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Last week, our school came alive with colour and creativity for World Book Day. The costumes were absolutely wonderful – our pupils embraced the spirit of the day with such enthusiasm and imagination. Even our EYFS pupils had a very special visitor during Forest School: a giant unicorn! The children were completely immersed in book-related activities throughout the week, and it was truly heartening to see their love of reading flourish.

One of the highlights was our class visits to Waterstones. Every single class had the opportunity to visit the bookshop and choose their very own book to take home. What made this particularly special was seeing our older children sharing stories with the younger ones – those moments of connection and shared joy around reading are exactly what we hope to nurture. We received wonderful feedback from the team at Waterstones, who were genuinely impressed by our pupils' engagement and behaviour during their visit. It's a real testament to the children and the positive relationships we've built in our school community.

We were also delighted to welcome our school improvement partner into school this week. She spent the morning visiting classes and observing our pupils at work. Her feedback was incredibly positive – she was impressed with how well the children were working and, importantly, with the quality and quantity of work evident in their books. She could see real progress from where we started on our improvement journey, which is exactly what we want to hear. Following her visit, we're now focusing on how we can further challenge our pupils in the classroom, ensuring they continue to develop and reach their full potential.

Our teaching staff also had a valuable opportunity this week when they all visited St Bonaventures for our staff meeting. This time together allowed our teachers to share writing samples and moderate work collaboratively. These sessions are so important for maintaining consistent standards across the school and for our staff to learn from one another's practice.

Finally, I'm delighted to let you know that Mrs Barker has begun running club again this year. Pupils are welcome to join her on Wednesday mornings during Breakfast Club – so if your child fancies getting active and joining in, do encourage them to take part. How many laps will you run?

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

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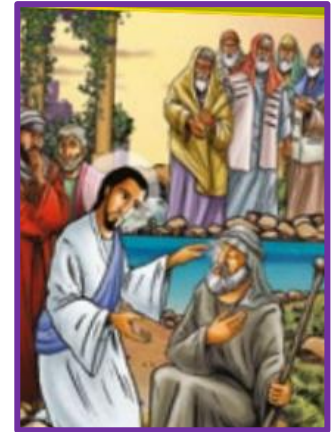
John 9:1-38 The 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth. He wet his fingers, made a muddy paste with the dust on the ground, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash off the paste in the Pool of Siloam." When the man came back he was able to see. Some of the teachers of the Law did not believe the man and what the man said about Jesus healing him, and they drove him away. When Jesus found the man he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped Jesus.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how, in Jesus, God is active in the world, bringing healing. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God.

God still heals today, through the sacraments of the Church (which remind us of God's love and care for us) and through people: doctors, nurses and, if we let him, through us too. Following Jesus' teachings and loving others brings healing and adds something very special to our lives.

Our Mission this week: How can we bring God's healing to the world?



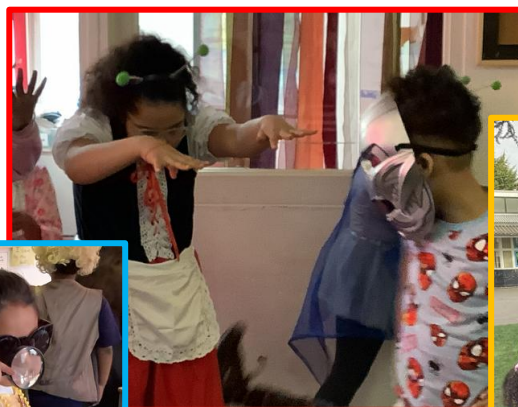
Dear Lord Jesus, help us to
see you more clearly – to
believe in you
and to share your light and
healing with all those
around us. Amen.

World Book Day

What a wonderful day we had celebrating World Book Day, there were reading activities galore! The children looked amazing in their costumes and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Waterstones to buy their very own books.

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Roots to Belonging

All children and families deserve to feel welcome and to belong in the school community. We are pleased to advise that our school are receiving creative assemblies and workshops where the children will be exploring more about belonging through a project titled 'Roots of Belonging'

To complement their learning and create follow on conversations at home, you are warmly invited to a FREE parent / carer session focused on exploring children's belonging, wellbeing and helping children through challenging moments in life. It will be a relaxed and informal session where parents and carers are invited to participate or simply listen and reflect.

The session will explore:

- Exploring resilience in children and young people
- The role of trusted adults.
- Understanding trauma and post-traumatic stress.
- Guidance and support for families.

The session will be delivered by creative education company Unique Voice CIC Unique Voice (UV) and the AWP CAMHS Asylum and Refugee Clinic (ARC) with support from Bristol City of Sanctuary (BCoS) - The project has been made possible from funding via Bristol City Council.

The session will be held in person at school, Wednesday 25th March at 2:15 PM.

We hope to see as many people as possible for what will be a really informative and supportive session.

If you would like to attend, but would like to have the session translated, then please let me know and we can see what we can do. Thank you.

Attendance

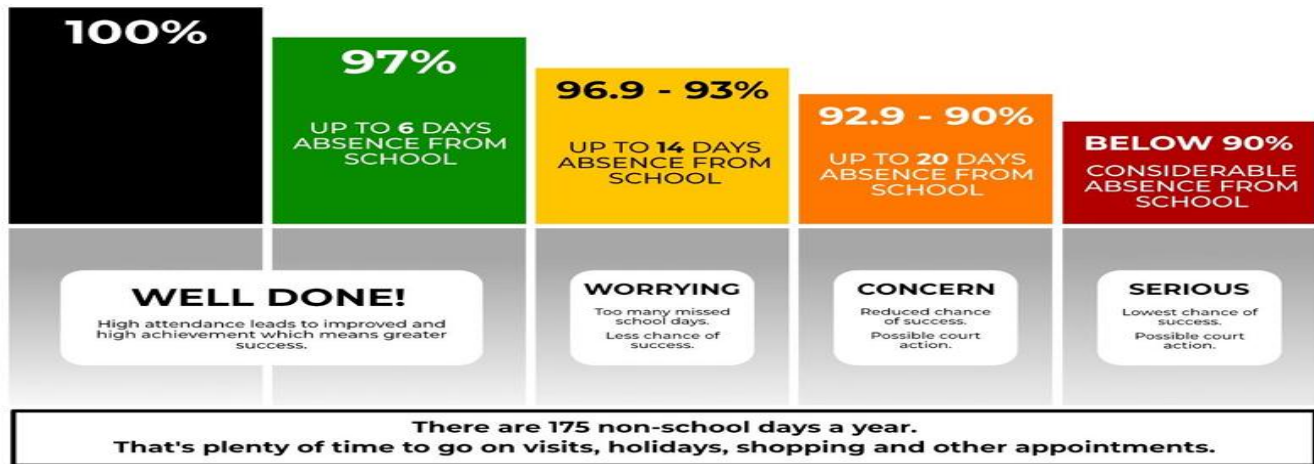
Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

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	94.6%	96.7%	3
Emerald Class	83.0%	82.8%	7
Ruby Class	94.9%	96.2%	11
Amethyst Class	95.06%	95.4%	9
Sapphire Class	97.7%	99.1%	6
Topaz Class	93.4%	93.3%	9
Total	93.47%	94.2%	45

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WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



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.

Term 4 Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 18 th March	1.30pm – Family Forest Session
Thursday 19 th March	RISE Theatre workshops for all classes
Friday 20 th March	Ruby and Amethyst Trip to Roman Baths
Monday 23 rd March	Ruby Class Preludes Trip
Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th March	Roots of belonging workshops for whole school
Wednesday 1 st April	9am – School Nurse Coffee Morning
Thursday 2 nd April	INSET DAY – Term 4 finishes

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James