Week 8 term 1, 23rd October 2026



What a term it has been!Every autumn beginswith a mix of excitement, nervous energy, and new routines. Suddenly we wake up to dark mornings, golden autumn leaves, and eight full weeks of incredible achievement behind us.We all know that children tire easily, and 8 weeks (=2 months) is a long time. A primary school is a wonderful place (ours is!), but it certainly isn't quiet! Term 1 is not just academic learning, its also about welcoming thirty new individuals in each class and working hard to make them feel safe, cared for, and settled.

Moving from summer mode into crisp autumn structure is a massive transition for children (and grown ups - you know it has been for you too!), but think back to those summer nerves; they are long gone, as you will have seen through Open Classrooms and Parents' Evenings, see, and everyone is settled and doing incredibly well.

The Harvest assemblies were a great testament to how safe and settled, the children are, and how proud they are of their new class. From standing on stage to learning lines, sharing poems, and communal singing, every child shone. You should be enormously proud of them and all each child has achieved this term, we certainly are!

Look at some of the things we have done this term!

Staggered Reception and EYFS Induction / **Family 1:1 Meetings & Classroom Welcome Sessions** / ***Prospective Parent School Tours*** / **Meet the Teacher Events** / **EYFS Coffee Morning** / **Friends of Longwell Green (FOGLs) AGM** / ***Whole School Open Classrooms*** / **INSET Training Days & FOGL Legoland Trip** / **Children's Disco** / **all of the amazing WOW days**, / ***Live "The Wizard of Oz" Theatre Performance*** / **World Mental Health Day** / **Harvest Services & Assemblies (and Food Bank Collections)** / **Parents' Evenings** / ***Nasal Flu Immunisations*** / **KS1 Sports Festival** / **Girls' & Boys' All Sorts of Matches Including Some Very Important Football Matches and Large Schools Cup** / **KS2 Netball Tournament** / ***School Individual Photographs*** / **Times Table Rockstars Day (today)** and LOTS more...

Writing that list is exhausting enough on its own, so no wonder our pupils are ready for a rest!

A huge thank you to our super staff team for putting so much into every day, and to you, our families, for all you do at home, your partnership and your kind words. Together, your children families and staff make Longwell Green such a special place to be.

When we return, get ready for the wild rollercoaster ride toward Christmas!



We have plenty to look forward to, including our **Remembrance Day service**, **World Book Day** and **Book at Bedtime**, our creative **Children in Need coin collection** (get collecting coins, this year's will involve the greatest amount - not number of coins, more information inside) and loads more.

Wishing all our pupils, staff, and families a relaxing October half term. Enjoy the fallen stick walking sticks, dew covered spiders' webs, and well earned rest!



Morning fuel sorted! Morrisons is teaming up with Kellogg's to offer completely free breakfasts across all school holidays this year; including the upcoming half term. So put the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter, on your fridge and let someone else handle the morning washing up for a change!





Pictures, fun outside, playing cricket, lots of learning and Y6 vs teachers Xtables challenge. Y6 won!

"I am sad that some families don't have dinners. Our harvest will help them."
A Y2 child who really understood why we donate food for harvest time





Fancy joining the fun?

We are looking to grow our friendly network of stand in Lunch Break Supervisors to help out when needed. It is a wonderfully rewarding way to be part of our school family, and we promise no two days are ever alike.

Drop the office an email for a chat if you think you could offer a hand, even just once in a while. Thank you!

This Term's School Value:

Peace

Thiscoming terminLongwellGreen,wewillbeexploringthevalueof Peace .We will explorethatPeaceisaboutmorethansimplyhavingno arguments or livingwithoutconflict.Itmeanslearninghowtomanage ourfeelings, treatotherswithrespect,resolvedisagreementsfairlyand helppeople feelsafe,valuedandincluded.

Throughour assemblies,wewillexplorehowpeacebeginswiththe choiceswe make ourselves,growsthroughourrelationshipswithothers and extends into our school,localcommunityandwiderworld.Wewill also consider how people canworktogetherpeacefully,evenwhenthey disagree, and how we can carrythemessageofpeaceintoChristmasand the year ahead.

How Families Can Support Peace learning at Home

The Peaceful Choices Challenge

Duringthe week,challengeeveryoneinthefamilytofindonechanceeachdaytomakea peaceful choice.Thismightmeanlettingsomeoneelsechooseagame,findingafair solution to a disagreementorrespondingcalmlywhensomethinggoeswrong.

Different Opinions, One Family

Choose a *lighthearted*topic,suchasthefavouritefamilyfilmormeal,andleteveryone explain their opinion.Practisedisagreeingrespectfullyandlisteningtodifferentviewpoints without needing to wintheargument.

What Would MakeItBetter?

Whenyour child is upsetaboutsomething,helpthemthinkbeyondwhathasgonewrong. Ask,"What would helpmakethisbetter?"Thisencourageslookingforsolutionsnot becoming stuck in problems.

Be a Peace-Bringer

Encourage your child tonotice smallactionsandspotwhensomeonemightbefeelingleft out, worried or lonely. Could theyinvitethemtojoinagame,offerencouragementorhelp them feel welcome? Discuss howsmallgesturesmakeabigdifference.

Peace Around the World

Look together at a news story about peoplehelpingcommunitiesaffectedbyconflictor natural disasters. Discuss how families,charitiesandaidworkersprovidefood,shelterand support. Help your child understand thatpeacealsoinvolvescaringforpeoplewhoselives are very different from our own.

A Peaceful Start to 2027

As Christmas approaches, ask each family memberto chooseonesmallwaytobringmore peace into the new year. It might be being more patient, includingothers,helpingsomeone who is struggling or thinking carefully before reacting whenupset.

By exploring peace at home and school, we can help children understandthatpeaceis something we make through everyday choices. We can't always control whathappens around us, but we can decide how we respond, how we treat others and thedifferencewe make to the world. Thank you, as always, for helping us bring our school valuestolife beyond the classroom.

Recommended Books for Exploring Peace

There are somanyamazingbookstoshareinthistheme,
but here areafewtostartyouoff...

For our Peacevalue,herearereselectedbooksthathelpchildrenexplore peace in a fewdifferentways:findingcalmwithinourselves,resolving disagreements, repairing friendships, making people feel welcome and understanding the impact of conflict around the world. The best stories will show childrenthatpeaceisnotsimplyabouteveryonebeingquiet or agreeing withoneanother,itisabouthowwetreatpeoplewhen things are difficult.
Here are some suggestionsforfamiliestoenjoytogether,frompicture books for to novelsforchildren.
Other examples are:

The Wall inthe Middle ofthe Book—JonAgee

The Day War Came — Nicola Davies

The Suitcase — Chris Naylor-Ballesteros

The Boy at the Back of the Class — Onjali Q. Raúf

The Night Bus Hero — Onjali Q. Raúf

Azzi in Between — Sarah Garland

A few questions to discuss after reading:

You don't need to turn story time into a lesson! Even one simple question can help children think about our value of Peace.

- What caused the disagreement or problem in the story?
- How did the characters feel, and how do we know?
- What could the characters have done differently?
- Was there a moment when someone helped to make peace?
- What could we learn from this story to help make our home, school or community a more peaceful place?

My strongest choices for this term would be The Day the Crayons Quit for younger pupils and The Boy at the Back of the Class for older pupils. Together, they move beautifully from resolving everyday disagreements to understanding why kindness, welcome and peaceful action matter in the wider world.

For more ideas, you could also explore BookTrust's recommendations on books about resolving conflict and books about war and conflict.

Top choices (younger)

1. The Day the Crayons Quit
   By Drew Daywalt is a beautiful tale that fills the heart.
2. A Tale of Two Dragons — Geraldine McCaughrean
   Two kingdoms have resources that could help them both, but their proud rulers refuse to cooperate.
3. Be Kind — Pat Zietlow Miller
   A gentle reminder that peace can grow from small, everyday acts of kindness and understanding.
4. The Little War Cat — Hiba Noor Khan
   A sensitiveintroductiontotheideathat children and families living through conflict still need safety, friendship and care.

Top choices (older)

1. The Butterfly Lion — Michael Morpurgo
   A beautifully told story of friendship, loyalty, loss and the bond between a boy and a white lion.
2. The Lion Above the Door — Onjali Q. Raúf
   Leo begins to question why people from different backgrounds seem to be missing from the stories of the past.
3. Wonder — R. J. Palacio
   August starts school after being educated at home and discovers that some people struggle to look beyond his appearance. A powerful story about empathy, friendship, bullying, forgiveness and choosing kindness. It helps children consider how their words and actions affect others.
4. The Breadwinner — Deborah Ellis
   Set in Afghanistan under Taliban rule, this novel follows Parvana, a girl who finds ways to help her family survive.

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Friends of Longwell Green

FOLGs October Outdoor Trail

Just £4 per family!

Explore Discover Have Fun!

Saturday 24th October to Sunday 01st November

Starting at Ellacombe Road, Longwell Green and ending at the brand new fairy garden at Willsbridge Mill – a total of **0.7 miles!**

We are organising a fun outdoor trail as part of Friends of Longwell Green! For just **£4 per family**, you'll receive a trail map and answer sheet with everything you need to take part in the adventure.

Prize Draw!

All children who complete the trail will be entered to win a great prize!

All children receive a sweet treat!

Collecting Your Trail Pack

- School office by Friday 23rd Oct
- BPC Estate Agents, Ellacombe Road
- Email copy to print at home

Return Your Answer Sheet

Return by Wednesday 4 November

Email to Contactus@folgs.org.uk

Hand in at the school office

A SHORT ADVENTURE A BIG SMILE!

Purchase your trail pack online

Visit www.folgs.org.uk/events-booking for details & booking

SCAN TO BOOK

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

1 WEEK TO GO!

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ONE MOREWEEKLEFT (the first week back after half term)
our school Remembrance Event will take place on Friday 6th November).



No fixed price, but please talk to your child about giving a sensible donation. We've had some try buying multiple items with pennies, missing the point. Most give between 50p and £2. It's all voluntary, your support appreciated!



Price £1.50 each (slap bands)



Price £1 (pencil)



Price £2 (fabric bands)



Stickers - Price any donation



Price £1.50 each (reflective bag tag)

Please talk with your child about a sensible donation amount to support the charity. Thank you!





More lovely learning and the teachers being beaten by the Y6s at Times Tables challnge today!



YEAR 4 WOW DAY!



Our Year 4 children had a fantastic WOW Day, dressing up as medical professionals and becoming dentists and scientists for the day! They explored the fascinating world of teeth and the digestive system through lots of exciting, hands-on activities.

The children carried out an enquiry-based experiment, placing eggshells in different liquids to observe how they changed over time. They made predictions, shared their ideas and developed their scientific enquiry skills while learning about the importance of looking after our teeth.



They also got creative by making their own mouths using card and marshmallows for teeth! There were lots of fantastic designs and plenty of enthusiasm throughout the day.

It was wonderful to see the children learning, exploring and having so much fun while developing their understanding of the human body. Well done, Year 4!





Reverse Penny Wars!

The Ultimate Flipped Game!

Get ready for a fun, competitive twist on Penny Wars! This year, the winning class is the one with the LEAST money in their jar (not number of coins, amount in value). The problem? Everyone will be trying to put money in *your* jar!

How to Play:

Bring coins to put into *other classes'* jars. Silver and pound coins quickly boost another class's total dropping them down the leader board, a great tactical move! Coppers (1p and 2p) barely make an impact.
No dipping back in once a coin is dropped!

Play! Be tactical! Think! £1, £2, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p

When?
Friday, 13 November 2026

Where?
In the School hall throughout the day



Which class will outsmart the rest? There will need to be some tactical sabotaging of rival classes....

Send your child in with any spare coins to join the fun and help us raise money for this great cause. *Every single coin counts*! Remember, pennies (1p & 2p) barely dent the score. No coin removal once dropped! Final winner will be the year group with the lowest total!

West of England MUSIC & ARTS

Strum and Play!



Ukulele Experience Morning at Little Stoke Music Centre

Come and learn the ukulele or improve your skills if you already play! Perfect for children age 6 - 11.

Saturday 17th October
Little Stoke Primary School BS34 6HY

Arrive at 9.20am for a 9.30am start. Short performance for parents 10.20am - 10.30am.

Ukuleles will be available to borrow if you don't have your own.

Scan to sign up

wema.org.uk/form/ukulele-experience-morning

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Kingswood Heritage Museum and

Halloween Displays in Bristol Present

Museum at Night

Legends & Lanterns

Sunday 25 October

6pm-9pm

INCLUDES ENTRY TO THE GROTTOES



SEND Reforms are coming - we need your views on support in education

If your child has special educational needs or disabilities, you know better than anyone how important it is that change is carefully planned and managed.

With nationwide reforms of SEND support within education in development, it is important more than ever for us to understand how services are working right now.

Follow the link now to have your say

£100 Amazon voucher prize draw for par ticipant s

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Take the survey here

sgpc.org.uk/our-surveys

Survey closes midnight 6th December 2026

Pumpkinfest and Poo at the Zoo!



Let's be honest, the word 'poo' for a primary school audience is a guaranteed laugh! Noah's Ark Zoo Farm has launched a rather brilliant and educational autumn trail this season called Poo at the Zoo (Number 2!), where children can follow the clues around the park and become certified Dung Detectives to discover how animal waste plays a vital role in nature.

Once all the mysteries are solved, families can go to th~~e free to enter Pumpkin Patch~~ to pick their favourite from over 30 varieties of pumpkins and gourds, along with wonderful autumnal photo spots. Do note, the pumpkin patch is free to enter and you don't need to go into the zoo to get to it.

- Dates: Now until November 1st, 2026
- Location: Noah's Ark Zoo Farm (BS48 1PG)
- Booking: Tickets online directly via th~~e Noah's Ark Zoo Farm webs~~ite. (Tip: Booking five days in advance applies a 10% early bird discount!)



CLIFTON COLLEGE

Sports *Performance Days*

For ages 9-11

Join us for a sports-focused taster day including fitness, sports activities and assessments.

Every Friday in November

8:00am - 5.00pm

These events are run by Louise Catchpole, Director of Sport at Clifton College Preparatory School. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. Lunch is provided on the day.

To book your place, email:
admissions@cliftoncollege.com



Longwell Green PE News

Boys Football vs Stanbridge – Thursday 22nd October 2-1 win!

A massive well done to Harrison, Luke, Brandon, Jonny, Lennox, Harley, Bobby, Klayton and Fletcher for representing the school in our league fixture against Stanbridge yesterday.

The boys played brilliantly against a very good opposition side and managed to secure a 2–1 victory!

Well done to everyone involved!



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YEAR 5 · YEAR 6 · 11+

Grammar school from Bristol.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Gloucester and Cheltenham grammar schools, from September 2027.

GLOUCESTER & CHELTENHAM · PLANNED SEPT 2027

Pate's Grammar School	BOYS & GIRLS	Sir Thomas Rich's School	BOYS
The Crypt School	BOYS & GIRLS	Denmark Road High School	GIRLS
Ribston Hall High School	GIRLS		

PASSENGER	DEPARTS	ENTRY	FARE
YEAR 5 & 6 FAMILIES	BRISTOL · S. GLOS	SEPT 2027 · SEPT 2028	FREE TO REGISTER

KEY DATES

YEAR 6 · SEPT 2027	YEAR 5 · 11+ SIGN-UP	YEAR 5 · 11+ TEST
Apply by 31 Oct 2026	8 Feb – 19 Mar 2027	Sat 3 July 2027
secondary school application	opens and closes 12 noon	for September 2028 entry

No charge to register, no commitment. We are exploring routes right across north and east Bristol, Thornbury and the A38, and every registration helps bring one closer to home. Fees and booking are confirmed with you directly.

Coaches operated by Bennetts Coaches, Gloucester · every driver DBS-checked · routes run where registrations show demand

SCAN TO REGISTER

Register your transport interest

Free, no commitment. Tell us your postcode and the schools you are considering.

YEAR 5 · 11+ SIGN-UP OPENS
8 February 2027

YEAR 5 · 11+ TEST
Saturday 3 July 2027

OR REGISTER ONLINE
swindongrammarschooltransport.co.uk/bristol

ADMIT ONE FAMILY

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Support our school!

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Do you have a family member or know anyone with a business who would be happy to sponsor us?



GIFTS FOR THE GROTTO

We are looking for someone to purchase gifts for the children for the grotto.



TURKEY DONATION

We would also love a donation towards our turkey.

Any help would be hugely appreciated.



If you can help, please get in touch with us at:

contactus@folgs.org.uk

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Save the date for our EYFS Phonics Evening. This evening will be adults only as we want to b able to give you the best opportunity at supporting your child with phonics at home.

03 NOVEMBER

4:30PM

Please use the microsoft form to sign up for your

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/BSNDUyPBrY







Y2 have been learning about Aboriginal Art and we made their own didgeridoos out of card and decorated them with paint making sure they carefully did clear dots in earthy colours to show and tell a story.



GET READY FOR A FRIGHTFULLY FUN EVENING ATOUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY - PACKED WITH GAMES, DANCING, AND SPOOKY SURPRISES!

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🕐 7:00PM – 8:30PM

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St Andrew's, Bristol & Southdown, Bath

10am - 3pm

Optional additional 'Stay n Play' hours, £3.50 per hour

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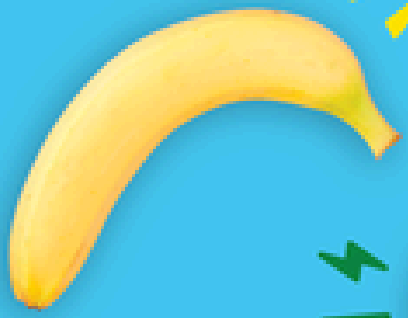
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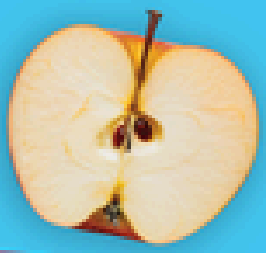


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