



## May Newsletter

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The children have had some wonderful experiences since our last Newsletter in April. Our older children in Years 5 and 6 had an activity day with Mendip Activity Centre, building rafts with the inevitability that some of them got a little wet, plus one of the muddiest assault courses you have ever seen! They had a fantastic time, as you may have seen on social media but also illustrated below.











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The Bristol Ensemble visited us to perform an inspirational concert for the children from Years 1-6, who were completely enthralled. The concert lasted almost an hour, however it was so skilfully done and the children interacted with some of the musicians and pieces of music, that the time flew by.



We want to say a big thank you to them, and also Preludes music who organised the event with us.



1 - Bristol Ensemble

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Finally, Year 2 have had a day of orienteering today within our grounds, learning about different ways to navigate and having fun.

We always try to ensure children have good experiences with us, but this last week has been particularly great and we have managed to have a lot of visitors in school. I hope the children have talked about this at home to you!



2 - Orienteering

## Traffic requests from us!

We know that the road layout and parking is already a challenge, with some of the improvements and road markings helping a little. However, cars are still parking on the corners/ junctions of the road which is making it unsafe for children trying to cross. Please can you park sensibly, even if this means walking the last small distance to school as we all have a responsibility to keep children safe when walking to and from school.

Speed of cars is also a problem- whilst we have spoken to the housing developers in the past about construction traffic, the problem at the moment is our own families who are driving too quickly around the area. Just a few miles an hour can make a huge difference in spotting hazards and being able to brake in time, let alone the injuries that could be sustained if anyone was to actually get hit by a car. Please drive slowly in the area of the school.

## Year 6 Tuck shop

The Year 6 tuck shop and cake sales have raised a fantastic £900! Thank you to everyone who has come along on a Friday to support fundraising, this money will go towards the end of year leavers disco.

## School branded clothing

Our Governing Body discussed the possibility of including some school branded tops as an option for families in the future at their last meeting. This would not change the Educate Together principles in any way, and we would remain a school where children can choose what clothing they would like to wear (within reason!), however we have also had feedback from a number of families who would at least like an option of having a school branded top. We will therefore be putting out a questionnaire to families next week to gather opinions on the matter, as well as talking to the children in school before any decision is taken. Just to reinforce- this is NOT about making us a 'uniformed school' and this is not going to be enforced, it is just to ensure we are providing choice and a range of options for parents and carers.

## Spare clothing

We are in particular need of spare boy's clothing at the moment, particularly trousers/joggers. If you have any spare clothing at home that you no longer need, or if your child has come home in some of our spare clothing, we would be really grateful if you could pass it to the school office.

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*Have you changed your contact details lately? Please let us know if your number has changed, thank you*

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## Dates

### **May**

- 6th - Bank Holiday
- 13th- EYFS- Visitor with Bees!
- 13th-16th- KS2 SATs week
- 21st- Year 6 trip
- 22nd- Year 5 Robotics
- 23rd- Spanish Day- details to follow
- 24th - End of term

### **June**

- 3rd- Return to school
- 12th- Year 2 AIM event
- 13th- Year 5 Environment Day (visitor)
- 17th- Sports Week
- 20th- Sports Day- details to follow

## Gate times- morning

A gentle reminder that the start of the school day is 8.45a.m. and so children should be in school at this time. The playground gate is locked at 8.55a.m., so if you arrive before this time please go to class via the playground and not the front entrance.