# Bradley Stoke Community School Primary Newsletter
## Friday 7th November 2025

We've had a fantastic start to the new half term! Year 3 enjoyed a hands-on cooking lesson with our catering team OCS — the homemade soup was a big hit! KS2 took part in online safety workshops, exploring healthy screen habits and digital wellbeing. We're also excited to unveil our brand new netball hoops on the playground, generously funded by Friends — photos coming soon!

***Maria Goodchild – Head of Primary***

There will be an increase in the cost of school lunch from 1st December to £2.61

## Grotto evening

The Friends are busy getting ready for our grotto evening on Thursday 11th December. They still need more volunteers to make this event special so please sign up if you can!

VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Grotto Event 11/12/2025 signup sheet

## Anti-bullying Ambassadors

This week, a group of our pupils took part in anti-bullying ambassador training delivered by the Diana Award charity. They learned how to spot bullying behaviours, support their peers, and promote kindness and respect across the school.

They've already come back full of brilliant ideas to help make our school an even safer, happier place to learn.

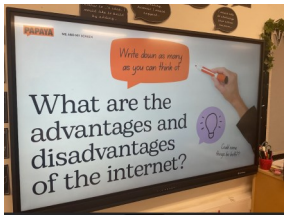
## Harvest Festival success!

This week we received a certificate and letter of thanks from the North Bristol and South Gloucestershire food bank.

*We just wanted to say a huge thank you from all of us at NBSG Foodbank for your amazing support and generous donations during this year's harvest collection! We're so grateful to every pupil, parent, and staff member who helped out with the collection and gave so kindly. Thanks to your efforts, the total weight of all the food donated by all the schools to NBSG Foodbank this Harvest is more than the weight of 11 adult polar bears - that's a lot of help! Your contribution is such an important part of making this possible.*

## 'My and My Screen' workshops

This week, our KS2 pupils took part in *Me and My Screen* workshops delivered by Papaya. The sessions helped children reflect on their screen habits, understand online safety, and explore how to make positive choices when using technology. A big thank you to Papaya for inspiring these thoughtful conversations.



## Congratulations to our learners!

BE KIND | BE READY | BE THE BEST YOU

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| DATE | EVENT | New Date |
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| Mon 10th November | Odd Socks Day! | |
| Mon 10th November | Anti-bullying week | |
| Tues 11th November | Remembrance Day - any children who are members of a uniformed group (eg: Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts or Cadets etc) who usually match at a Remembrance Sunday parade, are welcome to wear their uniform to school on Tuesday 11th November if they wish | |
| Thurs 13th November | Year 3 educational visit to Cheddar Caves | |
| Fri 14th November | Doughnut Sale organised by the Brownies to raise money for Children in Need (on the playground after school) | |
| Weds 19th November | NSPCC Speak out stay safe workshops for Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 (free!) | |
| Fri 21st November | Bristol Pitbulls Ice Hockey team running an assembly for all children | NEW |
| Tues 25th November | Primary Parents' Evening | |
| Weds 26th November | Primary Parents' Evening | |
| Tues 9th December | Bauble decorating workshops—*more information coming soon!* | NEW |
| Thurs 11th December | Friends Christmas grotto event from 4:30pm | |
| Fri 12th December | Acorns Class Christmas Songs for parents in the hall at 9:15am | |
| Mon 15th December | Rocksteady concert for parents of children attending Rocksteady classes in the school hall at 2:30pm | NEW |
| Mon 15th December | Carols by Candlelight at 5pm | |
| Tues 16th December | Christmas Celebration for our Senior Friends at 2pm in the school hall—open to all grandparents and members of the local community | NEW |
| Weds 17th December | KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity for parents in the hall at 9:15am | |
| Fri 19th December | End of Term 2 Children finish at 12:30pm | |
| Fri 19th December | End of Term 2 | |

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| DATE | EVENT | New Date |
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| Mon 5th Jan | Term 3 starts | |
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| Thurs 12th Feb | End of Term 3 | |
| Fri 13th Feb | INSET DAY (school closed to children) | |
| Mon 23rd Feb | Term 4 starts | |
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| Thurs 2nd April | End of Term 4 | |
| Mon 20th April | Term 5 starts | |
| Mon 11th May | Year 6 SATs week | |
| Fri 22nd May | End of Term 5 | |
| Mon 1st June | Term 6 starts | |
| Mon 1st June | Year 4 Multiplication Check fortnight starts | |
| Mon 8th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week starts | |
| Mon 22nd June | Sports Week | NEW |
| Tues 23rd June | Sports morning for all children | NEW |
| Fri 3rd July | INSET DAY (school closed to children) | |
| Friday 17th July | Children finish school at 12:30pm | |
| Fri 17th July | End of Term 6 | |
| Mon 20th July | INSET DAY (school closed to children) | |
| Tues 21st July | INSET DAY (school closed to children) | |

# OLYMPUS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH - NOVEMBER 2025

Our Olympus Trust Attendance Awareness Month is here!

***Did you know that being ill is the main reason a child will miss school and many parents worry about whether to send them into school if they have certain medical conditions.***

We want to support parents to ensure their child isn't missing out on their learning with certain medical conditions where these are manageable in school.

The following information is taken from the NHS website - **Is my child too ill for school?** We hope it will support you in reducing absence from school due to illness.

| WHAT IS THE ISSUE? | NHS ADVICE | SEND TO SCHOOL? |
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| **Feeling anxious or worried** | It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping.<br>Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse. It's good to talk about any worries they may have such as bullying, friendship problems, schoolwork or sensory problems. You can also work with the school to find ways to help them. | ✓ |
| **Coughs and colds** | It's fine to send your child to school with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. | ✓ |
| **Cold sores** | There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. | ✓ |
| **Conjunctivitis** | You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis, unless they are feeling very unwell. | ✓ |
| **Hand, foot and mouth disease** | If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. | ✓ |
| **Head lice and nits** | There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. Please let us know though. | ✓ |
| **Slapped cheek syndrome** ***(fifth disease)*** | You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.<br>But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome. | ✓ |
| **Sore throat** | You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. | ✓ |

**Do always let us know if you are worried about having sent your child into school with a sore throat or cold for example - we can support them in school if needed and be in touch with you if symptoms worsen.**