

Buckland St. Mary

Church of England Primary School



JUNE NEWSLETTER

A message from Mrs Staniland



Another fabulous start to our final half term before the summer break here at Buckland St Mary Primary School and what a busy start we have had.

The rain stayed away for, not one, but two sports days!

A big thank you goes to FoBs for setting up the gazebos, keeping score, handing out the winner's stickers, providing refreshments and donating the all-important ice poles! Thank you also to David and Geraldine for painting the white lines in preparation for the event. A fabulous example of community spirit indeed. Red team were victorious with blue and yellow coming a joint (very close!) second – well done to all the children who took part and supported each other with great enthusiasm.

Thank you also to our Nursery team who put on a fabulous first Nursery sports day, complete with music and bubbles! Willow class were delighted to see so many people come to support their very first sports day and we were pleased to welcome parents and carers into our wonderful Nursery for some delicious baked goods and refreshments after the event.

Continuing our sporting theme – our children enjoyed a cricket workshop on the Wednesday before half term. Our KS2 children have begun their weekly swimming lessons at Chard pool. A number of children also took part in Quaddkids athletics event which includes the four core disciplines of running, throwing, jumping and sprinting.

Despite the recent rain of late we managed to get a whole school photo at the end of last week. It was touch and go weatherwise but we are pleased to report that it was able to go ahead – the photographer certainly kept everyone's spirits up and made us all laugh as we dashed out during a break in the rain. We will share the details of where to purchase this in due course.

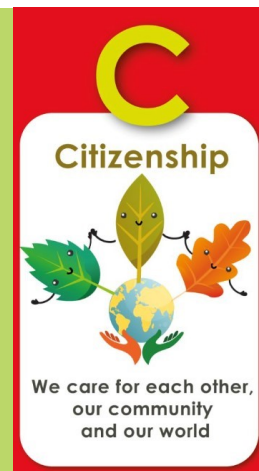
A particular mention must also go to our Year 6s who have worked hard before half term (and all year!) to complete their KS2 SATs. We are proud of each and every one of them for their determination and perseverance.

As we continue into our final half term of the year, we have much to look forward to – our upcoming STEM day and science competition, FoBs team marathon fundraiser supporting sports and wellbeing at Buckland and our residential - Beech class are very much looking forward to returning to Pinkery for their residential this year.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents and carers for all your support at our school events – please keep an eye on the 'dates for your diaries' for more in the term ahead.



Ash class carrying out experiments on STEM day



Citizenship Compassion & Drive

Make a difference to my home, school, community and the wider world through showing compassion, empathy and drive



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RECEPTION & YEAR ONE- MISS LUESLEY

Wow! Ash class have certainly been working incredibly hard over the past months. We have thoroughly enjoyed our science and geography enquiries where we have learnt all about the seasons, weather patterns and even made our own rain gauges. We have moved on to learn about living and non-living things. We have begun focusing on living plants and we have established what something needs to be living and have been able to differentiate between old and young plants. In our recent Geography enquiry, Ash class compared life in a village against life in a city. We took a closer look at Bristol city, where we explored the streets using Google Earth. We compared our village school against a much larger school in Bristol called Bristol Cathedral School. We spent lots of time looking at the school's virtual tour and established that the classrooms were a similar size but with lots more chairs and the school had much less green spaces compared to our school. In Literacy, Ash class have been exploring different ways to start their stories. We have been including adjectives in our writing and have started our writing with, once upon a time, In a land far away, In the deep dark wood, One day and many more. Year 1 have been working very hard to read back through their work to edit their writing and Reception have been challenging themselves to write a minimum of three sentences. Ash Class writing is looking amazing!! Well done!! In Maths, Reception have been sharing quantities equally and investigating doubles to 10. Year 1 have just started multiplication and division, where we have begun by focusing on doubles to 20. Year 1 have been using counters to show their multiplication arrays. Thank you for your continues support at home with homework and home reading. Well done Ash Class!



YEAR 2 & 3- MRS HENNING AND MRS STANILAND

It has certainly already been a busy start to the last half term before the summer break!

Oak class have been busy embracing all their new learning and enjoying visitors that have come to the school. We were lucky to have a representative from the Houses of Parliament talk to the class about how Parliament works and used this as an opportunity to talk about how the children vote and have a say in ideas for the school. Rev Jim has also entertained us with his very hands-on Collective Worship's each week looking at leadership this term. The children took part in a 'baking cake' assembly using leadership values as ingredients i.e. communicator, tolerance to add to the cake mixture. The children found this great found and really brought their learning to life. We have also had a visit from two musicians who play the cello, flute and piano and the children had a lovely workshop exploring the cello as an instrument. Lastly, although the wet weather cancelled the cricket in Crewkerne, we were lucky to have a coach visit the school and teach the children some cricket skills.

In class, we finished our learning journey about habitats before the half term break. The children were learning to look like a scientist, and each child produced a water-colour painting of their insect and wrote a description about it. These have been made into mini spotters guides for our local area to share with the rest of the school. Our new geography learning enquiry is about looking at Buckland St Mary on a map and contrasting this to Wandsworth in London. The children have used OS maps and compasses and found out what all the symbols on a map mean. In Spanish, they continue to learn greetings and numbers and are now learning about the Spanish words for parts of the body by singing Heads, shoulders, knees and toes in Spanish - great fun.

Maths continues with the year 2's now recapping and consolidating all their learning they have done this year and the year 3's have learned about adding and taking away fractions and they have begun to look at telling the time.



YEARS 4,5 & 6- MRS MARRIOTT

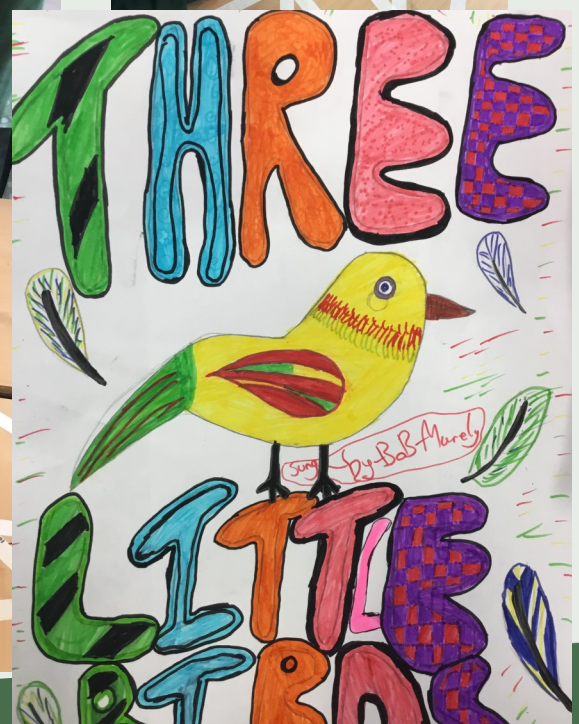
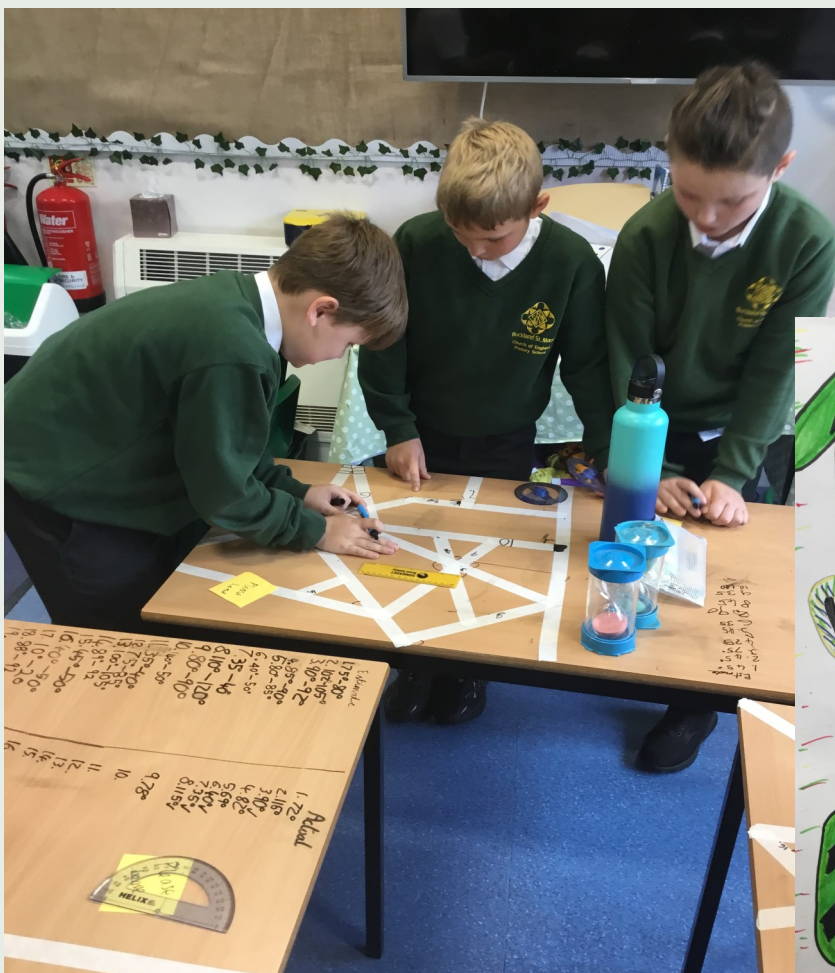
First of all, a huge well done to all of our Year 6's who worked so hard in their SATs this term! We are all proud of your effort and hard work! The end of SATs week was marked with a SATs party, which was a lovely reward for the effort and perseverance you showed throughout.

In Beech class we have all been enjoying our latest enquiry question 'How can I make a sculpture inspired by an illustration?' A huge thank you to FOBs for giving us the money to buy clay and other materials for our sculptures, we have thoroughly enjoyed creating our mixed-up animal creatures based on the story 'The Barnabus Project.' We are now using these creations as our inspiration for a short adventure story, using exciting and ambitious vocabulary!

In Maths, Year 6 worked incredibly hard to prepare for SATs, and have shown a great maturity in their learning. We will now consolidate that learning through some 'moving on' activities, designed to help them prepare for their new journey in secondary school.

The Year 5s have been focusing on calculating fractions, learning how to create a common denominator in order to add or subtract a fraction accurately. Luckily, they are superstars at multiplication, so have taken it all in their stride!

Year 4 have been practicing hard for their Multiplication checks, well done for all of your hard work, keep practicing!



WILLOW NURSERY

MRS NAPPER AND MS DORE

I feel like we have blinked, and time has disappeared!! We have crammed so much in too! We have been working on school readiness, promoting independence and resilience; supporting the children's self-care with encouragement to dress themselves; and doing more focused activities that support sitting down and concentrating on different activities for short spaces of time. This will all continue into this final half term, ready to support the transition of the school leavers.

With the weather getting nicer, we are working hard to make our outside environment sun safe, with sun sails on order and an endless supply of hats, drinking water and sunscreen! Please can we ask if possible that children have sun cream applied in the morning and are sent in with their sun cream so that we can reapply at lunchtime. The children are still extremely passionate about caring for our guinea pigs Jim and Jeffery and are taking them out to eat grass daily as well as making sure they have enough food and water. We are currently planning a large outside space for them in the planter outside of Nursery so that they can enjoy being out in the nice weather. One of our biggest achievements this half term was being awarded a SASP Physical Development accreditation. This is a fantastic accolade to achieve and shows how well we support Physical Development within the setting.

We would like to say a big thank you for all our parents and carers who came to support our first Willow class sports day - the children loved taking part and having you all there to cheer them on - a fantastic start to the final summer term!



THE BLACKDOWN BENEFICE

Nick Lewis writes...

As many of you will know Revd Nick Jerrett and myself have recently spent three weeks travelling around Zambia. We had a fantastic stay, and were given a warm welcome everywhere that we visited. We returned happy but exhausted from all our activities out there -

12 churches and 8 schools were visited

5 choirs heard

1 Zambian royal met with

24 hours in total travelling on bumpy roads

7 whole chickens eaten

1000+ handshakes

Many new friendships made

Power shortages meant that we were frequently without electricity or phone network. Water often came from a hand pump and not out of a tap. Despite this we would not have missed it for the world - Zambians are such friendly and warm people to be with. Most important of all we were often catching glimpses of God's glory in the many new sights around us.

And now that we have returned we have begun the exciting process of linking Buckland St Mary School, with one of the schools that we visited in Zambia. So watch this space for more details once they are confirmed!





**FoBS
SUMMER FAYRE &
DOG SHOW**

SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2024

**BRASS BAND DOG SHOW
GRAND PRIZE DRAW
PIMMS & CIDER FACE PAINTING
PETS CORNER BOUNCY CASTLE
CHURCH TOWER TOURS
SUMMER DANCING
NEW & VINTAGE MACHINERY
BBQ - CREAM TEAS - ICE CREAMS**

13 JUL | 12PM - 3PM
BUCKLAND ST MARY SCHOOL. TA20 3SJ

★ FREE ENTRY
★ — BBQ —
★ BAR OPEN
★ ALL WELCOME

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The school year has flown by and we're now in the final few weeks before we break up for summer. With that in mind we still have a couple of exciting events to take place;

•21st June - Team Marathon

Please sponsor your children for this fantastic event (and ask friends and grandparents too).

We will be selling doughnuts and other light refreshments after the race!

•13th July - Summer Fayre and dog show

We still need helpers on the day, if you can help out at all please write your name down on the board in the porch!

This months prize winners are

1st - Mrs Staniland

2nd- Maya Keates

If you would like to be added to the monthly draw please get in touch with a member of FoBs

Thank you all for your continued support to FoBS and our brilliant school.

FOREST SCHOOL

This term in Forest School we have been working on developing our on-site area. The children have had so much fun helping to plant a willow boundary wall, and using large willow sticks to make different structures such as dens and teepees. We even got to test out how waterproof some of our dens were, which inevitably led to a lot of wet children! But the smiles on their faces told me how much fun they had!

NEWS AND ATTENDANCE

Dates for your Diary

- 21st June- FOBS Team Marathon
- 26th- 28th June- Beech Class trip to Pinkery
- 5th July- FOBS Non Uniform in exchange for Tombola Prizes
- 8th -9th July- Holyrood and Buckland St Mary Transition days
- 10th—11th July- Year 6 Bikeability
- 12th July- Oak Class 'Praise and Share' assembly at 2:45pm
- 13th July- FOBS Summer Fayre 12-3pm
- 16th July- ACE Olympics
- 17th Jul- School play at 5:30pm
- 19th July- School play at 2pm
- 22nd July- Reception- Y6 trip to Bristol Aerospace
- 24th July- End of year class parties including ice cream treat supplied by FOBS

REMINDERS

- **Please remember to send your child in with water, sunhats and sun cream and a coat everyday**
- **Please can all parents check Parentmail for any outstanding balances. Please speak to Mrs Dodge or your class teacher if you would like to discuss any of these.**



ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN (for June)

Ash - 99.08%

Oak - 96.47%

Beech - 89.34%

Whole School - 95.59%

SAFEGUARDING AND CONTACT INFO.

Safeguarding Updates-

Our School Vision

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

At BSM C of E Primary School everyone matters. We strive to be an inclusive community providing an outstanding education for all. Our lives are enriched through the teaching of Christian Values to grow as global citizens in an ever-changing world.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is high priority at Buckland St Mary Primary School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well, both physically and mentally. The school follows the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area.

Our Designated Lead (DSL) is Ethne Staniland our Deputy DSL's are Nadine Luesley and our Deputy DSL is Kelly Napper.

Our school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy can be found online at: www.bucklandstmaryceprimaryschool.co.uk/577/safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child you can either talk to our DSL or DDSLs or you may phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

There is lots of online safety advice on our website – please follow [this link](#) to help keep your child safe.

Contact Information

If you change any of your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that we may update our records. It is imperative that we have up to date details at all times.

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