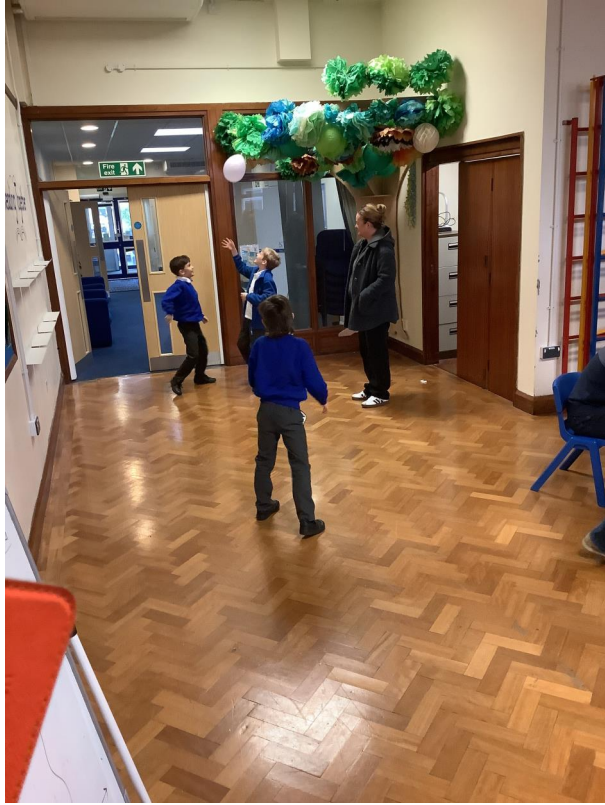
Year 3 had a fantastic day at We the Curious last week. They engaged well in all of the activities and applied their learning into last Friday's lesson on shadows. In English, they have been learning about the features of a non-chronological report and this week, they have been writing a report on the wives of Henry VIII. Next week, they are looking forward to researching and writing their own report on an animal of their choice. In maths, they have started their unit on measurement and perimeter. They have learned how to measure precisely in millimetres. They really enjoyed having their parents in to share their some practical multiplication and division activities.

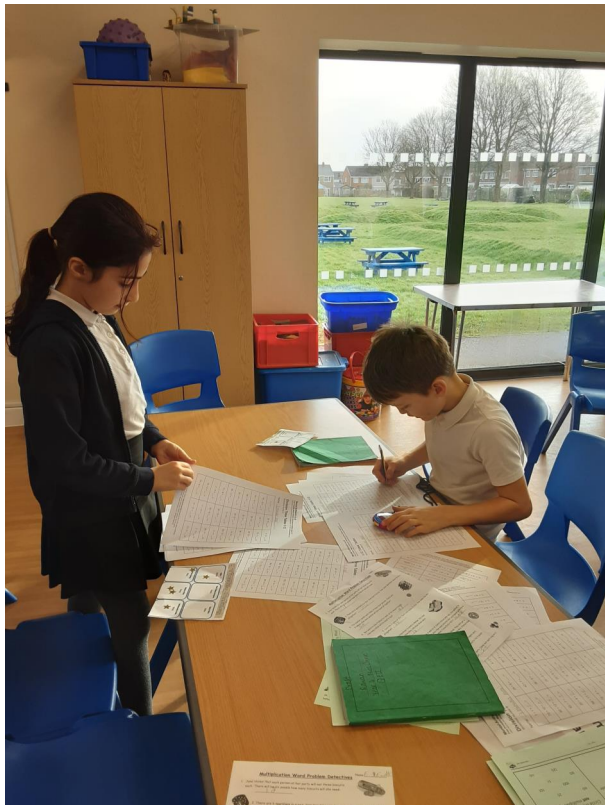
Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing few weeks. They are continuing their Science unit and learnt the scientific names of bones, before creating their own working muscles. They have also begun their 3D art unit and are excited to create their own pots in the next few weeks. Year 4 had a fantastic work along on Wednesday and really enjoyed showing their adults from home how brilliant they are at their times tables!



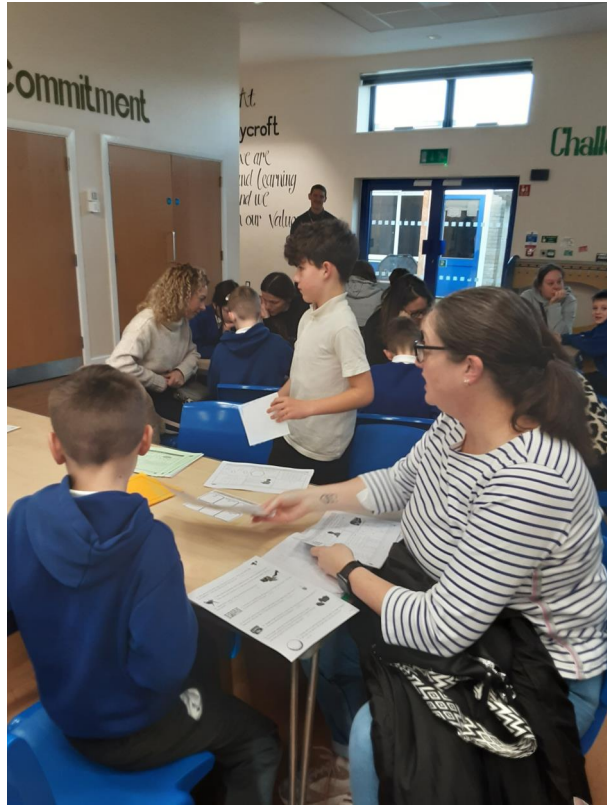


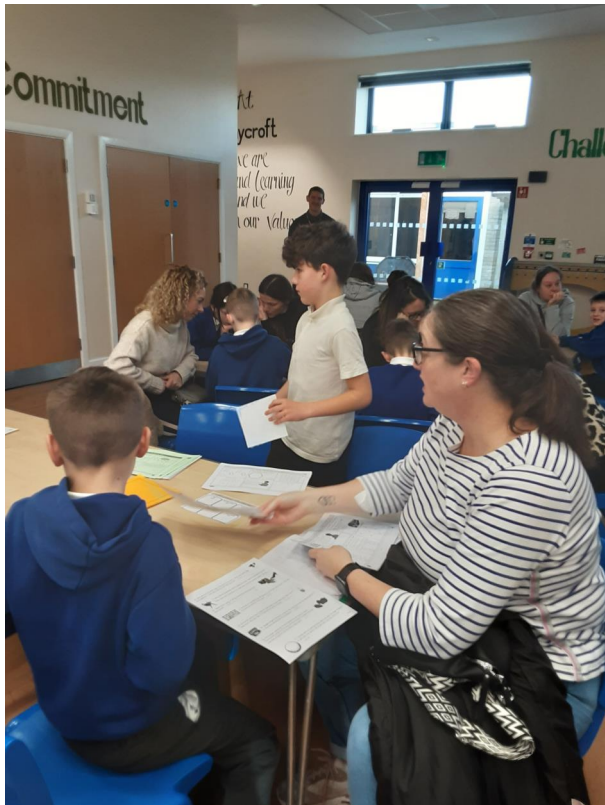












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Year 5

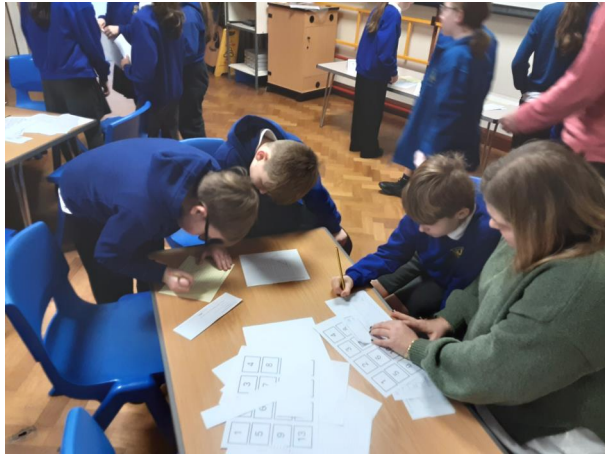
Year 5 have had great fun this week planning Britain's defence against German invasion in the battle of Britain. This involved the children using primary and secondary sources to decide on a strategy and then budgeting for it. In addition, each class has been learning about the wonders of space focusing on understanding key principles of our solar system and how it affects our planet. Our focus in indoor PE was static balance which involved children developing their balance while carrying out different tasks.

Year 6

The Y6 children have been working incredibly hard for the past few weeks. In maths, they have been exploring ratio and proportion. They seemed to have grasped these concepts well have learnt how to apply them to tackle everyday life problems—skills that will really serve them well beyond the classroom. In English, both classes have been really engaged with our latest writing unit, using their interest in the LA recent forest fires as inspiration for writing newspaper articles. We've also been linking our geography lessons to English. This week, all the children have been researching a recent natural disaster for their showcase writing. In science, the classes have been busy creating a timeline about the evolution of humans.

Thank you to all of the UKS2 parents who attended our work-a-longs, we really appreciate the support from you. As ever, if you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact a teaching member of the team.











Save the Dates for Term 3 and 4



Monday 3rd February-Y3/4 Football tournament at the Imperial Ground

Monday 10th February-Y3/4 Football tournament at the Imperial Ground

Monday 10th February-Athlete Event sponsorship forms to come home.

Thursday 27th February-Great Athlete Event Y1-6 to all come to school in their PE kit with any sponsorship forms returned by today.

Monday 3rd March-Y3/4 Football tournament at the Imperial Ground

Thursday 6th March-World Book Day

Thursday 13th March - Year 4 Swimming to commence (more information to follow)

Friday 21st March-Wear Denim for Dementia day

Tuesday 1st April-Parents' Evening (booking will be available in T4)

Wednesday 2nd April-Parents' Evening (booking will be available in T4)

Inset Dates 2024/2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Payment Reminders



Year 2 camp - If you have not paid the deposit or spoken to the office, we have not included your child numbers. The suggested payment plan is £25 due 29th November 2024, £25 due 31st January 2025, £25 due 28th February 2025 with final balance of £25 due by 30th April 2025.

Year 2 camp Pupil Premium - If you have not paid the deposit or spoken to the office, we have not included your child numbers. The suggested payment plan is £10 due 29th November 2024, £10 due 31st January 2025, £10 due 28th February 2025 with final balance of £10 due by 30th April 2025.

Year 4 Swimming - £24 due 28th February 2025.

Year 6 Simonsbath camp - £50 deposit due 25th October 2024. With the suggested payment plan of £90 due 31st December 2024, £90 due 28th February 2025, £90 due 25th April 2025 with final balance of £89.58 due by 30th May 2025.

Year 6 Simonsbath camp Pupil Premium - £50 deposit due 25th October 2024. With the suggested payment plan of £40 due 31st December 2024, £40 due 28th February 2025, £40 due 25th April 2025 with final balance of £34.79 due by 30th May 2025.

Community Notices



KS2 Football Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at Grassroots Sports Bristol are happy to tell you that we are going to be running an Afterschool **Football** Club for **KS2** at Waycroft Academy on Thursdays!

DAY OF CLUB	SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATE	COST PER CHILD
Thursdays	Football	KS2	3:20 4:20	Terms 3 & 4: Thurs 9 th Jan – Thurs 3 rd April	Total = £60 (12 weeks, £5 per session)

Please bring Appropriate clothing/footwear.

Please contact us via: info@grassrootsportsbristol.co.uk, to book your place in the club and for any enquiries.

When booking please inform us of any information that we will need to know. Otherwise please complete this form and ensure we receive it on/before the first club of term.

To secure a place in our club, payment will need to be complete before start date.

Our Bank Acc details are, Account No: 52293982, Sort Code: 09-01-29.
Name on Acc: Jeff Dickens

If for any reason, Waycroft Academy must close. No refunds will be permitted.

FYI: Club can only run if sufficient numbers sign up. We will inform you if the club does not go ahead!

Many Thanks, Hope to see you soon!

	Name:..... DOB:
	School:
Booking Form - Please Hand Form in on First Day of Club!	Home Address:
 Postcode:
	Home Telephone:
	Mobile:
	Emergency no:
	Medical requirements:

	*Payment enclosed:
	Parent/Guardian name:
	Signature: Date:



KS1 Gymnastics Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at Grassroots Sports Bristol are happy to tell you that we are going to be running an Afterschool Gymnastics Club for KS1 at Waycroft Academy on Tuesdays!

DAY OF CLUB	SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATE	COST PER CHLD
Tuesdays	Gymnastics	KS1	3.20-4.20	Term 3 & 4: Tues 7 th Jan - Tues 1 st April	Total -€60 (12 Weeks, €5 per session)

Please bring Appropriate clothing/footwear.

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 Booking Form - Please Hand Form in on First Day of Club!	Name:..... DOB:
	School:
	Home Address:
 Postcode:
	Home Telephone:
	Mobile:
	Emergency no:
	Medical requirements:
	*Payment enclosed:
	Parent/Guardian name:
	Signature: Date:



KS2 Girls Football Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at Grassroots Sports Bristol are happy to tell you that we are going to be running an Afterschool Football Club for KS2 Girls at Waycroft Academy on Wednesdays!

DAY OF CLUB	SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATE	COST PER CHLD
Wednesdays	Football	KS1	3.20-4.20	Term 3 & 4: Wed 8 th Jan - Wed 2 nd April	Total - €60 (12 weeks, €5 per session)

Please bring Appropriate clothing/footwear.

Please contact us via: info@grassrootsportsbristol.co.uk, to book your place in the club and for any enquiries.

When booking please inform us of any information that we will need to know. Otherwise please complete this form and ensure we receive it on/before the first club of term.

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Many Thanks, Hope to see you soon!

 Booking Form - Please Hand Form in on First Day of Club!	Name:..... DOB:
	School:
	Home Address:
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	Mobile:
	Emergency no:
	Medical requirements:
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	Signature: Date:



KS1 Football Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at Grassroots Sports Bristol are happy to tell you that we are going to be running an Afterschool Football Club for **KS1** at Waycroft Academy on Wednesdays!

DAY OF CLUB	SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATE	COST PER CHILD
Wednesdays	Football	KS1	3:20-4:20	Term 3 & 4: Weeks 9 th Jan – Weeks 2 nd April	Total = £60 (12 weeks, £5 per session)

Please bring Appropriate clothing/footwear.

Please contact us via: info@grassrootsportsbristol.co.uk, to book your place in the club and for any enquiries.

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	School:
Home Address: Postcode:
Home Telephone:	Mobile:
Emergency no:	Medical requirements:
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Signature:	Date:



KS2 Multisports Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at Grassroots Sports Bristol are happy to tell you that we are going to be running an Afterschool Multisports Club for **KS2** at Waycroft Academy.

DAY OF CLUB	SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATE	COST PER CHILD
Mondays	Multisports	KS2	3:20-4:20	Term 3 & 4: Mon 13 th Jan – Mon 31 st March	Total = £90 (18 Weeks, £5 per session)

Please bring Appropriate clothing/footwear.

Please contact us via: info@grassrootsportsbristol.co.uk, to book your place in the club and for any enquiries.

When booking please inform us of any information that we will need to know. Otherwise please complete this form and ensure we receive it on/before the first club of term.

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Name on Acc: Jeff Dickens

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 Booking Form - Please Hand Form in on First Day of Club!	Name:..... DOB:
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Home Address: Postcode:
Home Telephone:	Mobile:
Emergency no:	Medical requirements:
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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs are designed with an emphasis on fun. With a variety of sports clubs delivered throughout the academic year, there will be plenty of opportunities for your children to be active and to fall in love with sport.



Waycroft - Term 4

TUESDAY (25/02/25 - 1/04/25)

- Years 3 to 6 Gymnastics - 25 spaces

- £27.00 in total for 6 weeks (£4.50 per person, per session)

Time - 15:20 - 16:20

*If you are booking onto a club after the start date, please note that the price is automatically adjusted on the booking page.

TO BOOK:



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