



Waycroft Academy Newsletter - 6th June 2025

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A Message from the Headteacher



If I haven't seen you since the start of this term then I hope you and your family had a good half term break and enjoyed some of the good weather that we had. We were hoping for the sunshine to continue, especially for tomorrow's summer fayre. This will still be taking

place, regardless of the weather, although it is likely that most stalls and activities will be inside. The 'Friends of Waycroft' team have worked incredibly hard to organise this so please try to come along between 10am and 1pm, as well as encouraging anyone else from the community.

Within school, the children seemed refreshed from the break and ready to embrace their final term within their current year groups. A lot of the photos within this newsletter show how well our children work together and support each other; this is something that was noticed today during a visit by our trust's well-being lead. The Year 4 and 5 children from our well-being team also did a fantastic job of explaining what day to day life is like at our school and how everyone works together to make it such a positive place to be.

We are now working towards the children's end of year reports being sent home (Tuesday 15th July), followed by class swap days and an opportunity to meet your child's next teacher, on Wednesday 16th July. We are aiming to communicate our staffing structure as early as we can as we know that it helps children, parents and staff to prepare for the next academic year as well put in place any specific transition arrangements for individuals.

Please make sure to check the list of dates towards the end of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at some of these events over the remainder of this term.

I hope everyone has a good weekend, regardless of the weather!

Mr Smith



Health and Safety/Road Safety



Safety on Waycroft site

Please **do not allow** your child to ride their bike or scooter once through the school gates, including younger siblings. This is a very busy site and we need to ensure that everyone is safe.

Metal Straws

Please do not send any metal straws into school with your child's drink/water bottle. These can cause a nasty injury if children are to slip/fall onto one of these as they are nearly always sharp on the edges/ends.

Road safety

The THINK! 'Safe Adventures' campaign (launched in April 2024) , aims to help parents across the country prepare their children for independent travel when they move to secondary school (and before for those who walk to school alone).

[Road casualty data](#) shows that the number of child **pedestrian casualties doubles between the ages of 9 and 11**, with incidents more likely to happen during drop-off and pick up times.

THINK! 'Safe Adventures' focuses in on the top 3 risky behaviours (based on the top contributory factors assigned to child pedestrian casualties):

- Pedestrian failure to look / distraction (friends and mobiles).
- Pedestrian careless, reckless or in a hurry.
- Safe place to cross (including parked cars and behind buses).

The campaign encourages parents to undertake practice journeys, always model best practice and to have a road safety conversation as part of their children's preparation for changing schools. For more information please visit:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/campaign/safe->

Attendance



Week commencing - 19/05/2025

Whole school attendance - 94%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Santa Maria 96.8%

KS2 class with highest attendance - 99%

Week commencing - 02/06/2025

Whole school attendance - 92.5%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Santa Maria 94%

KS2 class with highest attendance - Endeavour 97.4%

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

SEND and Mental Health



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Bristol Parent Carers offer practitioner led support sessions designed to support parents and carers of children with SEND.

It's easy to book, just visit <https://bit.ly/Getbookednow> to secure your place!

Sessions include: Autism in women and girls, EHCNAs and reasonable adjustments, how to be a strong advocate for your child and Autism, ADHD and executive functioning.

EYFS



Admiral

Admiral nursery children have been thinking about some of the places we can visit in "The Big Wide World". We talked about the times we have been to the seaside and the zoo. We have loved role playing in the giant sandcastle and ice-cream shop. Some of us built an aeroplane to travel to the beach! We have also been very busy creating Op-Art inspired by our artist of the term, Bridget Riley. We became artists as we painted wavy seaside pictures and collaged illusion pictures using black and white stripes. Just like in our story "Dear Zoo", we took delivery of lots of different animals, each in their own special container. It has been a very busy start to term 6!

Mary-Rose Pre-School

We have had a wonderful and busy start to term 6, learning all about our big wide world, beginning under the sea, we created lots of sea creatures, became fish ourselves in our underwater cave, travelled in our yellow submarine in the home corner and also had a go at walking the plank. We had two fantastic trips to Stockwood Library where we enjoyed listening to a story, and also had a great Fathers Day picnic!

Reception

This week in Reception, we have been diving into our exciting new theme, Under the Sea! As part of our learning, we read the wonderful story Somebody Swallowed Stanley, which

helped us explore the importance of looking after our oceans. The children have loved discovering different sea animals and learning fascinating facts about them. Inspired by the story, we also created beautiful jellyfish art using a variety of materials. It's been a fantastic start to our underwater adventure!

KS1



Year 1

Year 1 showed off our excellent E-books made in our computing lessons. We presented them to the rest of the year group by connecting them to the interactive board. We loved showing how well we uploaded photographs from the camera, typed, inserted audio, imported online photos and decorated by drawing. The books were AMAZING!

We also loved exploring clay in our Art unit. We experimented with how to change the shape and size of clay with our hands and with different tools. We can't wait to use clay again next year to create another piece of artwork.

Year 2

This week Year 2 enjoyed making a linear map in their geography lessons based on the school grounds. Once they had labelled and drawn their linear walk on their map, they then followed the line and walked along the school grounds. While they walked, they looked for natural materials on and stuck leaves, flowers, grass and other natural materials to bracelets.

Year 2 had a lot of fun exploring and creating their bracelets... they couldn't wait to show them off!

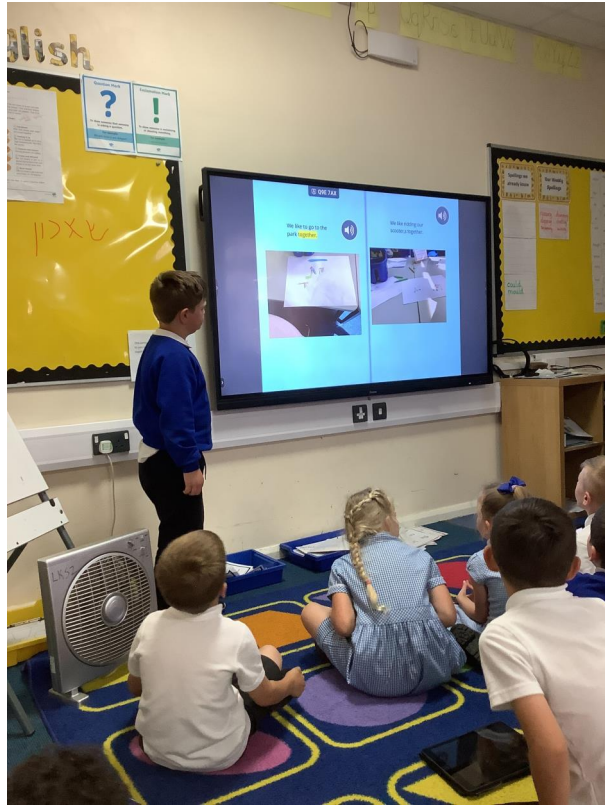




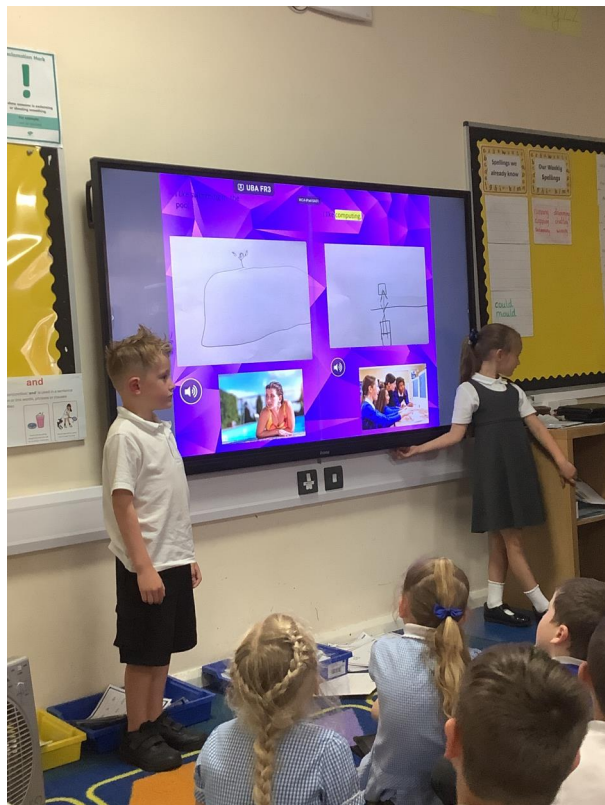














LKS2



Year 3

Year 3 have shown remarkable resilience in their reading and grammar assessments this week. It was lovely showcase of the progress that they have made this year! In maths, 'accuracy' has been the word as they have been measuring and drawing lines. They noticed that the squares in their maths books are exactly 1cm long, which has allowed them to draw shapes to exact specifications. In geography, they have been introduced to lines of longitude and latitude and located countries based upon their coordinates. They also discussed time zones and realised that countries experience different times based upon the location of the country.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have shown amazing resilience whilst tackling their multiplication times table checks. They have also continued to develop their understanding of decimals. They have used map skills in geography to compare the landscapes of Peru and the South West of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The children enjoyed learning about the different biomes in Peru! Year 4 have continued their creative

writing and have produced exceptional narratives about a boy and his mysterious dream. In addition, they worked hard on their editing skills to improve their work.

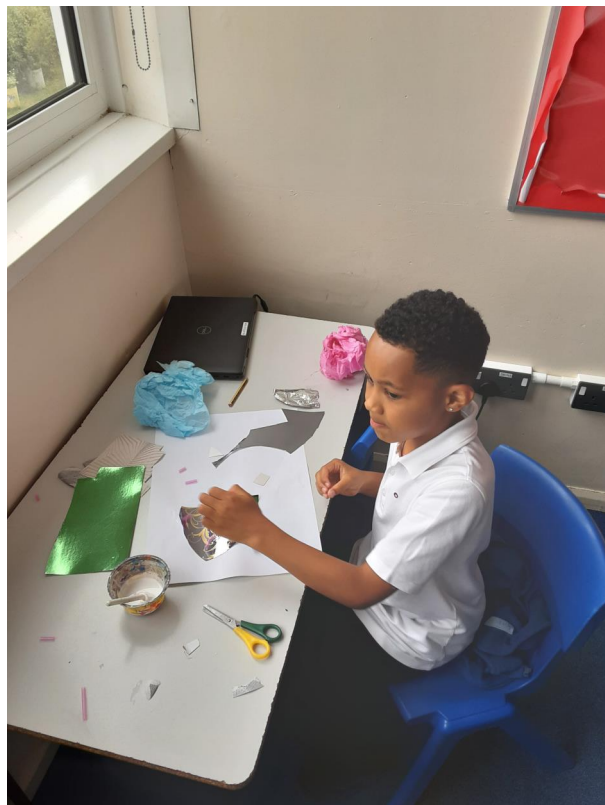


















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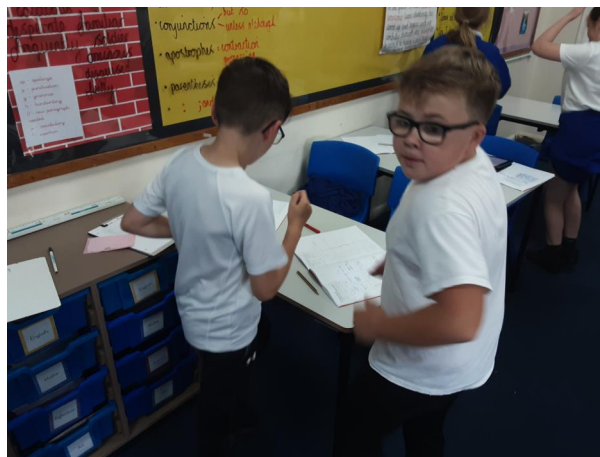


Year 5

Year 5 have had a great first week back! We've been debating the advantages and disadvantages of being invaded by the Romans in History this week. The children enjoyed pretending to be Celtic chieftains deciding if they would join the empire or fight back! There was a lot of head scratching and discussions in RE as the children came up with their own moral dilemmas and discussed what they would do in some tricky situations when the right choice is not always so clear. In English, we have been discussing the themes of Shaun Tan's "The Arrival". This book has some amazing illustrations describing a strange new world that we will use as the basis for our own stories next week.

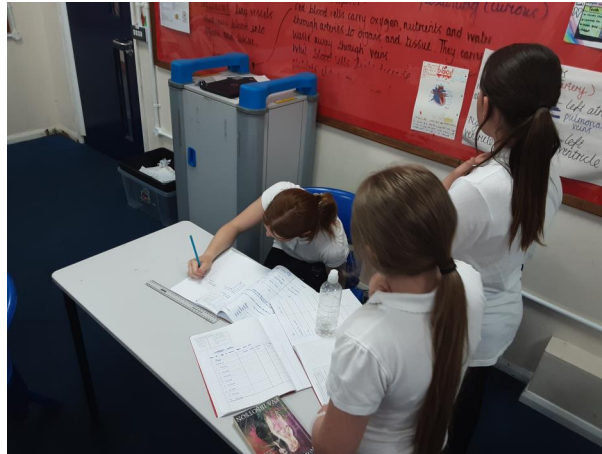
Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic first week back and have settled well into their final term at Waycroft. In English, the children have been inspired by the music video for "Titanium" and started writing their own narratives. They are focusing on using dialogue to develop their characters and move the stories along, which has been a fantastic way for them to enhance their writing skills. In maths, Year 6 have taken on the fun challenge of designing their own theme parks. They have been working within a budget and utilising their knowledge of area and perimeter to plan out their parks. They're also learning to calculate potential profits and losses using Excel, combining their maths skills with real-life applications. It's been wonderful to see their teamwork and ideas come together. In science, the children have been exploring how exercise affects pulse rate. Finally, in art, the pupils have been busy painting their superhero artworks. They're looking amazing already, and I can't wait to see the final products displayed!











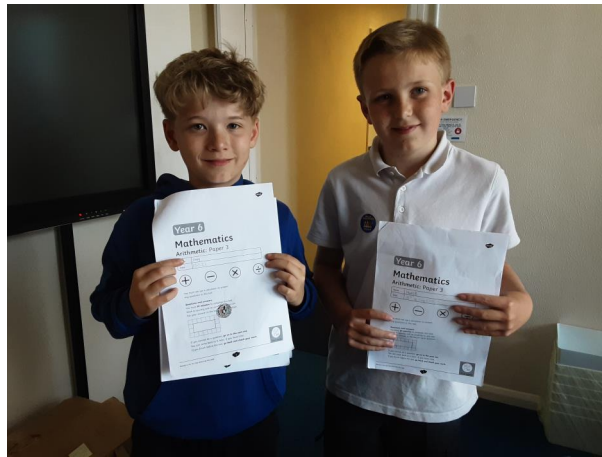
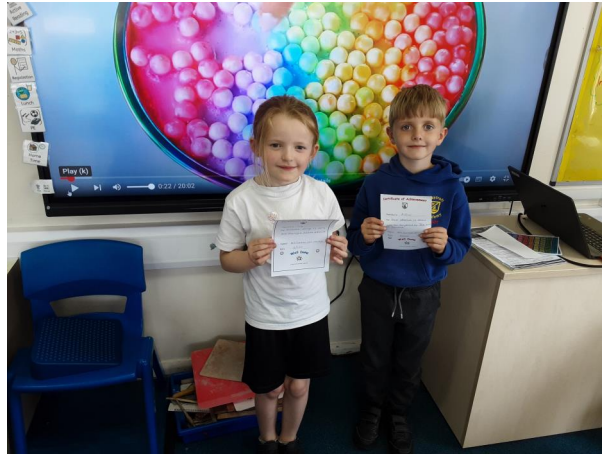


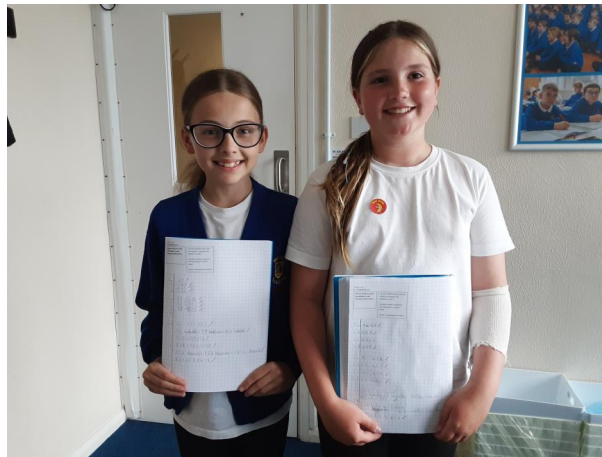
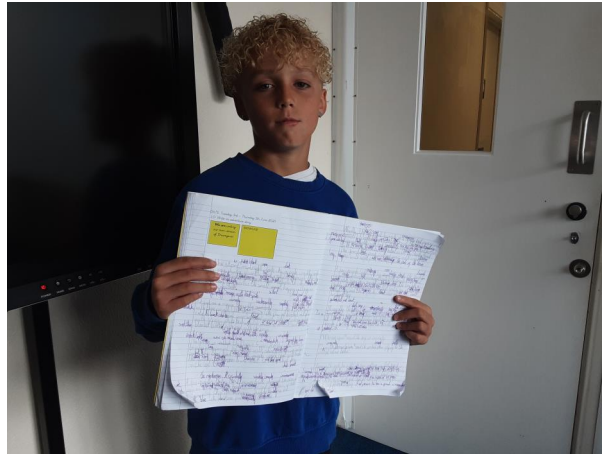


Celebration Assembly



A variety of photos below from today's celebration assembly, along with one photo missing from a previous post and work celebrated this week.







Save the Dates for Term 5 and 6

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Saturday 7th June-Summer Fayre 10am-1pm

Monday 16th June - Year 1 and 2 Sports Day at 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th June - Year 3 and 4 Sports Day at 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th June - Year 5 and 6 Sports Day at 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th June - Year 1 Trip to Cattle Country

Thursday 19th June - Reception Sports Day at 2pm

Thursday 19th June - Year 4 Broadlands Taster Day

Friday 20th June - Reception Court Farm Trip

Monday 23rd June to Wednesday 25th June - Year 2 Mendip Camp

Tuesday 24th June - Year 5 Broadlands Taster Day

Wednesday 2nd July-Mary-Rose Sports Day at 2.15pm

Monday 7th July - Year 6 Simonsbath Camp

Wednesday 16th July - Class swap and meet the teachers (times for meet the teacher to be confirmed)

Monday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Disco at 5 -6.30pm

Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers' service at 2.15pm

Inset Dates 2024/2025

Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

Payment Reminders



Year 3 Hooke Court Camp for next year - £20 deposit due 16th May 2025. With the suggested payment plan of £60 due 13th June, £60 due 11th July 2025, with final balance of £62.81 due by 15th August 2025.

Year 3 Hooke Court Camp for next year Pupil Premium - £20 deposit due 16th May 2025. With the suggested payment plan of £25 due 13th June, £25 due 11th July 2025, with final balance of £31.40 due by 15th August 2025.

Community Notices



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Summer Holiday Clubs



Our Holiday Clubs offer a wide range of activities and sports that fit all personalities. Activities can range from all types of run around games such as flag on the chair, money in the bank and shark island. Sports like netball, basketball and football. The Children also have the option to do arts and crafts or drawing if they want to do something slower paced. We also allow periods of free time throughout the day too!

We have two time options:
- Normal Hours (9am - 3pm)
Extended Hours (8:30am - 4:30pm)

Age appropriate for 5
- 12 year olds!



Cost Per Child:
Weekly:
Normal Hours - £85
Extended Hours - £110
Daily:
Normal Hours - £25
Extended Hours - £30

Where: BS14 Youth Club, Stockwood Lane, Stockwood, BS14 8SJ

Dates: Weds 23rd July - Friday 29th August

Book by Monday 14th July and you will get a 10% early bird discount!

Holiday Club QR Code



Scan the QR Code on this poster to sign up for Holiday Clubs!

Payment & Cancellation: Payment must be made in advance. Attendance will not be permitted if payment is not received. Cancellation must be made with a weeks notice for a full refund. A 50% refund will be made if cancellation is made before 24hrs. Full charge if cancelled any later.

For any inquiries email us via:
info@grassrootssportsbristol.co.uk



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 25th September

5.45pm – 8.15pm

Headteacher talks at 6pm, 6.45pm and 7.30pm

Guided tours will be available throughout the evening
or you can tour the school at your leisure.

OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 1st
& Thursday 2nd October at 9.15am

To book a place please use this [link](#) to confirm your attendance.
Please note places are limited.



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