



School News

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Updates

Welcome back to the final few weeks of this academic year! I think this May half term will go down in history for the best weather ever. I know the weather forecast for this week doesn't look great, let's all keep our fingers crossed for sports day in 4 weeks time.

We have an incredibly busy and fun few weeks ahead, even this newsletter is bursting at the seams with all the information and things we have going on this term! This time of year always gives us cause for reflection, as teachers we look at our pupils with pride at their growth and development over the past few months. We look and remember their starting point to where they are now, and think about how ready they are for their next adventure. Particularly we consider our Year 6 pupils, as they take their next exciting step into secondary school, we celebrate not only their achievements but the nurturing guidance of our school community, which has equipped them with the confidence, resilience and curiosity to thrive in the opportunities ahead. The next few weeks see them participate in the Cathedral Leavers Service, PGL trip to Torquay, the performance and of course the Year 6 Leavers Assembly at school on the last day.

Lates and Absences: In the last newsletter I mentioned the importance of the children arriving on time. Please support your child's success by ensuring they arrive on time—our 10-minute soft start helps them settle in and be warmly welcomed, but arriving after 8:45am means learning has already begun and they may miss out. Thank you to all the parents who ensure their child arrives on time every day – this morning was a record breaking every child was in class before 8:45am – WELL DONE!

Our average whole school attendance for this year so far is 88%, with an ambition of reaching 97%. Please can we make sure our children are in school unless genuinely unwell – thank you.

Adventure Play Area: Thank you so much to Reuben and Rebecca for their fantastic efforts in planting the flower beds in our Magic Garden. Some beautiful donations from Highfields Garden Centre which are looking amazing. The children are back to using this part of the playground at morning play and lunch time, it is always lovely to watch the range of games and activities the children create together, enjoying the chance to build dens, experiment with their gymnastics, football, races, digging for dinosaur bones, or even chase a butterfly.

Collective Worship Team: The members of our Collective Worship Team have really engaged with their roles, it has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence and share their ideas. Over the past two terms they have created our new school prayer and read a bible passage to each class at class Worship on a Wednesday. This half term they plan to continue their changes by making Wednesday's class Worship more creative and engaging for the children.

We had a visit from Carol Lambden, a SIAMs inspector who also visits schools prior to their scheduled inspection. She was very complimentary about the suggestions and changes the children have made so far. She spoke to the children who are part of the Collective Worship team, and they maturely articulated their responsibilities and aims for the future of collective worship at school.

Every week our Collective Worship schedule follows the same sequence:

Monday: Bible story related to our values

Tuesday: Choral Worship

Wednesday: Class Worship

Thursday: Picture Book story which demonstrates value

Friday: Celebration Assembly



BLUE PETER BADGES

Congratulations to Harry D'Amore on gaining his latest Blue Peter Badge. This sent great waves of nostalgia around the room when he showed it off. Did you know that a Blue Peter Badge gets your child free entry to many attractions around the country, a great way to make excursions during summer more affordable. Some examples include: Teddy Bear Museum (Dorset); Sudeley Castle (Winchcombe); The Grand Pier (Weston); Slimbridge Wetlands (Slimbridge).

More information, including how to achieve a badge, can be found here

[Blue Peter Attractions | Free Entry with a Blue Peter badge - CBBC - BBC](#)

In classes: The new term brings new learning and topics for each of the classes. I have attached the knowledge organisers for science which the children use in class, these might be helpful in giving you more information about what your child is learning about in science.

Reception will be looking at the life cycle of butterflies

Skylarks are starting the term with their science topic of material, testing the properties of everyday materials.

Goldfinch are investigating why we need bees, with their science unit on growing plants.

Swifts I think the biggest news for Swift class is the countdown to their PGL trip to Torquay, if you can get a member of this class to talk about something else please let me know!!

Year 6 visit the Cathedral on **Wednesday 10th June** for their **Leavers' Service**. This annual event sees Church of England primary schools from across the region gather together to celebrate the students' primary education and help them prepare for the transition to secondary school. The services are highly engaging, featuring banner processions, interactive singing, dancing, prayers, and reflections, and are such a wonderful memorable occasion for the children.

RSHE: Relationships, Health and Sex Education

The DfE have released new statutory guidance for schools, this ensures that children are taught age appropriate, factual and inclusive content. It supports them to develop healthy and respectful relationships, stay physically and emotionally safe, and build resilience and wellbeing, both online and offline. Our RSHE curriculum is carefully planned and delivered to reflect pupils' age, development and emotional maturity, with safeguarding and wellbeing at its heart.

Further information about how we teach Relationships, Health and Education will be sent out soon and I invite all parents to a brief presentation at 8.45am on Monday 29th June, just before our Sports Days starts.

Colour Run: The annual charity Colour Run is **THIS FRIDAY!** Please support this charity event, let Jordan know if you would like tickets. There will be a football coach running the warm up at 3.30pm with the main event kicking off at 3.45pm. The weather is looking promising.

Dates	Events
1/6/26	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2/6/26	New Reception (Sept 2026) Meeting
5/6/26	Swift swimming
5/6/26	Colour Run on the Maze
10/6/26	Year 6 Leavers Service at Cathedral 1:30pm
15/6/26	Swift Class go to PGL Torquay
15/6/26	FoLS ice-lolly sale 3:10pm
29/6/26	PSHE presentation to parents 8.45 – 9.15am
29/6/26	Sports Day 9.30am – 12pm
2/7/26	Moving up Morning
17/7/26	Year 6 Leavers Service at school LAST DAY – HAPPY HOLIDAYS 