Headteacher writes:

'When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.' Maya Angelou

Reception year have been making gingerbread creations this week - they looked and smelled delicious (unfortunately, I did not get to sample the biscuits, but feedback from the children has been very positive)... This links with the story text the children have been focused on. The children really enjoyed cooking and I am sure they would love to have a go at cooking at home too.

In Key Stage 1, our children have been honing their writing skills and developing some editing techniques. Editing is an important part of supporting children in improving their learning. Encouraging your child to read what they have read can really help with this.

In Years 3 & Year 4, the children have been looking at how art inspires music and visa-versa. Sharing your favourite music or artists with your children can be a good way to start discussions - even if they like different music and art. I still remember one of my children telling me The Beatles are rubbish - then a few years later being told - maybe they are not that bad!

Upper Key Stage 2 have engaged in fantastic poetry this week, following on from an online workshop on Monday with the poets Laura Mucha and Zohab Zee Khan. They have produced some amazing poems and have been really inspired by engaging with real poets.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at the sing-along which is held at St John's Church. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. Traditionally, this will be a time to share well-known carols and festive songs. This year, the event is taking place at the church for the first time and we look forward to this celebration. On Wednesday, we are holding our annual Winter fair at the infant school. This is normally quite a busy event that is filled with fun. The event starts at 14:00 - so there will be plenty of time to enjoy all the fair has to offer and still walk home in daylight. Any offers of help - especially, for packing up would be most welcome.

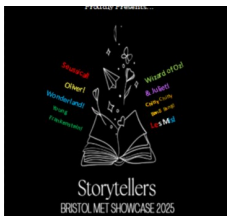
The final three weeks of term, have lots of opportunities to link with the school and be part of what we do. The Christmas newsletter shared the highlights, last week. During the last weeks of term, our curriculum remains broadly the same. Children will still focus on daily English and Mathematics. While there are some necessary changes to support children in preparing for nativities and end of year shows, having a regular routine for children (and adults) is important. We know that when things change or are different, it can be harder to manage. So, having predictability is important. You have the key date changes in the Christmas newsletter - if there are changes within year groups (for example; to visit the church for a rehearsal) - the staff will ensure the children are aware of the changes in advance. If your child needs additional support with changes that are not already in place, as part of their support plan, please contact the class teachers.

Yours in partnership,

Mike McNama, Headteacher

Year 6 Visit to Bristol Met

Year 6 have the fantastic opportunity to visit Bristol Metropolitan Academy to watch their annual performance. This year, it is a showcase called Storytellers based on all musicals which were originally books, written by two of the teachers at Bristol Met! We will be going on **Thursday 4th December**; the children will be at school for lunch, and be back in time for the normal 3:25 pick-up. If you have any questions, please message Abi Thompson (Y6 Teacher) on Class Dojo.



Junior Breakfast Club Sessions

Please can we remind Junior parent/carers that you must book your child in on the Arbor app for the free community breakfast club which is run at the Junior School. The community breakfast club starts at 8.25am which is free or the paid extended breakfast club starts at 7.40am and costs £2 per morning. Please try to give a weeks notice when booking your child for any breakfast club to allow us to have the correct staffing ratios and food ordering in place.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Indi (Year 6 Pupil) writes:

On Tuesday 18th November, we attended the City Academy Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics event. It was such an exciting and nerve-racking afternoon! Six schools were attending, with around 100 students – a fantastic mix of boys and girls who all gave their very best throughout the event.

Our team was absolutely amazing because we won every single race! First, we smashed the sprints – everyone ran super-fast and crossed the finish line first. Then, came the obstacle race, and we ran quicker than anyone else. It felt incredible to see our hard work pay off.

Next, was the relay race, and we were unstoppable! We passed the baton perfectly and finished way ahead of the other teams. The boys and girls both did brilliantly in all the events and we didn't lose a single race.

It was such a fun afternoon, and we were so proud to bring home the victory.

We finished in 1st place overall and have therefore qualified to represent our area at the County Sportshall Athletics event on 26th January 2026!

Owl, Hedgehog and Bumblebee enjoyed a Festive Author Event!

On Friday 14th November, the children were delighted to join a virtual author session with award-winning duo Naomi and James Jones, the talented creators of *The Great Christmas Tree Race*.

The event was packed with excitement as the children listened to a reading of the story and had the opportunity to draw along with the illustrators as they sketched!

The Great Christmas Tree Race is a joyful, Christmas picture book—perfect for enjoying in the lead-up to the festive season. It follows Star and her fellow Christmas decorations, who are eager to escape their box and be placed on the tree. This year, though, everyone is determined to claim the top spot! Will they learn to share the spotlight before chaos unfolds?

The session brought creativity and festive spirit into the classroom. A huge thank-you to Naomi and James for giving the children such a memorable experience!

Chester Park Infant & Junior School's Family Sing-a-long

Monday 1st December – 3.45pm
at St John's Church

Everyone is invited to our joint Family Christmas Sing-a-long.

Refreshments will be available. Please come along and join us!

Wednesday 3rd December
At Chester Park Infant School
2pm – 4pm

Children can be collected from the Junior school from 1.45pm and the Infant school at 1.55pm to attend the Winter Fair. Children who are not collected will stay at school doing activities in a classroom with staff. Children can only attend if they are with an adult.

This year, we will be using a token system for the Winter Fair.

Tokens will be 50p each.

The friends will be selling the tokens in advance and on the day at the fair.

Tokens will be available in advance at the following times:

Infant School – Monday 1st December 8.40-9am

Junior School Tuesday 2nd December 8.45-9.10am

City Church Carols 11am 14th December at Chester Park Juniors

Everyone is welcome to join us at our carol service. The service will include carols, readings, activities for kids, and a short talk. Festive refreshments will be served after the service.

	Dojo Hero	Pot of Gold		Dojo Hero	Gold Card
Class	**Infant School**		**Class**	**Junior School**	
Badger	Isabelle		**Pine**	Hashim	Luna, Nicholas
Rabbit	Archie		**Willow**	Dave	Ale, Usman
Squirrel	Albie		**Cedar**	Otis	Bonnie, Finley, Umaima
Bumblebee	Tilly		**Hazel**	Eelaf	Jevon, Lucas, Abdullah
Hedgehog	Jessica		**Chestnut**	Evan	Marley. Emily
Otter	Romy	Wrd, Kensa, Theo	**Hawthorn**	Damilola	Zayan, Radina
Owl	Leander		**Sycamore**	Theo	Lana, Roka
Fox	Hugo		**Maple**	Izzy	Mustafa, Ellie
Ducklings	Nuri	Reuben, Mubarak	**Ash**	Phoebe	Wasif, Aleena
			Whitebeam	Jasvinder	Ali-haider, Crystal
			Hornbeam	Salma	Manaal, Harry
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			**Oak**	Dilawar	Logan, Naomi

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	89.0%	**Pine**	99.6%
Rabbit	86.0%	**Willow**	98.6%
Squirrel	87.7%	**Cedar**	95.5%
Bumblebee	96.0%	**Hazel**	97.1%
Hedgehog	87.6%	**Chestnut**	94.1%
Otter	93.7%	**Hawthorn**	86.8%
Owl	90.7%	**Sycamore**	98.0%
Fox	90.7%	**Maple**	83.9%
		Ash	95.8%
		Whitebeam	97.2%
		Hornbeam	94.8%

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st December—Christmas Singalong at St Johns Church—3.45pm —All Welcome

Wednesday 3rd December—Friends of Chester Park Winter Fair from 2pm

Wednesday 10th December—Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 9.30am & Year 5 & 6 Performance at 2pm at Junior School

Thursday 11th December—Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 9.30am & Year 3 & 4 Performance at 2pm at Junior School

Friday 12th December—Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December—Year 2 Christmas Performance—2pm

Wednesday 17th December—Year 1 Christmas Performance—2pm

Thursday 18th December—Reception Year Christmas Performance—2pm

Friday 19th December—Christmas Party Day

Friday 19th December—End of Term 2

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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

WINTER UNITY HOLIDAY HUB 2025

11:00AM TO 3:00PM

FREE PLAY SESSIONS

FREE SNACKS & LUNCH PROVIDED

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2025

58th Bristol Scout Group

Gadshill Rd, Eastville BS5 6LJ

We have space for 30 youth aged 5-16yrs

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TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2025

TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2025

LAWRENCE WESTON COMMUNITY FARM

Saltmarsh Drive, BS11 0NJ

We have space for 25 youth aged 5-16yrs

Criteria: Must receive Benefits related to Free School Meals (FSM)

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