



'Living and Learning through Christ'



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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

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I hope this finds you all well.

First Holy Communion Preparation

If you reside in the parishes of St Bernadette, St Pius X, or St Dunstan and your child is in Year 3 or above and want to make their First Holy Communion this year, please contact the parish office: bristol.calledtomore@cliffondiocese.com
The celebration of First Holy Communion will be held on June 7th at St Bernadette Church.

Book Week and World Book day Celebrations

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday**, March 7th as the Book Fair ends. To mark this occasion, we invite all pupils to attend school in non-uniform, with the option to dress as a favourite book character to celebrate literature and imagination.

Pet News



The start of this term has brought with it a flurry of activity and excitement as we have welcomed a new member to our school community - Tiny the Tortoise. Pets offer opportunities for our pupils to learn about responsibility and teamwork as they participate in Tiny's care.



Similarly, our Reception pupils are learning about animal care through their experience of looking after the class fish.

Your school needs you!



In our ongoing efforts to enhance the school environment, we are reaching out to our community for assistance. We are organising a volunteer day during the Easter Holidays to undertake some outdoor painting of our playground equipment and fencing. Your participation would be greatly appreciated to make the outdoor spaces more inviting for our pupils. If you are interested, please let me know when you would be available via head.st.bernadette.p@bristol-schools.uk or contact the school office on 01173772373.

FOB News – Gift Shop

Our Friends of St Bernadette (FOB) will be hosting a Mother's Day Gift Shop, aptly named 'For Someone Special', on 25th March. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to select thoughtful gifts for their loved ones.

Signposting for Parent/Carers

I would strongly recommend the Bristol Family Hub website to parents and carers as an excellent source of help and support for families:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-family-hubs/your-family-hubs/south-family-hub>

Moving Up: Following the confirmation of secondary school places this week, the following link on the hub might be useful for our Year 6 pupils and their families: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-family-hubs/age-11-to-16/moving-up>

Starting a new school can be a daunting experience especially the move from Year 6 to Year 7. You will find lots of advice and guidance here to help with the transition to secondary school.

Accessing and Discussing Support for Children

At a time when growing numbers of parents are seeking assistance for their children for a wide range of reasons, we wanted to share some information about who to approach if you have queries or concerns about your own child's learning, emotional or behavioural needs.

Put simply, we suggest that you please always speak to their class teacher in the first instance. The class teacher work with the children every day and they know them best. After hearing from you and discussing matters as necessary, teachers will observe pupils and will often be able to make helpful adjustments to address pupils' needs as part of their day-to-day practice. This may also include intervention work if appropriate. Where teachers feel that additional support or guidance is needed, they will always liaise with Mrs Palmer our SENDCo to explore other options as necessary.





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Where significant needs are identified or suspected, it is likely that Mrs Palmer will speak to families anyway, to explore the options available and possible ways forward. Many of you will be aware that an ever-growing amount of a SENDCo's time these days is spent on the administration of provision and paperwork, either for pupils already diagnosed with SEND, or on liaising with the necessary experts and authorities when securing help for newly diagnosed pupils or those with changing needs. This is another reason why we would recommend discussing your child's needs with their teacher first.

Mid-Year Parent Teacher Meeting - 18th and 19th March

Look out for information from your class teachers about booking your session to discuss your child's progress, targets and how to support them.

Finally

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/ concerns/information. You can pop in any Tuesday from 8:30am to 9:30am to see me or Mrs Palmer. There is no need to make an appointment for this open session.

As always, we thank you for your support and engagement.

Kind regards,

Mrs B P Lee
Headteacher

INSET DATES 2024-2025
Monday March 31st
April 22nd
Monday and Tuesday July 21st and 22nd

Diary Dates	
07.03.25	Non-uniform dress up day to celebrate Book Fair and World Book Day
10.03.25	Science Week
12.03.25	Y4 Times Tables meeting for parents, 3:30pm
12.03.25	Year 6 Victorian School Visit
18.03.25	Mid-Year Parent Teacher meetings
19.03.25	Mid-Year Parent Teacher meetings
25.03.25	FOB Gift Shop for 'Someone Special'
25.03.25	Year Reception Stay and Learn' for parents
28.03.25	Rock Steady Concert
31.03.25	INSET DAY school closed to pupils for Staff Training
01.04.25	Launch of Active for April
03.04.25	Easter Discos: YR/KS1 1:15pm- 2pm. KS2 2:15-3:20
04.04.25	Last Day of Term 4
22.04.25 (Tuesday)	Term 5 INSET DAY, school closed to pupils for staff training
23.04.25	All children return to school

