

ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter July 2026



We would like to send the families with children moving on to school best wishes for the future: we will miss you! We look forward to seeing the children returning to us in September: have a great summer!



TOILET TRAINING

Did you know?

When potty training your child, switching between pull-ups and pants during the day can be confusing and lead to more accidents. If your child is constipated, it can also lead to more wee accidents.

For help and advice on potty training [Potty training - ERIC](#)

Belongings

Please **remember to take all your child's belongings home** on their last day of term, even if they will be returning to school in September. This allows our school to be cleaned and reorganised over the holiday. Items commonly left behind include medication, sun cream, water bottles, lunch boxes, bags, spare clothes, waterproofs and wellies, etc. **Anything left behind will be thrown away** to allow for the deep clean.



Library books

Please **return all library books** which have been borrowed during your time with us so that the children next year can continue to foster a love of reading.

School meals

Before your child finishes for the summer holidays, **please ensure any outstanding balance is cleared**. If your child is leaving the school and there is a credit on your child's Arbor account, this will be refunded.

INSET Days

The school will be closed on the following days for staff training: **3 and 4 September 2026, 4 January, 25 March, 7 June 2027**

Teddy Bears Picnic end of year celebration

Wednesday 15 July 2026 - 1.30-3.00pm

Parents/Carers and children are invited to celebrate this school year and say goodbye to friends. There will be activities, music, dancing and delicious fruit to eat. If your child does not normally attend on Wednesday afternoon, they are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. Children will be making their own sandwiches, but we ask parents/carers to kindly **donate fruit/vegetable sticks**.

Don't forget your bear!

Summer raffle

Thank you so much for your support in buying raffle tickets. **Tickets cost £1 each** and are available at Reception. You can pay cash or by card. Prizes include children's helmets, backpacks and gift sets. Come and get your tickets! **All money raised goes towards school funds** (which is spent on children's activities). A big thank you to Heidi Taylor (our school governor) for donating/sourcing the prizes. We will be drawing the raffle on Wednesday 15 July. Good luck!



Staff and Governor changes

We welcome Liz Nash to our Governing Body as Parent Governor. We look forward to working with Liz over the next four years.

New parent governor needed

Our Governing Body is made up of community, parent, staff and Local Authority Governors. Our Governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves. **We are currently looking for a new parent governor**. Being a Governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest are much more important to start with and there is training and support available to help you. Please remember you will be joining a long-established Governing Body and will be supported by fellow Governors with many years of experience. If you would like more information, please contact Maggie on Reception.

St Philip's Marsh masterplan consultation

Bristol City Council and Bristol Temple Quarter LLP are consulting on a masterplan for St Philip's Marsh, and would like your feedback. [Consultation or engagement](#)





Dame Rachel de Souza (Children's Commissioner for England) would like to hear from as many children (or the parent/carer on their behalf) as possible. This survey has been launched to gather information on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. This will be taken to the Government, to help them make life better for children. Click on the link <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Important Dates

Full details of all Bristol City Council term dates can be accessed [HERE](#)

Teddy Bears Picnic end of year celebration – **15 July 1.30-3.00pm**

Summer holiday (School CLOSED) – **23 July - 31 August (inclusive)**

INSET day (School CLOSED) – **3 and 4 September**

Return to school – **Monday 7 September**





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Community Rhythms

STORYTELLING SESSIONS



For families and their little ones.

Free!

Experience stories from other cultures and take part in bringing them to life with rhythm and percussion!

Wellsprings Family Hub
Barton Hill

12th August

18th August

25th August

11am - 12pm

A space for families
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CHANGES

to family sessions



Bristol Family Hubs have started using a new online registration system.

All parents and carers will need to register and then book their place before they can come to any Family Centre sessions, including:

- Stay and Play sessions
- Hello Baby
- Infant Feeding
- Learn and Play Baby (PEEP)
- Postnatal Rockabye
- Parents to be Rockabye

You can find registration and booking information by scanning the QR or visiting:



www.book.plinth.org.uk/calendar/yi0PITohTrcMrpzgX01w



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