



Headteacher writes:

**Welcome back! This is a short, yet exciting term.**

The children have settled back really well. Over the next two terms, each year group gets ready to transition to the next school year. Our reception children will be getting ready to be part of Key Stage 1. Our Year 1 pupils will be completing their phonics checks and getting ready to be the oldest pupils in the infant school. The Year 2 pupils are getting ready to transition into the junior school. Our Year 3 had their first swimming session this week and have really enjoyed their first dip in the pool - this will continue into Year 4. The Year 4 pupils are getting ready to move upstairs on the junior site and our Year 5 are almost ready to be the oldest pupils in the school as they join Year 6. Finally, our Year 6 pupils will be leaving us in a few months as they move on to secondary school. It is also the term where we hold Sports Days for both schools. More information will come out shortly regarding this.

We will also be preparing to welcome our new Reception children to school. This will involve us visiting nurseries and holding some stay and play sessions. If you have a child who will be Reception age and have not yet applied for a place, late applications are available through Bristol City Council's website.

Yours in partnership,

Mike McNama, Headteacher.

### Number Sense— Seven Tree, Nine Square

These are visual pictures that help children remember number facts.

The number 7 is shown in a “tree” shape (like a group of dots arranged in a pattern). Seeing 7 in the same pattern each time helps children remember number bonds and subtraction facts.

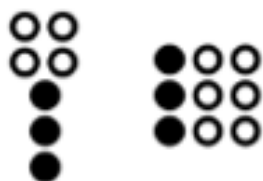
For example, if we see 7 and take away 3, we can “see” that 4 are left. This helps children quickly recall that  $7 - 3 = 4$ .

The number 9 is shown as a nearly full square (one space missing from a full ten frame). This helps children, remember number bonds to 9 (e.g.  $3 + 6 = 9$ ) and see how close 9 is to 10.

Using visual patterns builds strong mental images, which makes recalling facts quicker and more confident.

You can support this at home by asking, “What do you see?”, covering part of the group and asking how many are hidden - and talking about different ways to make 7 or 9.

#### 7 Tree and 9 Square



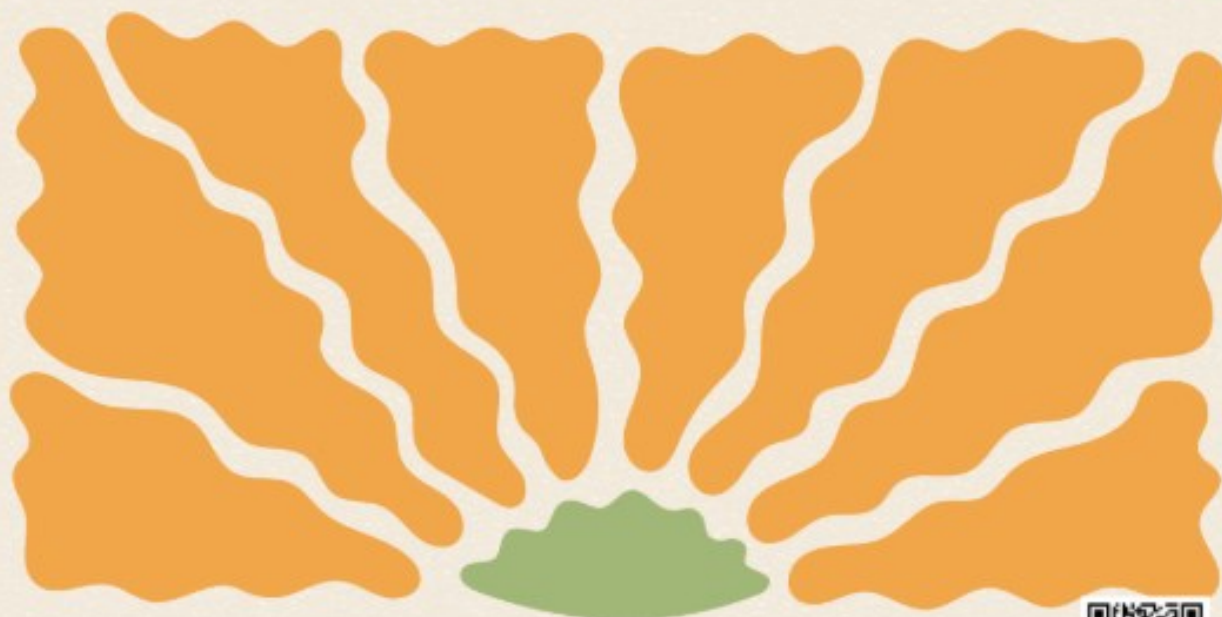
Use these visual images to remember addition and subtraction fact families that children can find tricky. For example, visualising the 7 tree helps remember that  $7 - 3 = 4$ . Visualising the 9 square helps remember that  $3 + 6 = 9$ .

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## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th May—Infant School Sports Day—More info to follow  
Wednesday 20th May—Junior School Sports Day—More info to follow  
Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5  
Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6  
1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week—More info to follow  
Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2pm  
Wednesday 22nd July—End of Term 6

# SCHOOL MASCOT SIGN COMPETITION



Introducing our new mascot **Active Ali**

WIN A Fitbit!

## COMPETITION DETAILS

The School's Active Travel Team at Bristol City Council are inviting pupils to design the sign that Active Ali will carry when they are out and about.

*Open to all Year 5 & Year 6 Pupils.*

You might spot our mascot visiting schools and at events across the city, encouraging families to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot!



There will be one main winner for the best sign design! The lucky winner will not only **win a Fitbit and a goody bag** but will also be visited by the mascot for a whole school winner's celebration event! We will also award seven runners up for the sign competition, these winners **will also win a Fitbit!**

## KEY THEMES

- Active travel
- Being active/exercise
- Helping the environment
- Health (mental and physical)
- Modes of travel (wheelchair, walking, bike, scooter)

Entries must be submitted by the end of the day on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

## THE DESIGN NEEDS TO:

- Include the words 'School Active Travel' and this title must fill the majority of the page (A4)
- Be linked to active travel/the benefits of active travel
- Be drawn in coloured pencil **ONLY** (no felt tip allowed)
- The design needs to be landscape **NOT** portrait
- Be impactful and eye-catching - Attract attention from far away i.e. big and simple design
- Not have too much writing and any words should be large and easy to read
- Be imaginative and meaningful
- Include some active travel themed drawings (walk, wheel, cycle, scoot)

## HOW TO ENTER

- Email the School's Active Travel Team at [activetravel.schools@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:activetravel.schools@bristol.gov.uk)
- Put the subject line 'School Mascot Competition'
- Include child's name (first name and initial **ONLY**)
- Include child's school name and class name
- Include child's year group - *Please note, this is only open to Year 5 & Year 6 pupils in Bristol*

*Please note, by entering, the parent or guardian gives full permission for their child's **first name** to be used in publicity material.*

The deadline for entries is the end of the day on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**

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<b>Class</b>	<b>Infant School</b>		<b>Class</b>	<b>Junior School</b>	
<b>Badger</b>	Harry	Huzaifah, Zakariyya, Ayman, Kingston	<b>Pine</b>	Oscar	Emile, Lyra, Theo
<b>Rabbit</b>	Theo	Mia	<b>Willow</b>	Lorenzo	Josh, Ale
<b>Squirrel</b>	Savvy		<b>Cedar</b>	Sam	Angelo, Junaid, Leo
<b>Bumblebee</b>	Arlo		<b>Hazel</b>	Abdullah	Aisha, Martha
<b>Hedgehog</b>	Noah		<b>Chestnut</b>	Kyrell	Kian, Evan
<b>Otter</b>	Patti		<b>Hawthorn</b>	Caiden	Cassie, Mary'Anne
<b>Owl</b>	Memphis	Jasraj, Abdullah, Mahreen Zak	<b>Sycamore</b>	T-Shii	Vanessa, Ivy
<b>Fox</b>	Flo		<b>Maple</b>	Hashim	Tasif, Amaya
<b>Ducklings</b>	Reuben		<b>Ash</b>	Aleena	Adam, Sam
			<b>Whitebeam</b>	Safwaan	Myode, Zoya
			<b>Hornbeam</b>	Finley	Kevin, Daniel
<b>Congratulations to this weeks winners!</b>			<b>Oak</b>	Ollie	Elias

<b>Class</b>	<b>Weekly Attendance</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Weekly Attendance</b>
<b>Badger</b>	96.6%	<b>Pine</b>	100%
<b>Rabbit</b>	98.2%	<b>Willow</b>	98.2%
<b>Squirrel</b>	88.0%	<b>Cedar</b>	94.6%
<b>Bumblebee</b>	93.1%	<b>Hazel</b>	97.4%
<b>Hedgehog</b>	97.0%	<b>Chestnut</b>	98.2%
<b>Otter</b>	93.6%	<b>Hawthorn</b>	100%
<b>Owl</b>	93.6%	<b>Sycamore</b>	98.0%
<b>Fox</b>	90.8%	<b>Maple</b>	94.6%
		<b>Ash</b>	93.2%
		<b>Whitebeam</b>	97.1%
		<b>Hornbeam</b>	93.2%