



## Waycroft Academy Newsletter - 7th July 2025

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## A Message from the Principal



We have had yet another two busy weeks and it was lovely to see so many parents at our EYFS induction evenings; we look forward to welcoming more parents to our Y1-Y6 transition meetings on Wednesday 16th July.

I had a fantastic time visiting the Year 2 camp the week before last - joining in the toboggan races with the children was an absolute highlight! Their energy and enthusiasm were infectious. I'm also really looking forward to spending time at Year 6 camp this week and

seeing what adventures await there. Meanwhile, our EYFS children had an incredible time during their Glastonbury Festival-themed days and looked amazing in their outfits and were truly wowed by the exciting in-school performances.

Please can we ask that all library books are returned to school by this Friday 11th July (with the exception of Year 6 children who can return them on Monday 14th).

We have also noticed a few children with 'Labubu' toys. Along with any other toys, games etc, we ask that these are not brought into school (including smaller versions on bags) as they can cause upset if children decide to swap them or they go missing. For anyone who is not aware, Labubus are plush toys which seem to be one of the latest crazes with children at the moment.

### **Stay Connected with Us Online!**

Throughout the school year, we love sharing snapshots of our childrens' achievements and the exciting activities happening in our classrooms. These moments are regularly posted on our Facebook and 'X' pages; we are now thrilled to announce that our updates are expanding to include Instagram! By following us on these platforms, parents and carers can stay even more connected with school life and celebrate the wonderful things our children are doing. On Instagram we are 'waycroftacademy'.

I wish Year 6 all the best for a great time at camp and hope everyone has a good last few weeks in school.

Mr Smith

### Anti-social behaviour in our community



We have recently been made aware of some incidents involving anti-social behaviour by a few of our pupils at the local shops and parks, both before and after school hours. We kindly ask for your support in reminding children that respectful behaviour is expected at all times—not just within school, but also in the wider community. As the local park is often

used by older children, we recommend that younger pupils are accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.

In school, we regularly speak with our older pupils about the age of criminal responsibility, which in the UK begins at 10 years old. We help them understand that the choices they make now—such as fighting or shoplifting—can have serious consequences for their future. We encourage you to continue these important conversations at home so that together, we can reinforce the same positive messages and help our children make safe, respectful choices.

## Attendance



### **Week commencing - 23/06/2025**

Whole school attendance - 94.7%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Nina 99.1%

KS2 class with highest attendance - QE2 97.7%

### **Week commencing - 30/06/2025**

Whole school attendance - 92%

EYFS/KS1 class with highest attendance - Nina 98.7%

KS2 class with highest attendance - Endeavour and SSGB 94.7%

### **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...
<b>100% attendance</b>	No days	No weeks	No learning at all!
<b>90% attendance</b>	Half a day	Almost four weeks	Over four terms
<b>80% attendance</b>	One day	Over seven weeks	One school year and two terms
<b>70% attendance</b>	One and a half days	Eleven weeks	More than two years
<b>60% attendance</b>	Two days	Over fifteen weeks	Two years and four terms
<b>50% attendance</b>	Two and a half days	Almost twenty weeks	Three and a half years

SEND and Mental Health



Special Educational Needs  
& Disabilities

Bristol Parent Carers have asked us to share their July 2025 newsletter and have provided the following message:

Inside our July SEND newsletter you will find some links to organisations offering activities and support over the holidays (yes we've got you), information on Bristol Parent Carers new wellbeing service that provides FREE 1:1 support to parents / carers of children struggling with their mental health and wellbeing plus MORE!

In addition to our newsletter we wanted to inform or remind everyone of the amazing resource for parents and carers: [The Bristol SEND Local Offer](#). There is a wealth of information here for anyone and everyone at any point on journey. We are nearly at the end of another academic year, as parents of kids with SEND ourselves, we get it. We want to be in this together, ensuring a sense of community where we are all informed and empowered. Happy summer everyone.

Please click the link below for more. <https://midd.me/Mz1l>

## EYFS



### **Admiral**

This week in Admiral nursery the children have been revisiting the story of the 3 little pigs as well as exploring all things farm related. We have built homes for the pigs using wooden blocks and hay. We have loved singing "Old MacDonald had a farm" and learning the

Makaton signs for the farm animals. Through our story "Oh dear!" we have been learning the animal house names and also which farm animal gives us eggs.

### **Mary-Rose Pre-School**

We have had a lovely few weeks in Preschool, this week we have been learning Dear Zoo, and enjoyed playing in our Safari role play, pretending to see lots of different animals . We have drawn and created lots of different animals, and recreated the Dear Zoo story, adding our own animals. We had a wonderful sports day on Wednesday and were brilliant at showing our grown ups all of the different sporting activities we have been learning in Preschool.

### **Reception**

The children have been learning all about Glastonbury! We had a fantastic Wow Day last Friday, where everyone came dressed up in brilliant festival-inspired outfits. The day was filled with music, colour, and plenty of dancing, creating a real festival atmosphere right here at school. The children had a wonderful time and have shown great enthusiasm for learning more about the history, culture, and fun of Glastonbury music festival! In phonics, the children have been exploring suffixes such as *-ed* and *-er*, helping to build their reading and writing skills. In maths, we've been planning and mapping our journeys to school, developing our understanding of direction and distance. The children have also loved learning the names of different dinosaurs and using their imaginations to create fantastic small world dinosaur scenes. Well done to everyone for such enthusiastic and creative learning! Not long to go now, we cannot believe where the time has gone! Have a great weekend all.

## KS1



### Year 1

Year 1 loved making rain gauges in our geography topic. We used plastic bottles to recreate equipment that real meteorologists would use. We are secretly hoping for a bit of rain so that we can use them. Over the next week we will be recording temperature as well.

In English we have been looking at persuasive writing. To do this we have looked at leaflets to spot the features used. We can't wait to create a persuasive leaflet about Cattle Country next week!

### Year 2

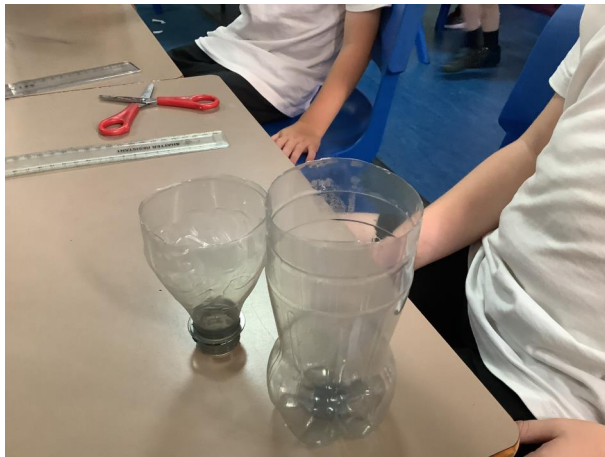
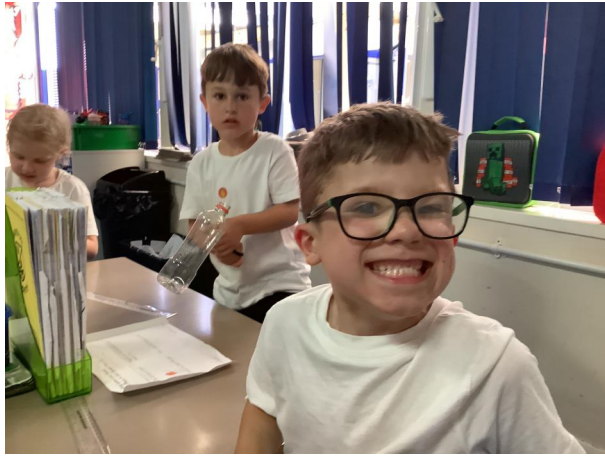
This term, Year 2 have been enthusiastically exploring the world of directions and instructions through hands-on activities using Bee-Bots! Working in pairs, the children programmed their Bee-Bots to navigate to specific locations, using key vocabulary such as left, right, forwards, and backwards. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and problem-solving skills in action as they guided their robots with increasing confidence. In addition to programming, the children also practiced giving verbal instructions to a friend, describing where to place coloured blocks using positional language like above, below, and in between. These activities not only strengthened their understanding of direction and space but also encouraged clear communication and collaboration. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these interactive sessions, and it's been fantastic to see their excitement and engagement in maths grow through this creative and practical approach.

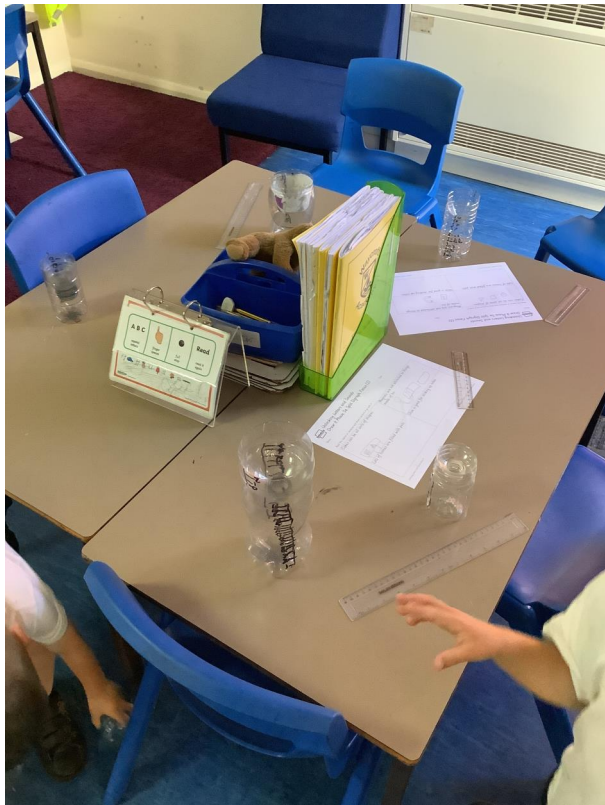




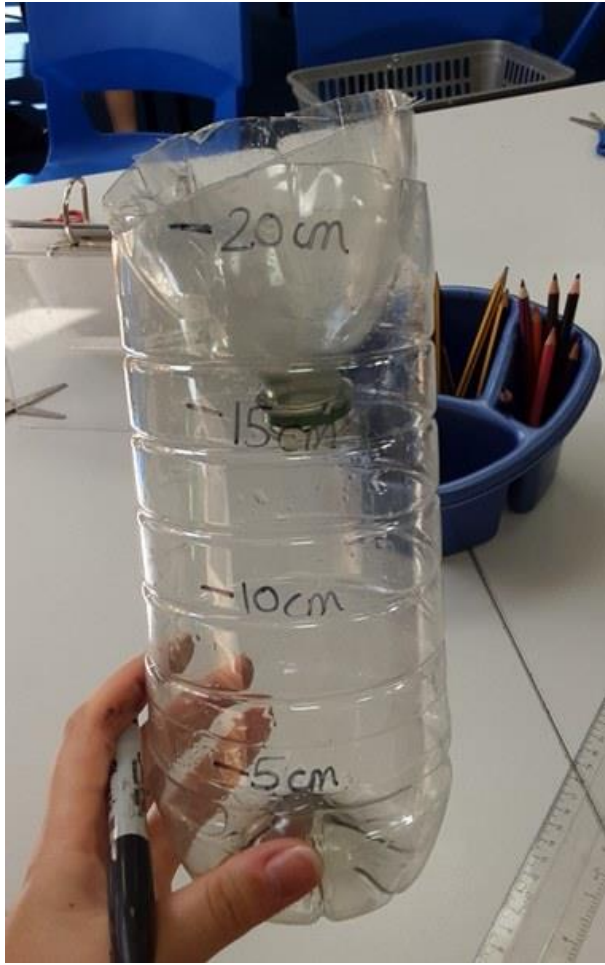














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Year 3

Year 3 have been consolidating all of their learning in maths this year to make sure they are 100% confident with all of the Year 3 concepts before moving on to Year 4. In English, they have been practising their powers of persuasion by writing letters to Mr Smith requesting extra play. Next year. In science, they have been imagining life as a water droplet as it moves through the stages of the water cycle (evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection). In music, they have been exploring beats in bars of music and have enjoyed playing games and learning songs to enhance this concept.

#### **Year 4**

Over the past term, Year 4 have been learning how to play rounders, culminating in a match today. For many of the children, this was their first time playing a proper rounders match and they all showed fantastic sportsmanship. It was amazing to see the effort they put into batting and we were also proud to watch them work as a team. This week, Year 4 have returned to looking at persuasive writing in English. Using different persuasive techniques, they have worked hard to create persuasive paragraphs, trying to convince their teachers to visit their theme parks. Year 4 have also been working hard on their DT projects. Many of the children have nearly completed their moving pictures and hopefully they will be finished soon!











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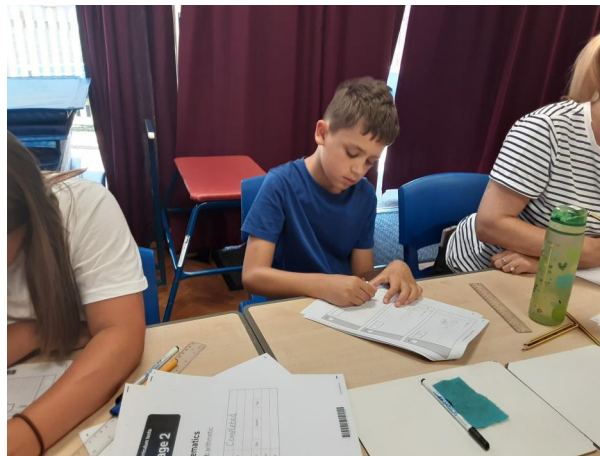


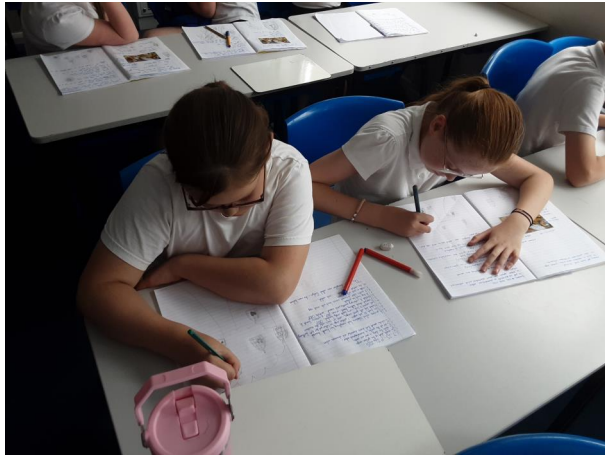
## Year 5

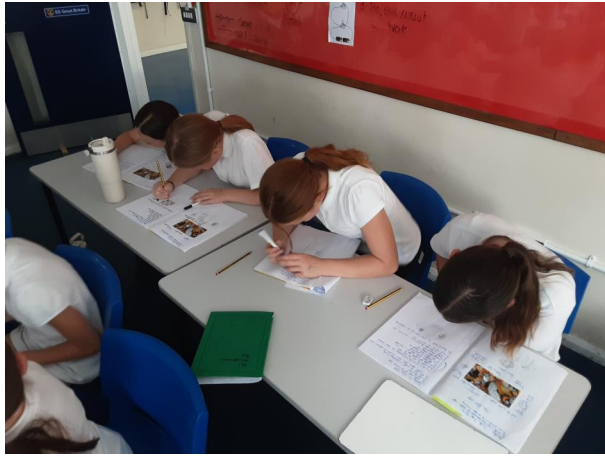
It has been a week of looking to the future for the children. Year 5 really enjoyed their trip to Broadlands secondary last week. It gave them a great insight into what it would be like when they are older. They carried out science experiments, took part in a PE lesson and made their own bag in DT. All adults were impressed with their behaviour and maturity. We also had a year 6 work along. Both year groups came together to learn about SATs next year and had a go at an arithmetic paper. Everyone worked their hardest and got a taste of what will be expected next year. Well done Year 5!

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant few weeks. In English they have produced some fantastic horror narratives based on the book, 'The Landlady' by Roald Dahl and have written some lovely descriptive writing based on the stimulus, 'The Golden Cage'. In Geography, the children have been completing some work based around climate change, where they have created some wonderful posters, diagrams and information leaflets all based on climate change, sustainable cities and renewable energy. The children have also been practising extremely hard during our rehearsal for our end of year celebration, they can't wait to share what they have been working on with all of their parents and carers.







## Save the Dates for Term 5 and 6



Monday 7th July - Year 6 Simonsbath Camp

Thursday 10th July - Meet the teacher for Year 3 only (3:45 - 4:15/4:15 - 4:45)


Wednesday 16th July - Class swap and meet the teachers for all year groups except Year 3 (4 - 4:30/4:45 - 5:15)

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

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

**Tuesday 22nd July - The last day of term for all children**

**WAYCROFT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/26**


  
 Cabot Learning Federation  
 Equity Through Education

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Yellow = holiday
Blue = bank holiday
Green = inset days

## 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



*1 - The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a nationally funded programme by the DfE.*

***Your Holiday Hub** is Bristol's name for the programme.*

*Throughout Bristol we ensure there are fully-funded enriching holiday activities and nutritious healthy meals to school-aged children and young people from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals.*

*<https://www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk/>*

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## NEW After School Stay & Play Sessions!

Sports Clubs - Stay & Play - Extended After School Club - Holiday Clubs + More!



- **NEW!** After School Stay & Play: Available Monday - Friday until 4:30pm for just £6! As part of our Extended After School Club!
- Extended After School Care: A safe, engaging indoor and outdoor space offering sports, crafts, and play until 6pm for just £12!
- Sport Specific After School Clubs: **Starting Sept 25!** Clubs will include Dodgeball, Gymnastics, and Football!
- Holiday Clubs: Fun-filled days during half terms for children aged 5-12, featuring games, sports, and creative activities @ BS14 Youth Club, Stockwood!

[Info@grassrootssportsbristol.co.uk](mailto:Info@grassrootssportsbristol.co.uk)

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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 24 hours.

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CHILDCARE FOR OUR  
STAY & PLAY  
/EXTENDED AFTER  
SCHOOL CLUB!



## Grassroots Sports Bristol - Sports Clubs

### Monday - **NEW! Dodgeball** @ Waycroft Academy

KS2 Dodgeball - Each week we will have a game of dodgeball where we will rotate different game variations such as medic, captain and much more along with having a 'typical' dodgeball game!  
**13 weeks - £65. Mon 8th Sept - Mon 15th Dec**



### Tuesday - **KS1 Gymnastics**

We set up multiple types of equipment in the hall, such as floor space, the spring board and handstand area. This is so the children can float in and out of what aspect they'd like to do! We also do levels which increase in difficulty to keep challenging the children as they improve!  
**13 weeks - £65. Tues 9th Sept - Tues 16th Dec**



### Wednesday - **KS1 Football and KS2 Girls Football**

Our main focus for our football clubs are to allow children to play and work together as a team ready for the years when they can play and represent their school! KS1 Football is for Boys and Girls!  
**13 weeks - £65. Weds 10th Sept - Weds 17th Dec**



### Thursday - **KS2 Boys Football**

Splitting the Year 3 & 4's and the Year 5 & 6's into separate groups, we look to get the children in those year groups to help prepare them to potentially represent Waycroft Academy in the future!  
**12 weeks - £60. Thurs 11th Sept - Thurs 18th Dec**



Sports ASC QR Code!



**Please note there will be no sports clubs the week of Mon 3rd November! (First week of Term 2)**

Scan the QR Code on this poster to sign up!



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