



Week 3 term 1, 18th September 2026

This was a special week, the first full time week for our 60 brand new EYFS children. They have been amazing, settling really well, making lots of new friends, coming into school with huge smiles and waves, and we have been really pleased to have them with us for the entire full week.

The children across the rest of the school have been amazing (especially with our new EYFS) also. Everyone seems to want to be their friends, play with them and help them out. It has been honestly lovely to see.

Mrs Darling and I spoke with staff this week about how proud we have been of the entire school. There is a really lovely feel across the entire building and grounds this term, children have been so caring and kind, happy and polite; there is a genuine warmth through every corridor and classroom.

I always have a hosts of visitors (everyone wants to come and see the magic at Longwell Green) and to a person, everyone comments on how happy the school is. As say to children often, if we want this to be a happy school, YOU need to be happy, if you want this to be a kind school, YOU need to be kind, (the point being you have more influence over yourself than others, but if each person individually tries to make things just a bit better, together, it becomes a lot better) and what we are seeing is so many children really trying to do this and the outcomes are amazing. So please do thank your child/ren, they are fab, an absolute credit to you, and I hope you are just as proud of them as we are!

Enjoy the not too rainy weekend, and next week is looking in the mid 20 degrees with sun, so it may be time to bring the sun cream back out! Fun!

Inside this week

- FOLGs events (lots)
- No nuts reminder
- EYFS meeting
- Y3 WOW day
- Drop in SEND support for families
- Online workshops (sensory difficulties, managing emotions, AuADHD, Communication, and more)
- Early years SEND drop ins
- LA digital champions
- Performing arts clubs (more than one)
- Halloween event
- SBL open day
- Car Seat free safety checks



FOLGs (Friends Of Longwell Green)

We always say our school is a family and is made of *each* of us. FOLGs, made up of volunteers from the parents across school, help school by raising funds that positively help every child in school, and also adding a special sparkle to school by organising and running so great events across the year. See the calendar for more information of upcoming events. Inside you will see many events that the FOLGs are organising, including the Legoland trip and the disco (the poster is larger inside).

If you would like to get involved in helping, have a look here: <https://www.folgs.org.uk/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165582933470945/green-school/>

If you would like to just donate a little something, you could look here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-longwell-green-school/?searchSessionId=b92c3ffb-91dd-47fe-a1df-f28d2d3367fb>

Thank you FOLGs for all you do!



EYFS Welcome Meeting – Wednesday 23rd September, 5:00pm

A week ago, the rest of school had a ‘Meet the Teacher’ event, and now, after this full week, it is the turn of EYFS parents.

if this is you, please join us for our EYFS Welcome Meeting on Wednesday 24th September at 5pm (this event is for parents/carers only please). It's a great chance to meet our brilliant team again, hear all about the exciting adventures ahead, and pick up a few top tips on how we can work together to support your child's learning journey at home. We can't wait to see you there!

No nuts please!

Longwell Green is a nut-free school to protect children with nut allergies, for children some nuts can cause life-threatening anaphylactic reactions. So, nuts or nut products are not allowed into school.

This week we saw a Peanut Butter cup in school- this is obviously very dangerous for some people in school. **Please check what is coming in to school so we don't endanger children's lives. It IS that serious.**

Examples of items to avoid include: packs of nuts, peanut butter or Nutella, bars (e.g. chocolate or muesli) containing nuts, cakes made with nuts, almond covered pastries and more. Please check packaging for warnings such as “not suitable for nut allergy sufferers,” “contains nuts,” or “may contain traces of nuts.” If any of these warnings appear, the product cannot be brought to school. Thank you for your help and understanding and help.



“I love my new teacher!” In a conversation with a child this Tuesday when I was asking what they were nervous about and now like their new year! This comment has been very similar from so many children across school. What a great start to the school year.



YEAR 3 WOW DAY TERM 1



Last week **Year 3 had their WOW Day to celebrate the launch of the new term.** It linked with their topic map for the term, with specific links to the Science, P.E and D.T curriculum.

During the day they focused their learning on the heart and measuring their BPM, the skeleton and it's functions and the muscles and how they work together to perform.

They began the day with some pulse raising activities. They measured their resting heart rate and then after completing a couple of pulse raisers they retested their heart rate to see the effect of exercise on their bodies. During their skeleton exploration we reminded ourselves on some of the key parts of the skeleton but discovered a little more about the job that specific parts of the skeleton have in our body to help us stay safe, move and stay upright. We followed this up with our skeleton artwork made entirely out of pasta!

During the afternoon we made working muscle examples with cardboard and rubber bands to show the effect of tensed muscle and a relax and how this works together in a pair.

To cap our day we put those muscles into practice. We were inspired by the recent Stone Skimming Championships. Unfortunately, we don't have a body of water nearby but with some bottle caps and a smooth floor we tried our best to recreate the effect and using our muscles and joints to effectively skim out bottle caps!

Well done Year 3 on a curious and excitement filled day, it was a pleasure!

Drop-In SEND Support



Our Community Base,
Kingswood



Tuesday
10:00am - 1:30pm
Term Time Only



Children welcome
we have toys and games, an
outdoor area and sensory
room with hoist.

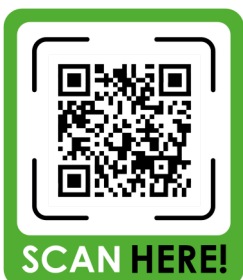


Speak with a friendly adviser
from SEND and You (SAY) each
month for free advice and
support.



Gympanzees Lending Library
Partner Hub

Here at South Glos Parent Carers we
are all parent carers, so we truly
understand the challenges and joys of
raising a child with Special
Educational Needs and Disabilities
(SEND).



The Kingswood
Centre, New
Cheltenham Road,
BS15 4FS



Are you feeling confused,
frustrated or isolated on your
child's SEND journey? Do you
need someone to talk to about the
challenges you are facing?

Come along to our relaxed and
friendly parent support drop-in.
Meet our Peer Support Team
who can:

- ✓ Help you become more
confident in identifying
and supporting your
child's needs
- ✓ Signpost you to services
that may be beneficial to
your family
- ✓ Provide a listening ear
over a cuppa

Your child does not need to
have a diagnosis for you to
access any of our support

Online Workshops



Understanding and
Supporting Sensory
Differences

Wednesday 30th September
10:00am - 1:00pm



Managing Emotions
Tuesday 13th October
7:00pm - 9:00pm



AuDHD (Autism and ADHD
combined)
Thursday 19th November,
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Understanding and
Supporting Communication
Wednesday 9th December
10:00am - 1:00pm



Understanding Masking
Thursday 14th January
7:00pm - 9:00pm



Understanding and
Supporting Behaviour
Monday 8th February
10:00am - 1:00pm



We are happy to say that
due to funding, we are able
to provide our workshops
free of charge.



Being a parent carer of a child or
young person with SEND can
bring extra situations which are
challenging to know how to
handle.

Our online workshops are here to
empower you on your child's
SEND journey.

- ✓ Confidence in
understanding and
meeting your child's
needs.
- ✓ Ideas, effective
strategies and
signposting to other
services.
- ✓ A chance to ask questions,
as well as receive extra
support if needed.

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have a diagnosis for you to
access any of our support

Early Years Drop-In SEND Support



Patchway Children's
Centre



Wednesdays
10:00 - 11:30am
Term Time Only



For parents of
children aged 0 - 5
including children in
their reception year
Children welcome



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(SEND).



Set your satnav to
BS34 5TF and
park behind
Coniston Medical
Centre



Are you concerned about your
child's early development or need
help navigating your child's
disability?

Come along to our relaxed and
friendly parent support drop-in.
Meet our Peer Support Team
who can:

- ✓ Help you become more
confident in identifying
and supporting your
child's needs
- ✓ Offer useful information
around key transitions
such as starting school
- ✓ Provide a listening ear
over a cuppa

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From South Gloucestershire Council Customer Services Team

Dear parents and carers,

We want to make it easier for residents to access and use online services, regardless of people's backgrounds and circumstances. Some evidence shows that households with children are more likely to struggle to do the things they need to do online. We are keen to understand this in more detail, so that we can work towards reducing the barriers that families may face.

We would be grateful if you could complete a short survey by Friday 16th October, so that we can hear from you about your experiences. Your answers will remain anonymous, and you have the option enter a prize draw for a chance to win one of five £10 shopping vouchers. If you have any concerns or wish to complete the survey another way, please contact South Gloucestershire Council by either calling 01454 868009 or by emailing consultation@southglos.gov.uk

[What does digital inclusion look like in households with children? – Fill in form](#)

Thank you,

South Gloucestershire Council Customer Services Team

Kind regards

Hayley

DIGITAL CHAMPIONS

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to get online

southglos.gov.uk/getdigital



sophie lounise PERFORMING ARTS



FUN, friendly performing arts classes for children. Aimed to build self esteem and develop skills in dance, drama and singing.

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trial
session!

sophielouiseperformingarts.co.uk
info@sophielouiseperformingarts.co.uk

The logo features the letters 'H' and 'D' in a large, stylized font. The 'H' is purple and the 'D' is teal. Below them, the word 'DANCE' is written in white, spaced-out capital letters, and 'Academy' is written in a smaller, white, lowercase font.

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(9.30AM - 3PM)

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OPEN EVENTS



SBL
SIR BERNARD LOVELL
ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 5-8PM

This is always a popular evening which gives parents, carers and students the opportunity to walk around the school visiting each of our curriculum areas. There will be a variety of activities going on and experienced members of staff on hand in every room to answer any questions you may have. You do not need to book to attend our Open Evening however, if you would like to attend one of the Headteacher presentations being held at 5.15pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm, you will need to book tickets. The booking link will be made available on our website from **Friday 4th September**. The presentation will last for approximately 30 minutes and include a speech from Dr Bassford as well as talks from our new Year 7 and older students which will give you a true insight into school life at SBL.

OPEN WEEK

MONDAY 14TH – THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

The sessions held at 9.15am and 10.15am give parents, carers and students the opportunity to walk around the school and experience a typical school day. You will also have the opportunity for a Q&A session with either the Headteacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Due to limited spaces, these sessions need to be booked in advance via our website from **Friday 4th September**.

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South Gloucestershire
Council

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1st October 2026

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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Car seat safety check
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are secured safely

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