

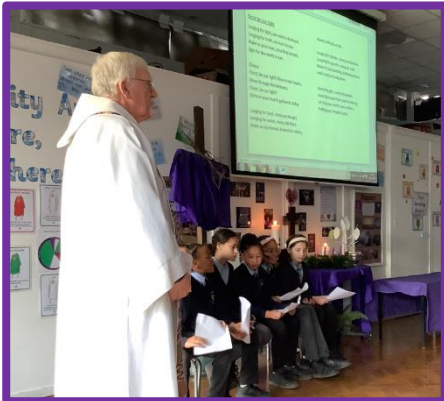
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Newsletter 01.12.23– Term 2 -Week 5

Reflection – Advent

This week our Chaplains led our Advent service, where we also welcomed Fr Richard to the school to bless our wreaths for the season ahead. We often think of Advent as a fun countdown to Christmas, or even a kind of 'pre-Christmas' where we get chocolates or presents all the way through December. However, it is much more than this. During the season of Advent, we remember this long wait for Christmas, sharing that same longing to see the wrong things in the world made right again. We might take time to read and pray and spend time with God. We might take time to pray for the world and for peace and justice. We might take time to prepare their hearts for Christmas. There is something really special about the Advent season. Waiting gives us time to think and reflect. It gives us time to consider the past. It is about remembering that Jesus was born into the world, bringing light and hope.

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen



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Outside School Achievements – Leo (Y6)

Leo has emerged as a standout talent for Cricket in our school, catching the eye of many with his remarkable skills. His journey began when he revealed to his teacher that he wasn't just a school sensation; he played at the county level.

Inspired by watching cricket with his family on TV, Leo's passion ignited during visits to real matches! Bristol East and West Cricket Team became his training ground, shaping him into the promising player he is today. After impressing, he now represents West Indies and Phoenix Cricket Team, a deserved reward for his dedication to the sport. With dreams of following, West Indies Cricketer, DJ Bravo's footsteps, Leo aims to rise to international standard one day.

As a left-handed batsman, Leo brings a unique flair to the game. His advice echoes wisdom beyond the cricket pitch—urging young players to embrace bravery, face challenges, and learn from risks. A lesson that resonates not only in sports but in the broader journey of life!



Year 3 trip to Bristol Museum

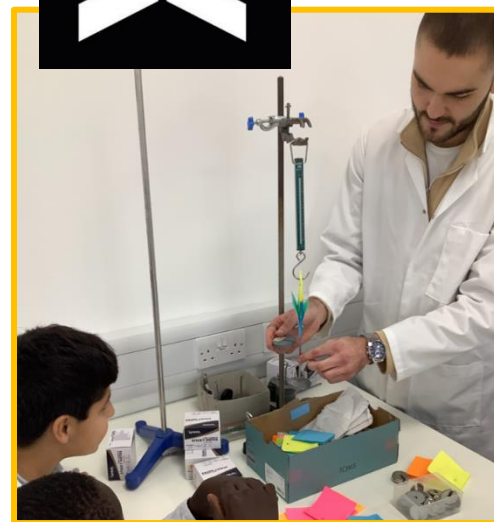
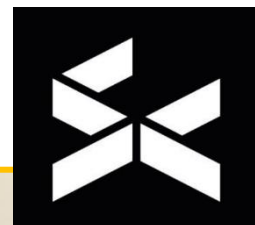
On Thursday Year 3 went to visit Bristol museum to explore and to take part in a Stone Age workshop. We handled real artefacts which date back to the Palaeolithic Age (Old Stone Age) and compared tools made in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We had a great day out, saw dinosaurs, fossils and even a mummy! Were even told by a member of public how fantastic our behaviour was! Great job Ruby Class!



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Year 5 Trip to Science Creates

Year 5 visited Science Creates for the workshop 'All About Forces' which gave them the chance to become 'real' scientists. Our children learnt about lots of new forces and conducted experiments involving friction, kinetic energy and electrostatic energy. It was great to get hands on with these experiments and ask lots of interesting questions to the scientists running the workshop.



St Nick's FC – Cathedral Home game

It was a commanding performance from St Nicks, up against Cathedral school on Wednesday night. The aim was to start strong, and we did just that, piling on the pressure and Sami grabbing the first goal within 2 minutes. Renato assisted Sami shortly after with another precision cross! We pushed on in the second half adding 3 more goals, including one excellent finish from Kebba and two more from our top scorer, Sami! It was a fantastic result, and we were particularly pleased to keep a clean sheet, well done to Ibrahim and the defensive unit of Leo and Jaden. Player of the match - Renato



St Nicholas Christmas Fair – Wednesday 13th December

St Nicholas Community we need you!
Our annual Christmas Fair is fast approaching; we need donations for the raffle and tombola. If you are able to donate anything, please let the office know. All money raised goes straight back to the children – last year's Christmas fair paid for their whole school pantomime this year!

Christmas Celebrations

Join us at St Nicholas Church on:
Wednesday 13th December at 1.30pm
for our KS1 Nativity.

Thursday 14th December at 2pm for our
KS2 Carol Concert

Friday 15th December at 1.30pm for our
KS2 Talent Show!

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Reception Open Days for September 2024



Friday 13th October 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 1st November 1:30-3pm

Thursday 7th December 9:30-11:30am

If you are unable to attend these dates/times please contact the school office to arrange a visit, we are happy to help.

To book a visit, please call 01173772260 or email st.nicholas.p@bristol-schools.uk



Class Assemblies – Round Two.

We are so excited to welcome you to more of our class assemblies!

Year 6 – Friday 19th January

Year 5 – Friday 26th January

Year 4 – Friday 2nd February

Year 3 – Friday 9th February

Year 1 and 2 – Friday 1st March

Reception – Friday 8th March

Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	92.6%	96.7%	2
Emerald Class	93.3%	97.1%	14
Ruby Class	94%	94.5%	4
Amethyst Class	92.9%	86.5%	11
Sapphire Class	92.1%	94.8%	15
Topaz Class	93.7%	93.6%	6
Total	93.2%	93.7%	52

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Dates for your Diary - Term 2

Monday 4th December	St Nicks V Hannah Moore- Away
Tuesday 5th December	10am Y5/6 Trip to Panto Arabian Nights
Wednesday 6th December	Whole School Panto
Thursday 7th December	STEAM Day – Science 9.30am – 11.30am Reception 2024 Open Morning
Friday 8th December	EYFS Stay and Play Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13th December	1.30pm KS1 Nativity 3pm Christmas Fair
Thursday 14th December	2pm KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 15th December	1.30pm – KS2 Talent Show – Change of Date! End of Term 2
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January	Children back in School

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James