



Headteacher writes:

'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas!' Bing Crosby

What a fantastic finale to 2025 we have had at Chester Park! Throughout the year, we have focused on building a sense of Belonging across the Chester Park Community. I have been able to see 7 terrific performances. All of them have focused on the Christmas message and this has been shared in different ways. Reception year shared 'Shine Star Shine' - which focused on teamwork and the power of positivity. Key Stage 1 explored the themes of persevering and self-belief in 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel.' In lower key stage 2, the Christmas message of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love shone through and in upper key stage 2, the retelling of the classic tale 'A Christmas Carol' focused on keeping the spirit of Christmas alive through generosity and kindness.

The first two terms of the year, are often quite long and busy and this year has been no exception. I am sure that the children are all very tired and will welcome the break from school and will be able to enjoy time with family and friends over the holiday period. The Chester Park staff are no doubt a little tired also and could do with a well-deserved rest. I am sure that each of you has already thanked the key staff that work with your children in your own way. I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff team for their commitment to the community and support of the children and families. The staff team at Chester Park are devoted to supporting the community. I wish all the staff team all the best for the holiday period and hope they rest well and enjoy the special time with their nearest and dearest.

Merry Christmas! To all those who celebrate Christmas, I wish you a very Happy Christmas! I hope that everyone has a great break away from school and that you are ready to come back refreshed in the new year.

Yours in partnership,
Mike McNama, Headteacher



Pot of Gold

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| Alex—Bumblebee | Charlie K—Otter |
| Xavier—Owl | Aisha—Fox |
| Ada—Fox | Charlie W—Fox |
| Aamal—Fox | Dylan—Fox |
| Ruby—Fox | Jasraj—Owl |
| Peggy—Fox | Tilly—Bumblebee |



Attendance & Punctuality

We know that being in school, ready to learn, on time each day makes a long-term difference to our pupils. Please support your child by ensuring good attendance and punctuality. Latest guidance to schools across the country, focuses on the importance of supporting families in improving attendance and punctuality to better support pupil outcomes. It is the parents and carers responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly. Where attendance is a concern, Chester Park will be focused on supporting families to improve attendance. Bristol City Council have advised that non-attendance and/or poor punctuality can result in a fine given to each parent of each child where attendance is not good enough. Further details can be found on the federation website. <https://www.chesterparkschools.org/attendance-absence-1/>

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Leave of Absence

We would like to remind all parents/carers that holidays in term time will not be authorised except in **very exceptional circumstances** and penalty notices or other legal sanctions may be issued as a result of taking your child out of school without authorisation.

Good school attendance is essential for your child's progress and skills for life.

In exceptional circumstances, you will need to complete a form to ask permission for leave of absence in advance.

Public Health Information

A joint statement from Christina Gray, Director of Public Health at Bristol City Council; Matt Lenny, Director of Public Health at North Somerset Council; and Sarah Weld, Director of Public Health at South Gloucestershire Council, said:

“Cases of flu are rapidly rising across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire so please help prevent the spread through practising good hygiene (such as regular hand washing, using a tissue when you cough or sneeze) and by people, including children, staying at home when they are unwell. This is particularly important as the days get colder, and people are gathering together indoors more which can spread viruses and respiratory infections more easily.

“If you are in one of the priority groups for flu vaccinations such as people in a clinical risk group, if you are pregnant, a carer or over 65, having the vaccine will provide you with the most protection against serious illness. If you are eligible, book your free NHS vaccination online today. It is safe and it will make a difference to both you and the people around you.”

Five simple steps to reduce the spread of winter illnesses

If eligible, take up the offer of a **free NHS flu vaccination**.

1. Wash your hands regularly for 15-20 seconds with soap and water.
2. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough and sneeze, bin the tissue, and wash your hands.
3. Let fresh air in when you can. Even opening windows for a short time can help remove stale air that contains virus particles and prevent the spread of illnesses.

Tempting as it is to head out or go into the office for work, consider staying at home if you're feeling unwell – to give yourself time to recover and to prevent passing on germs. The Department for Education also **provide a useful guide** on when to keep children home from school.

Free flu vaccinations are still available across many local pharmacies in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. They can also be given at local GP practices and walk-in clinics.

[Find out more information about flu vaccine eligibility and local walk-in clinics.](#)

Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection) catch-up clinics are still available for Reception to Year 11 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/book?v=4>

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th January—Start of Term 3

Tuesday 10th February—Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm

Thursday 12th February— Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 13th February—End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February—Start of Term 4

Wednesday 4th March—Friends of Chester Park Holi Colour Run—More information to follow

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day— Children can dress as a book character for the day!

Friday 13th March—Red Nose Day

Thursday 19th March— Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

Friday 20th March—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

Monday 23rd March—Eid Party & Coffee Morning—More information to follow

Week Beginning 30th March—Easter Cake Sale—More information to follow

Thursday 2nd April—End of Term 4

Monday 20th April—Start of Term 5

Tuesday 19th May—Infant School Sports Day

Wednesday 20th May—Junior School Sports Day

Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5

Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6

1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week—More information to follow

Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2pm

Tuesday 21st July—End of Term 6



HAF FAMILY FUN SESSION

Wednesday 24th December 2025

Drop in between 9am to 1pm

Parents and siblings are invited to join us for some family fun!

Activities on offer:



DIY wreaths



Bread making



Nature trail



Party games!

BOOK HERE: <https://eequ.org/book/7528/dates>

www.bizzykidzclub.com

Hillfields News

WESTONBIRT

Coach journey to Westonbirt Arboretum (a ZOO for TREES!) on 22nd December 🌲

Games and crafts to connect with nature 🧠🌱 free time to enjoy the trees, play areas and open spaces!

Meet at 9.30am @ Hillfields - Hillfields community centre Bus stop on Thicket Avenue, Quadrant West

Snacks will be provided - let us know about dietary needs.

Please dress for the weather and wear good shoes for walking around a woodland.

Return to Bristol pick up points - 4.30pm

Please use the QR code or follow this link - <https://eequ.org/book/westonbirt-adventure-with-imayla-16117> - and select Westonbirt Arboretum trip to book on OR contact kate@imayla.co.uk / 07752659198 Limited spaces available

HILLFIELDS LIBRARY

✂️ Create Your Own Mandala Masterpiece ✂️

Discover the meditative art of dot mandala painting in this hands-on workshop at Hillfields Library! Guided by Vicky from Craft a Life, you'll create a stunning 20cm x 20cm canvas using acrylic paints and specialist tools—no experience necessary.

When: Saturday, 20 December

Session 1: 11am - 1pm / Session 2: 2pm - 4pm

Who: Ages 12+ | All abilities welcome

What's Included: All materials provided, and you'll take home your finished artwork!

Free to attend. A £3 voluntary donation is appreciated and goes towards supporting the Friends of Hillfields Library.

Spaces: Limited to 15 per session (only 8 spaces left)

Please bring an apron or wear clothes suitable for painting. Book your spot today and unleash your creativity! <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/99884>

HILLFIELDS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

THICKET AVENUE, HILLFIELDS, BS16 4EH



Hillfields Dance Party

Monday 22nd December

1PM-3PM

£1 entry per child

(parents and carers must supervise children)



No need to book.

Pay on the door - card or cash

T: 0117 304 8045

Free cakes and toys too! (limited)

E: info@hillfieldscommunitygarden.co.uk

Hillfields Play Session



Tuesday 23rd
December

11am-3pm

Where?

Hillfields Community
Centre, Thicket
Avenue, Bristol, BS16
4EH

Free session

All ages welcome,
under 8s must attend
with an adult.

For more info, contact
Carly: 07442 843856

E: enquiries@lpw.org.uk
T: 0117 987 3700
W: lpw.org.uk

Holiday Activity Fund
Sessions



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Every Thursday from 15th January 2026 for 11 sessions, excluding school holidays. Last session on 2nd April.

9.15am to 12.15pm, Settlement Site, Ducie Road, BS5 0AX

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Parents: self-refer by scanning the QR code:



For more information or to book, call Sally or Laura on 0117 3041400 extension 155



Professionals: find a referral form at <https://form.jotform.com/222903517095355>



www.wellspringsettlement.org.uk info@wsb.org.uk

Settlement Site, 43 Ducie Road, BS5 0AX - 0117 3041400

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Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free
groups for
adults run
by Bristol
Children's
Centres

Scan here
to find out
more and
register your
interest!



Your parenting
toolbox:

Listening

Play

Nurture

Praise

Empathy

Connection

For more information please call: **07721 311 497**
or email: **pssso@bristol.gov.uk**

Once you have registered your interest via:
www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups we will be in touch to find
the best group option for you.