



Headteacher writes:

“Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” – Dr. Seuss

This week, I am writing to share with you that it is time for us to say goodbye to Mr Davis. After many years of dedicated service to Chester Park, Gerry Davis has decided to retire and to say goodbye to Chester Park. As many of you may know, Gerry has been part of the Chester Park community for 21 years! This level of dedication to any one community is rare. Some of our current parent/carers will have been children in his class!

For all the time I have known Gerry, he has always been the same - going above and beyond to support the children and community of Chester Park. As well as being an excellent teacher - he has taught over 600 pupils in classes at Chester Park - he has always shown incredible dedication to the community. Gerry always viewed teaching as more than just the curriculum. For him it involved; running clubs, acting in a Christmas play, going to the disco or school fair, taking time to talk with parents and carers about their interests, coming to events to support other teachers, packing up after an event or checking in with someone to make sure they were alright. These qualities will be missed.

When I wrote to Gerry to thank him for his service, I did note that serving a community for this long is truly incredible and joked he is quite close to being at risk of teaching the grandchildren of pupils he once taught! Over the years, Gerry has made enormous contributions to Chester Park and the wider community. The ex pupils of Chester Park often come back to visit and when I see them, the first words out of their mouths are almost always, ‘Is Mr Davis here?’ – the children knew he cared for them and that he would hold them in a special place. His humour, safe boundaries and consistency have given more than one generation of children exactly what they needed.

Some of Gerry's personal traits have influenced his teaching. He is overwhelmingly positive - even with Bristol Rovers relegation - there is still a smile on his face! Gerry believes in camaraderie - and as a result has built strong relationships with pupils, parent/carers and staff. On some level, I will forever associate Gerry with school camp! I am not sure how many camps he has run over the years but I am not sure if there will be a teacher in Bristol who has done more... His energy, enthusiasm and fun have been essential on each of the camps. I know this will have brought special memories to the pupils – some funny, some heart-warming and some mind-boggling - the memories he has helped create will last forever.

Many of you will know that Gerry loves sport. He is an excellent cricketer and will continue to enjoy this summer pursuit. So, when it is time to finally cross the Chester Park boundary rope for the last time, it is fair to say he will be dearly missed. From all of us at Chester Park, we wish Gerry every success for the future and hope he enjoys a long and healthy retirement. Gerry's last working day will be 22nd of July so there will be plenty of time for you all to say personal goodbyes.

Yours in partnership,
Mike, Headteacher

Sports Days

Sports days will be held at the Junior school on:

Infant School

Tuesday 20th May 2025.

**Years 1 & 2—9am
Reception Year—1pm**

Junior School

Wednesday 21st May 2025

**Years 5 & 6 — 1—2pm
Years 3 & 4 — 2.20-3.20pm**

Reminders:

Please ensure your child wears their PE Kit to school on their Sports Day, including a hat. No branded sportswear or Football Kits should be worn.



Please ensure you apply sun cream before school, children can bring sun cream in their bags to reapply themselves but please ensure it is labelled with your child’s name. Please make sure your child wears a hat with their name in. It is essential that your child has a water bottle.



We hope you can join us!

Easter Cake Sale

The Friends of Chester Park held an Easter cake sale last week and we are pleased to announce that they raised an amazing **£232.63!**

Thank you to everyone who organised and supported this event.

Belonging Week—Monday 2nd June—Friday 6th June

This year, Chester Park has continued to promote belonging. We have changed our RE scheme to represent our school community, held coffee mornings for SEND and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion groups, added new books to our libraries to represent diversity, celebrated EID as a school and shared celebrations and events with parent/carers.

Chester Park will hold our Belonging week in Term 6. During this week, each year group will have a key belonging focus and we will create work linked to each theme. At the end of the week, parents/carers will be invited in to each school to share this learning and we will finish the week with a celebration picnic on the Junior school field. More information about Belonging week will follow later this term.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a celebration picnic on **Friday 6th June 2.30-3.30pm** on the Junior school field. Please bring a picnic and blanket with you.

We hope you will be able to join us!

Year 1 Phonics Screening Workshop

We will be holding a workshop for all Year 1 parent/carers on:

Wednesday 21st May at 2.50pm

This workshop will help you to support your child through the Phonics screening.

We hope you can join us!

Summer Safety

Now the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has a hat and a water/drinking bottle in school each day. Please apply sun cream before school. If your child needs more during the day, they can keep sun cream in their bag, **this must be labelled with their name, they must be able to apply it themselves and they must never share it with anyone else.** Thank you.



Reminder



Please remember it is a Bank Holiday on Monday 5th May and the school will be closed!

All children return to school on Tuesday 6th May.

Dates for your Diary

Infant School

May Bank Holiday—Monday 5th May—School Closed

Year 1 and 2 Sports Day—Tuesday 20th May—9am at the Junior school

Year R Sports Day—Tuesday 20th May—1pm at the Junior school

Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parent/Carers—Wednesday 21st May—2.50pm

End of Term 5—Friday 23rd May

Friday 23rd May—Inset Day

Friday 6th June—Belonging Picnic at Junior school 2.30-3.30pm

Junior School

May Bank Holiday—Monday 5th May—School Closed

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day—Wednesday 21st May 1-2pm







Year 3 & 4 Sports Day—Wednesday 21st May 2.20-3.20pm

End of Term 5—Friday 23rd May

Friday 23rd May—Inset Day

Friday 6th June—Belonging Picnic 2.30-3.30pm

Weekly Celebrations

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Arlo	Ivan, Arlo, Ivy, Danico	Apple	Leo	Merrilees, Finley
Rabbit	Rudy	Seren, Bodhi, Richmond	Pear	Louie	Elias, Elijah
Squirrel	AJ		Cherry	Angelo	Asma, Siham
Bumblebee	Rowan	Rowan	Acer	Damilola	Kamir, Phoebe
Hedgehog	Ibraheem	Theo, Zubina	Rowan	Caiden	Hattie, Hareem
Otter	Jahzara	Emrys	Cypress	Ella	Evie, Ayat
Owl	Joshua T	Romy, Flo, Kensa, Melody, Evie, Ewan, Reggie	Hawthorn	Amschel	Simeon, Albie
Fox	Theo	Junaid	Sycamore	Bakhtiyar	Bethan, Musa
Ducklings			Maple	Ezra	Safa, Zoya
Woodlands			Ash	Lataysia	MJ, Alfie-clai, Lennie
			Whitebeam	Dev-Ali	Josh A, Subhan
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Naomi	Corey, Sara

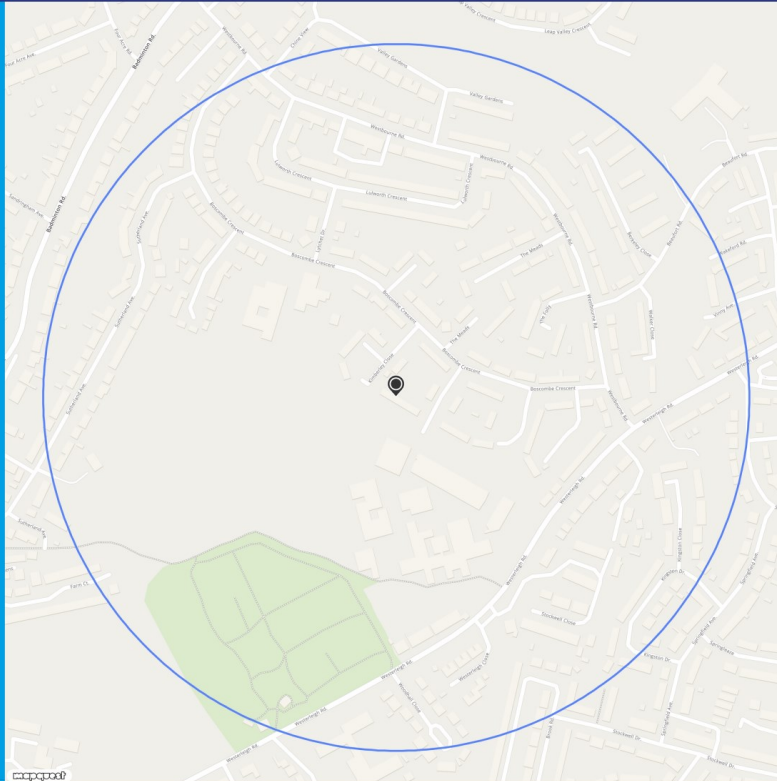
Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	92.3%	Apple	99.0%
Rabbit	91.1%	Pear	92.0%
Squirrel	92.9%	Cherry	98.3%
Bumblebee	95.1%	Acer	87.5%
Hedgehog	98.3%	Rowan	96.6%
Otter	97.2%	Cypress	95.7%
Owl	84.7%	Sycamore	89.0%
Fox	97.0%	Hawthorn	91.7%
		Maple	94.0%
		Whitebeam	93.4%
		Ash	97.0%

5-MINUTE WALKING BUBBLE

#StaySafeGetActive on your journey to school



Chester Park Junior School



Protect our children

If possible, walk, cycle or scoot to school

If you have to drive, park at least 5-minutes away

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For more hints, tips and information please visit www.modeshiftstars.org/staysafegetactive

This 5-minute walking zone represents a distance of 400m measured as a straight line, based upon an average walking speed of 3-miles per hour

Travel to



Why Active Travel?

Choosing to walk, scoot or cycle are all easy ways to increase daily physical activity and help maintain a healthy weight. Children who travel actively to school also gain valuable life skills such as road safety and, as they get older, learn to travel independently. Choosing active modes of travel can help to boost concentration and improve mood. It can also help to reduce the risk of developing health problems such as type 2 diabetes, asthma and even mental health disorders. Active travel is also very cost effective with walking being absolutely free and scooting and cycling much cheaper than using a car. Don't forget Active Travel is also good for the environment, helping to cut traffic congestion and pollution.

Try active travel today!



What is Active Travel?

Active Travel is any form of travel that involves getting some exercise on your journey. Walking, cycling, scooting and Park & Stride are all excellent forms of active travel.

Walking is a brilliant way to get to school. You get plenty of fresh air and time to talk to your family. You can arrange to meet up with other families and walk with your friends.

Scooting can be a fun way to practise your balance and steering as well as letting off steam before the school day ahead.

Cycling is a great mode of travel that can give children freedom and independence to get around.

Park & Stride is where parents/carers park a short distance from school and walk the rest of the way.

This is ideal for those who live too far away from school to walk or who need to continue their journey to work.

How To Use This Map...

Your school and Local Council have worked together to create this map for you to use when planning your journey to/from school to encourage more active travel. The map focuses on your school in the middle with icons to show some useful features such as cycle parking and crossing points. The map also shows five and ten minute walking and cycling zones that are shown as circles on your map. Use the map to find your home and work out if you are living within one of the 5 or 10 minute walk and cycle zone circles.

If your home is inside one of the walk or cycle zones... it means that you live very close to the school and that active travel could be a great option for you. If you're not already, why don't you try walking, scooting or cycling to school? Parents, if you need the car to travel to work, it may be quicker and easier to leave it parked at home while you do the school run.

If you live outside of the walk and cycle zones... in order to reduce congestion at the school gate we would like those who currently arrive by car to try parking outside of the zones and walking or scooting the rest of the way to school. Next time you drive, try to park and stride from suitable places outside the walking zone and walk or scoot the rest of the way to school. You may even find it takes you less time than trying to find somewhere to park near the school gates.

Choosing to travel actively and leave the car at home can improve safety and air quality around the school site and allows the opportunity for some exercise at the start and end of the school day. We thank you for supporting our walking and cycling zones.

Get in contact

Contact your Local Authority Sustainable Travel Officer or Road Safety Team to find out what training and support they offer.

Bath & North East Somerset Council: alasdair_yule@bathnes.gov.uk

Bristol City Council: aimee-claire.eyermann@bristol.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Council: roadsafetyeducation@southglos.gov.uk

Modeshift STARS Plan

Modeshift STARS is a national award scheme that recognises schools who demonstrate excellence in supporting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. Ask your school if they are taking part and for more information visit:

www.modeshiftstars.org



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For more information please visit:
www.travelwest.info/schools

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Walking & Scooting—Travel

- W1 Living Streets WOW Campaign
- W2 Living Streets Next Steps to Secondary campaign delivered
- W3 Local Walking Reward Scheme
- W6 Living Streets Walk to School Week
- W7 Walk to school month
- W8 5 / 10 Minute walking zone in place
- W9 Educational / Curriculum Walks
- W10 Walking bus in place
- W11 Walking trips
- W12 Scooter storage installed
- W13 Scooter club
- W14 Active travel breakfast
- W19 Parent shelter installed
- W25 Secure buggy storage installed
- W16 - 18 Other walking/scooting initiative

Cycling—Travel

- C1 Dr Bike/cycle maintenance sessions
- C2 Cycle parking installed
- C3 Bikers Breakfast
- C4 Opportunity to practice cycling skills at break time
- C5 School takes part in Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel
- C6 Cycle competitions/ schools cycle challenge
- C7 Cycle reward scheme
- C8 Bike week
- C9 Cycle club in place
- C10 Pool bike system in place
- C11 Cycle purchase scheme for staff
- C12 Bicycle Security Marking
- C13 Cycle rides/excursions
- C14 Cycle Train / Bike Bus in place
- C15 Bling Your Bike Day
- C20 National Cycle Challenge
- C16 -18 Other cycling initiatives

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Road Safety & Training—Travel

- R1 Cycle training for pupils (E.g. Bikeability)
- R2 Learn to Ride
- R3 Balance Bike Training
- R4 Scooter training
- R5 Pedestrian skills training
- R6 Independent travel training
- R7 Young Driver Training
- R8 Cycle training for staff and / or parents
- R9 Road Safety assembly/ presentation
- R10 Be Bright Be Seen Activities
- R11 School invites experts/organisations to talk about personal safety
- R12 Safety around large vehicles training
- R13 Use of transition resources
- R14 Pupils monitoring traffic
- R15 School has lobbied for installation of traffic calming outside of school
- R16 School has lobbied for installation of safer crossings on the route to school
- R17 School has lobbied for installation of 20mph zone outside of school
- R18 Road Safety Day/Week
- R23 In car safety training for young adults
- R24 Nursery teaches road safety & active travel messages
- R19 - 21 Other Road Safety & Training initiatives

Air Quality—Travel

- AQ1 School promotes car sharing
- AQ2 Car free days
- AQ3 Car free zone in place
- AQ4 Park and walk/stride scheme
- AQ5 Removal of car parking spaces
- AQ6 Highway code is promoted to students, staff and parents
- AQ7 Parent parking campaign
- AQ8 Parking Pledge Scheme
- AQ9 Eco Driver Training
- AQ13 Anti Idling Initiative
- AQ14 Air Pollution Promotion
- AQ15 National Clean Air Day
- AQ10 - 12 Other Air Quality initiatives

Public Transport—Travel

- PT1 Public transport used for school trips
- PT2 School promotes public transport
- PT3 School promotes responsible behaviour on public transport / has bus behaviour policy
- PT4 Private coaches for school trips pick up and set down in safe / accessible places.
- PT5 School promotes young person's travel card scheme
- PT9 Catch the bus week
- PT10 School has anti-bullying policy for school transport/public buses
- PT11 Hop Off - get off two stops early
- PT6 - 8 Other public transportation initiatives

Promotion—Supporting

- PR1 Newsletter
- PR2 Info sent to residents / School communicates with residents
- PR3 Local media / Schools gets local media attention
- PR4 Presenting to/ sharing ideas with other schools
- PR5 Distributing cycling and public transport maps
- PR6 School has an active travel policy
- PR7 Travel information on notice board
- PR8 Competitions run & promoted within school
- PR9 Assembly
- PR10 Social Media Campaign
- PR11 Sponsored events
- PR12 Parents' evenings/ Induction evenings
- PR13 Information on website
- PR14 Councillor/ MP/ Mayor invited to an event
- PR15 Within the Prospectus
- PR16 Letter from Head Teacher to Parents
- PR17 New parent pack
- PR18 Transition activities
- PR19 School Railing Banners
- PR20 JTA/YTA/JRSO in place
- PR21 Travel to school information maps created
- PR27 Active travel shop/enterprise
- PR22 - 24 Other Promotion method

Curriculum—Supporting

- CU1 School takes part in competitions promoted by others
- CU2 School teaches the health benefits of safe / active travel
- CU3 School teaches environmental benefits of active travel
- CU4 Theatre in Education on sustainable travel or road safety
- CU5 Bike maintenance lessons
- CU6 Cycling lessons (PE)
- CU7 Road safety lessons
- CU8 Pupils use school travel survey data from STARS in lessons
- CU9 School uses Living Streets WOW Travel Tracker to collect data
- CU13 School collects postcode data
- CU10-12 Other Curriculum initiatives

Partnerships—Supporting

- P1 School works with Police/ Safer Neighbourhood Team/ PCSO to promote safe & sustainable travel
- P2 School works with other schools to promote safe and sustainable travel
- P3 School presents their work to other groups
- P4 School works towards the Sustainable Schools Framework
- P5 School works with Local Councillors/Mayor/MPs
- P6 School has achieved Eco School status
- P7 School works with local residents/ resident associations to promote safe and sustainable travel
- P8 School works with local charities/ NGOs to promote safe and sustainable travel
- P9 School works with local sport/ health partnerships to promote safe and sustainable travel
- P10 - 12 Other Partnership initiatives

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