Week 3 term 2 20th November

That's week three done! Please be aware of some of the big events coming up quicker than we all may want to think about, but with 35 days today until Christmas, we've a lot to do! Before all of this, the week: We started the week with a riot of odd socks and lots of anti bullying conversations. This week's Anti-Bullying Week was packed with fun activities centered on celebrating our differences, finding our voices, and breaking the silence. LWG came together to explore how listening and supporting one another makes a real difference (more next week!)

Watching our children in action, I feel so lucky, every single one genuinely wants to be their best, help others, and put people first. They respect themselves, respect each other, and know they can make a difference! Read more about **Odd Socks Day**.

Remember to come in after school on Monday 23rd to see the learning and fun that we will have had on Languages day on Monday 23rd. Thank you all for your great donations today! You're always lovely!

Inside this week
- **Operation Christmas Hamper**
- **Very important Christmas dates**
- **Golden nugget (exciting!)**
- **Interfaith day**
- **Y1 WOW day**
- **Y2 WOW day**
- **Christmas at the Mustard tree**
- **Christmas fayre**
- **(some very exciting) PE news**
- **Christmas science**

and more...

See the dates below and click on the image to be sent to the "Christmas Fridge dates" page!

Term 2 Festive celebrations and end of term dates

Please see the main calendar here for more, but here are fridge worthy, important ones.

Date	Time	Event and Helpful Details
Saturday, 28th Nov	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	**Festive Fayre** — Join us for seasonal stalls, treats, and family fun. Please check our recent newsletters for full details.
Friday, 4th Dec	All Day	**INSET Training Day (3)** — School closed to all pupils for staff training.
Friday, 11th Dec	9:00 am	**Operation Community Hamper Deadline** — Final morning drop off for Christmas hamper donations, thank you for your generosity!
Sunday, 13th Dec	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	**Mustard Tree Community Church Carol Service** — Held in Longwell Green Hall. All families are warmly invited.
Monday, 14th Dec	9:30 am and 2:00 pm	**KS1 Nativity Production** —In school for KS1 parents / carers (all KS1 children take part in both performances 9.30 and 2).
Tuesday, 15th Dec	9:30 am	**Reception Nativity Production** —In school for our EYFS parents / carers.
Tuesday, 15th Dec	10:30 am and 2:00 pm	**Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance** — Performed in school for Y3 and Y4 parents (*all Y3/4 children take part in both performances*).
Wednesday, 16th Dec	10:30 am start	**Year 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration** — Held at United Church, Longwell Green. Admission by programme only (*children arrive at 10:15 am*).
Thursday, 17th Dec	10:00 am start	**Year 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration** — Held at United Church, Longwell Green. Admission by programme only (*children arrive at 9:45 am*).
Thursday, 17th Dec	Lunchtime	**Whole school Christmas lunch** — Festive *feast* together for all children.
Friday, 18th Dec	Afternoon	**Whole school party afternoon** — Festive games, music, and celebrations across all classes.
Friday, 18th Dec	End of School Day	**TERM 2 ENDS** — We wish all our families a restful, joyful winter holiday!

We have some amazing news inside, regarding the super talented boys' and girls' football teams, who are both individually phenomenal! We are so proud of you! Well done!

Se inside for more about the Golden nugget and so much more. Remember, next Saturday is the Festive Fayre (11-2).

What another fab week!

Operation Christmas Hamper Spread Some Festive Kindness!

It's time for one of our favourite traditions! Our amazing school is coming together once again to make special festive food hampers for local families who need a little extra cheer this Christmas. See inside for all the details on how you can get involved before our December 9th collection!

Safety and kindness on the school run

We know the morning rush can feel like a Formula 1 pit stop, especially when a missing left shoe throws everything out the window! However, two local neighbours contacted school this week after a number of incidents of parking on double yellow lines and the crossing table and a frightening near miss involving a young scooter rider zooming past a sloped driveway.

To keep everyone safe on our doorstep, please:

Keep yellow lines, bollards, and the crossing table completely clear.

Leave driveways unblocked and remind scooter / bike riders to slow right down near them.

Thank you for helping keep our school community safe and proud!

Could you help supervise lunch breaks on an ad hoc basis? Contact the office!





A Smooth Start to the School Day

Perhaps linked to the point on the left, lately, we have noticed more children arriving just after the main gates close. Once the gates shut, class registration is underway and our kitchen is finalising lunch numbers. When twenty pupils arrive at reception after the gate has closed, as happened this week, our lovely office team has to manually sign everyone in, take lunch orders, and walk younger children to class; all while keeping the front door secure on their own.

Walking into a lesson after it has started can feel daunting and interrupts those really important first minutes of settling in to the day, where more happens than you might believe.

Please aim to arrive before the gates close so your child can walk in calmly with their class. If you do get caught in unexpected traffic, please bear with our reception staff who are trying to help, while doing all i have described above. Thank you for helping us keep our mornings calm and unified.

"We used to have lots of bullying all of the time in my old school. We don't have bullying here." A child who not too long ago joined us from another school. We forget how lucky we are to have such lovely children. Yes, sometimes they fall out, but we are lucky not to have bullying here; and thank you every child and adult for working hard to make this happen. The child also said we do way more fun things here too, but this sounds like I am showing off!

INTER FAITH DAY

INTERFAITH DAY 2026

CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th November 2026

FINDING OUR WAY

What helps you when life is difficult?

What a wonderful day we have had!

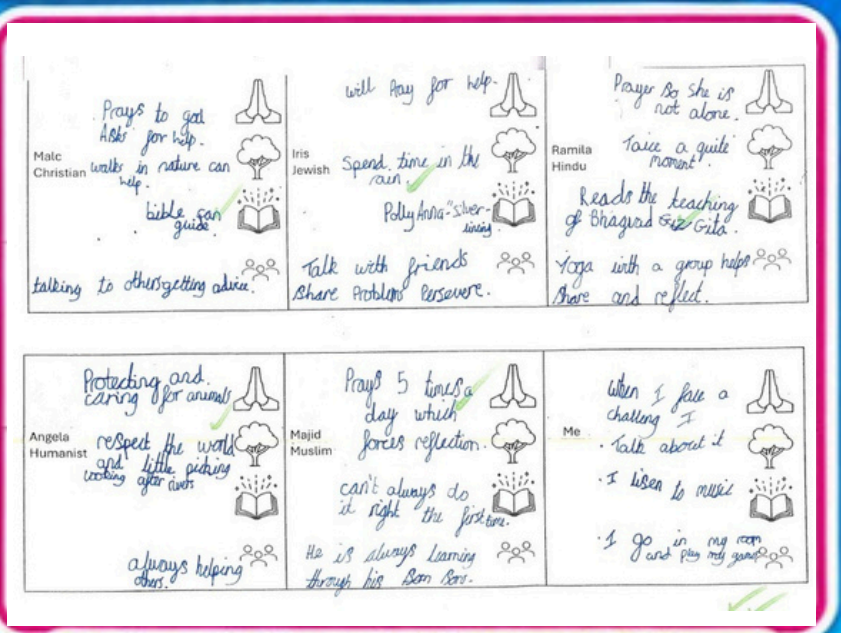
Over 80 schools came together for a whole virtual day of learning, creativity and reflection. We explored different worldviews and considered what helps us when life is difficult.

Our story

We began on Teams with an introduction to the day and a little quiz. We then heard The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires. Pupils explored frustration, taking a break and keeping going. They asked whether something can be magnificent without being perfect.

Finding a way

Pupils listened actively to our five guest speakers and discussed what each turns to in difficult times. They found many similarities, a lovely sense of unity, as well as differences that helped them understand other people's beliefs and choices.



Pupils recorded the speakers' ideas alongside their own.



More reflections, activities and photos inside.

CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

Sharing our learning

Thursday 12th November 2026

What helps me?

Pupils considered what they do and turn to when life is difficult. They shared their own sources of strength and compared their ideas with those of the speakers.

Diamond 9

Pupils ranked things they can do or turn to in difficult times. They compared choices, explained their thinking and listened to what mattered most to others.

Strong roots

The tree's roots represented the people, beliefs and things pupils turn to in difficult times. Its leaves showed what flows from that support. A car's crumple zones offered another metaphor: the protective layers around us and what helps when those layers come under pressure.



Our Quilt of Hope artwork.

Interfaith Quilt of Hope

Every pupil created a patch inspired by the day's discussions. The patches formed a quilt for each class, a lovely symbol of everyone coming together and supporting one another.

Marcus Rashford and Malala

Marcus Rashford's story showed how family, faith and hope helped him through hardship and inspired him to campaign for free school meals. Malala's courage in speaking up for girls' education also connects with our theme. Both stories encourage us to consider what keeps us strong in difficult times and how we can use that strength to help others.

Questions and reflections

Pupils prepared questions and joined live Q&A sessions. We finished by reflecting on what we would remember and one thing that helps us.

Thank you for being part of it!

A heartfelt thank you to our pupils, staff and guest speakers for a wonderful day of sharing and learning together.



CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

Our day in pictures

Thursday 12th November 2026



Sharing our story



Listening to a guest speaker



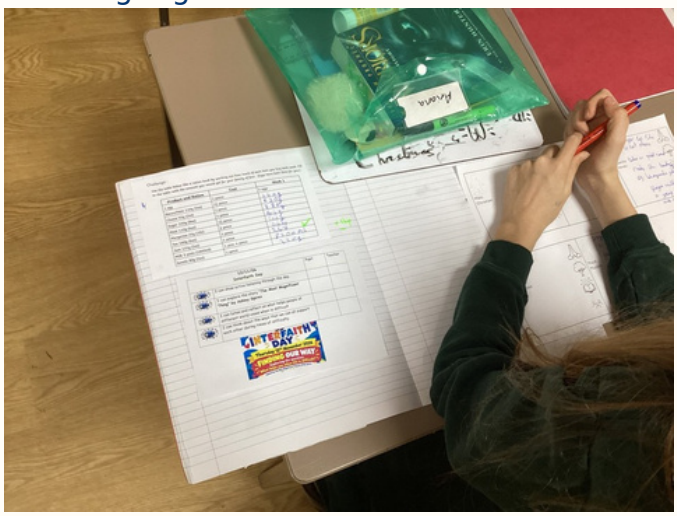
Exploring different worldviews



Learning together



Recording our reflections



Thinking about what helps us

YEAR 1 WOW DAY

TIME TRAVELLERS

Students dressed as an era of history and used photographs and videos to consider how life has changed. We focussed on toys, holidays and dance as reference points.







We went back in time to the Victorian period and examined what toys would have been available to rich and poor families. We thought about materials and how these toys were made.

Making comparisons.

Children made their own cup and ball game. We compared historical toys to those children might play with today.

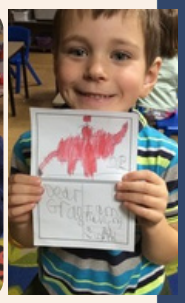
Recording our knowledge.

We imagined how holidays were different, riding donkeys, making sandcastles and sending post cards home.















In the afternoon we explored styles of dance. Traditional English Folk dance, Ballet, The Charleston and Hip Hop. Both classes enjoyed noticing how dance has changed over time. They then had a go learning some basic Ballet, Charleston and Hip Hop moves.

Year 2's Great Fire of London WOW Day!

Monday 16th November 2026

A Day to Remember!

Year 2 had a fantastic WOW Day exploring the Great Fire of London! We were excited to find out more about this important event in history and to imagine what London might have looked like in 1666.



Looking Closely at History

We explored different paintings of the Great Fire of London. Using our history knowledge, we discussed what we could see, why people might have acted as they did, and how the colours and the painter's point of view helped to tell the story.



Back to 1666!

In the afternoon, our visitors took us back in time to 1666. We met some important characters from the story of the Great Fire, including Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farriner and King Charles II. They helped us imagine what it might have been like to be in London during the fire.



"We really loved designing a new London on big pieces of paper."

Learning About Fire Safety

We also learnt about fire safety. We talked about how to stay safe around fire at home, and what to do if there is a fire. We learnt the important rules:



Get out



Stay out



Call 999

We created fire safety posters to share what we had learnt with others.



Our Great Fire Artwork

Next, we used our art skills to create our own Great Fire of London pictures. We drew and cut out black card houses, using our knowledge that buildings were made of wood and close together. We used yellow, orange and red tissue paper for the flames, and stuck it all onto white paper. Here are some examples!





A Fun Afternoon!

The afternoon was very exciting! We took part in lots of fun activities with our visitors. We learned a simple dance, sang a song with two different parts and took part in a relay race to get water. At the end, we got to rebuild London in drawings. Some of us drew St Paul's Cathedral, others drew The London Eye, zoos and even an airport!





"We really loved designing a new London on big pieces of paper."

"We enjoyed the show because it was really silly and funny."

"I liked the bit when we got to use water pistols to put out the fire."

What a brilliant day of learning, creativity and teamwork!

Christmas at the Mustard Tree

Saturday 5th December: Festive Wombles

Don a Christmas hat and come litter picking around Longwell Green.
9:30am @ The Tree

Sunday 6th December: Christmas Café Church

Enjoy a drink, some carols and make a decoration to take home.
10:30am @ The Tree

Sunday 13th December: Carol Service

'The Greatest Gift'

4pm at Longwell Green Primary School.
Children can come dressed as a Nativity character.
Refreshments available

Sunday 20th December: Christingle

Celebrate the meaning of advent with oranges and sweets.
10:30am @ The Tree

Friday 25th Christmas Day

An all-age service celebrating Jesus' birth.
10am @ The Tree

The Mustard Tree Community Church, Watsons Road, Longwell Green BS30 9DW



Operation Community Hamper – Spreading a Little Christmas Magic!

It might feel early to mention the 'C' word, but due to timings, this is a friendly heads up for one of our favourite yearly traditions!
Every year, our amazing school comes together to support **Operation Community Hamper,** creating festive treat hampers for local families who need a little extra sparkle this Christmas time. We are sharing this now so you have plenty of time to pop an extra treat into your weekly shop before our collection on Wednesday, 9th December. Find gift ideas here:
operationcommunityhamper.co.uk/donationitems

Times are tough for many, which makes your kindness even more special. After your lovely generosity at Harvest, where even a single tin meant a meal for someone nearby, thank you in advance for helping us make this Christmas brighter for many families in need.







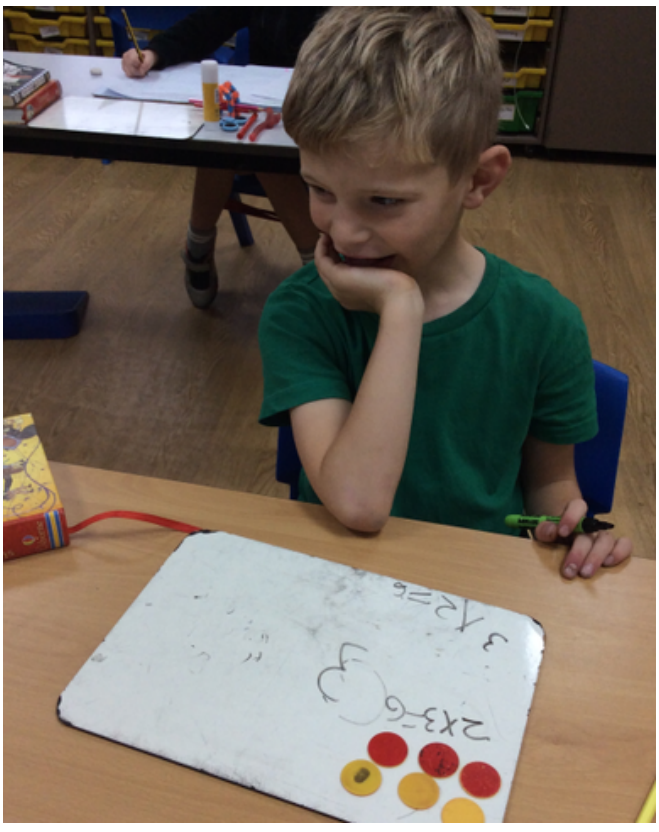
Literary Stars in Our Midst!

A huge congratulations to Gracie G and Elliot G, who recently entered the Clifton Young Writers Competition. Against a entries from across 38 countries, both Gracie and Elliot's stories stood out from the crowd, earning a coveted spot in the top-10 shortlist out of 123 entries in the 8–11 age category!

The competition organiser shared what a pleasure it was to read their work. Moments like these remind us what happens when brilliant teaching meets the encouragement of our fab families at home, it turns everyday classroom sparks into global recognition!

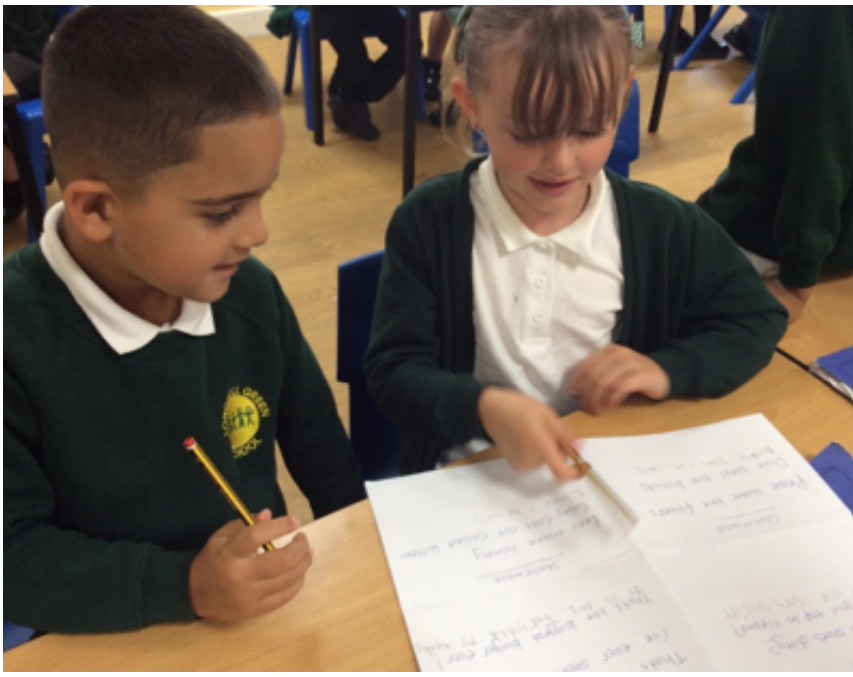
Please join us in giving Gracie and Elliot a massive cheer. Keep those pens moving, writers!





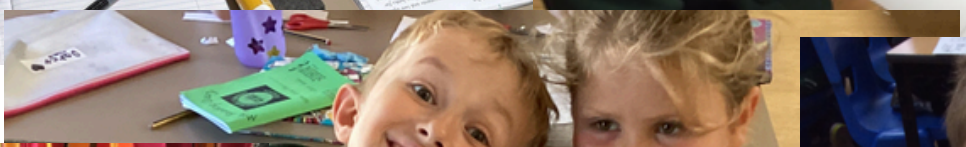


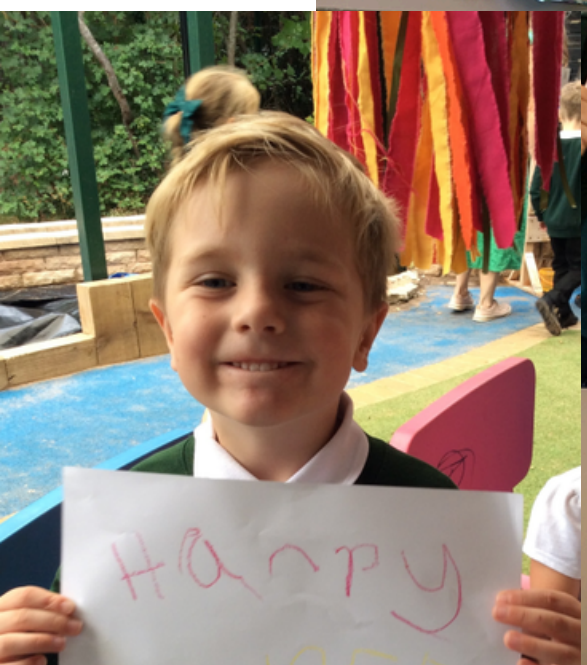




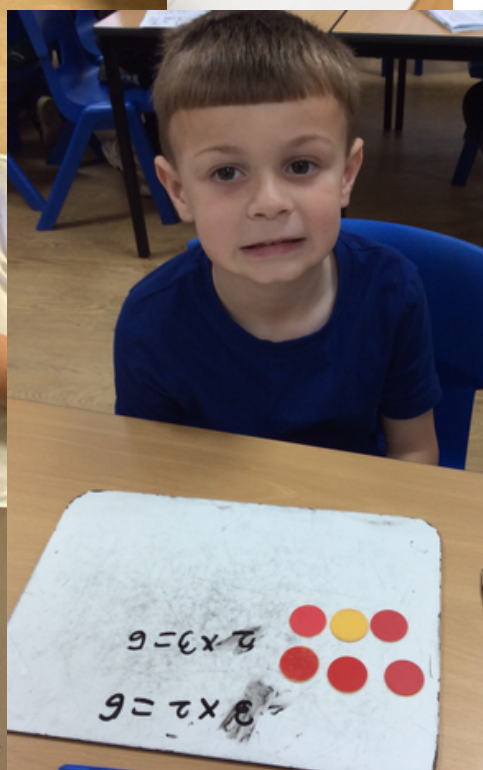







Happy





FRIENDS OF LONGWELL GREEN SCHOOL

WHAT TO BRING INTO SCHOOL FOR THE FESTIVE FAYRE



BAKERS & BAKED GOODS

Calling all bakers! We are looking for baked goods to sell at the Christmas fair. Anything you can buy, bake or donate would be hugely appreciated. Please bring donations to the office by **Friday 27th November.**



JOLLY GLASS JARS

Decorate with Christmas decor and fill with sweets! Please bring jars to your child's class on **Thursday 26th.**



MONEY TREE ENVELOPES

Your child should have a small brown envelope. Decorate the envelope and add coins totalling more than 50p. Seal the envelope and hand it to your child's class teacher or the school office by **Thursday 26th.**



RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets to the office by **Friday 27th November.**
Spare tickets are available in the office, and you can also buy tickets on the day of the fair.

Thank you for your support!

Longwell Green PE News

Boys' & Girls' Football English Schools District Finals - 17th November

A huge well done to both our boys' and girls' football teams, who represented the school at the England Schools' Football Association South Gloucestershire Finals at Almondsbury on Tuesday.

Despite far from ideal playing conditions, both teams played brilliantly and put in some outstanding performances.

Our girls competed against three other schools in a very closely contested group. This is the furthest our girls have ever progressed in this competition, making it a fantastic achievement and something they should be incredibly proud of.

Our boys faced four other schools, winning three of their games to be crowned tournament champions! They will now progress to the regional finals, where they will represent the whole of South Gloucestershire.

A fantastic achievement for both teams. We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and the way they represented our school. Well done to all those involved!



Year 3 & 4 Football Festival @ Mangotsfield - 18th November

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 girls' footballers who took part in a football festival at Mangotsfield Secondary School on Wednesday 18th November. The team played brilliantly, winning two of the three games they played. A fantastic effort from everyone involved and a great opportunity to represent the school!



Longwell Green PE News

Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football vs Mangotsfield - 19th November

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 football team, who played a league fixture against Mangotsfield on Thursday in some very challenging conditions.

The team worked incredibly hard for each other throughout the match and were rewarded with a fantastic 4–1 victory!

A huge well done to Franc, Jonny, Harrison, Luke, Lennox, Jacob, Frank, Noah and Clayton. You should all be very proud of yourselves!





Find the Golden Nugget

Active Travel Initiative

- 👀 Look out for the **Golden Nugget** on your journey to school from Monday 30th November until Thursday 3rd December.
- 🚶 It will be hidden somewhere within a **5-minute walk of the school.**
- 🗓️ A new nugget will be hidden **each morning .**
- 🎉 If you find it, take it to **the office** to claim your prize!
- 😊 Enjoy the hunt and have fun walking or wheeling to school.
- ⚠️ Stay safe and remember the nugget could be hidden anywhere along the route.
- 🍀 Good luck, nugget hunters!

FRIENDS OF LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

COME AND SUPPORT OUR

Pre-Loved Sale!

This Sunday, 22nd November
10:30am – 12:00pm

Longwell Green Primary School

We already have **18** buyers confirmed,
so come along and see what bargains you can find!



Grab yourself some great pre-loved bargains, just in time for Christmas.



Refreshments will be available, including hot drinks and cake.



We'll also have a colouring activity to keep the children entertained.

Entry:
£1 per adult
Children go FREE!

Please come along, support our sale, have a browse, enjoy a cuppa and hopefully find yourself a bargain or two!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

SGPC South Glos Parent Carers



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

GIFT CARD



Take the survey here

sgpc.org.uk/our-surveys

Survey closes midnight 6th December 2026

Christmas

Fun Science

BOOK NOW!

21st December - Santa's Secret Scientists

22nd December - Elf Engineers

St Andrew's, Bristol & Southdown, Bath
10am - 3pm
Optionaladditional'StaynPlay'hours, £3.50perhour

Let your children join us while you get your last-minute preparations done! They can expect an exciting variety of Christmas-themed science activities and experiments!

Head to fun-science.org.uk for more information

Any questions, please get in touch!
07708 214840
bath@fun-science.org.uk
fun-science.org.uk/science-holiday-clubs/





Research Study:

Parental Burnout in Families with and without ADHD.

This study exploresparentalburnout, whichrefers toongoing exhaustion caused by the long-term demands of parenting.
We are exploring how different families, including those with ADHD, relate to parental burnout. Your participation will help us better understand parental wellbeing in the UK .



All parents are welcome.
Parents with and without an ADHD diagnosis can take part in this study, including those who self-identify as having ADHD.

Eligibility :

- 18years old or older
- Living in the United Kingdom
- A parent or main caregiver (including biological, adoptive, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, or kinship carer) of at least one child.

Exclusion :

- Under 18years old
- Not living in the United Kingdom
- Not a parent or a caregiver
- A professional carer or support/ social worker completing this form on behalf somebody else

Duration: Up to 30 minutes. **ARU Psych Students:** 0.5 SONA credit

Scan this QR code to participate in this study:

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If you would like more information, contact :

Researcher: Donata Jaskolska DJ471@student.aru.ac.uk

The study has received ethics approval by the School of Psychology and Sport Science Research Ethics Panel (SREP) and ratified by the Faculty Research Ethics Panel or by the Faculty Research Ethics Panel under the terms of Anglia Ruskin University's Research Ethics Policy and the Code of Practice for Applying for Ethical Approval at Anglia Ruskin University.