



Headteacher writes:

“Even the smallest person can change the course of the future.”

JRR Tolkien - Lord of the Rings

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will take part in SATS. SATS are assessments that pupils across the country in Year 6 complete. They assess knowledge children have gathered over their time in school and focus on Reading; Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Mathematics.

At Chester Park, while these elements are important, they are not the only areas we value for our pupils. Having a curriculum that is creative and offers good access to the arts, music and the wider curriculum is also important. Yesterday, I wrote to year six and shared this message with them.

Some of the things that we are most proud of at Chester Park are hard to measure such as; being a kind and thoughtful friend who supports others every day; speaking more than one language or being honest, trustworthy, and always trying your best. SATS will not measure resilience, positivity, or the way learning is made meaningful by our pupils. We wish all our Year 6 pupils well for next week.

Mike McNama, Headteacher.



The countdown to Refugee Week 2026 has started, why not take part in the Simple Acts countdown to help build momentum for this week. Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities.

If you would like to find out more and how to get involved please look at this link:

[Simple Acts | Refugee Week](#)

11 – 15 May	Walk & Talk
18 – 22 May	Share Food & Stories
25 – 29 May	Read a Book
1 – 5 June	Let Nature Inspire You
8 – 12 June	Move Together
15 – 21 June	Refugee Week – Find your local events!
22 – 26 June	Join the Movement



Refugee Week Illustration © Quentin Blake

Number Sense— Five and a Bit

Five and a bit is a really useful strategy to help children know number facts to ten instinctively. It can then be used as a basis to understand other related number facts for example if you know 5 and 3 is 8 then you also know 50 and 30 is 80 and 500 and 300 is 800. Initially, children can use their hands to show five and a bit i.e. to show six they use five fingers on one hand and one finger on the other hand. You can play a game with your child where they hide their hands then show you 6,7,8,9 or 10 on their fingers. Have fun!

Five and A Bit



The numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 are made up of 'five and a bit'. This can be shown on hands, and supports decomposition of these numbers into their five and a bit parts (e.g. $5 + 3 = 8$, $9 - 5 = 4$).

Sports Day

Sports days will be held at the Junior school:

Year 1 & 2 at Junior School

Tuesday 19th May - 9.15am

Reception Year at Junior School

Tuesday 19th May - 1.15pm

Parent/Carers to go straight to the Junior School.

Year 3 & 4 Sports Morning

Wednesday 20th May - 10-11am

Year 5 & 6 Sports Morning

Wednesday 20th May - 11.15am - 12.15pm



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

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.

Every Thursday from 30th April 2026 for 11 sessions, excluding school holidays. The last session will be on 16th July.

9.15am to 12.15pm

Wellspring Settlement
43 Ducie Road, Bristol, BS5 0AX

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

Just scan the QR code below for more information and links for parents to self-refer and professionals to make referrals:



Family Centre, Settlement Site, Ducie Road, Barton Hill, BS5 0AX
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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th May—Infant School Sports Day at Junior School—Year 1 & 2—9.15am & Reception Year 1.15pm

Wednesday 20th May—Junior School Sports Morning—Year 3 & 4 10-11am & Year 5 & 6 11.15am-12.15pm







Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5

Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6

1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week

Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2.30pm—4.30pm

Wednesday 22nd July—End of Term 6

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Huzaifah		Pine	Hashim	Nura, Lotte, Flo
Rabbit	Israh	Liam	Willow	Ted	Keziah, Theo, Usman
Squirrel	Jabali		Cedar	Adam	Mina, Kairo
Bumblebee	Safa	Seren, Azai	Hazel	Ela	El Tejani, Wali
Hedgehog	Cassius		Chestnut	Siham	Alara, Yaqub
Otter	Ibraheem	Finlay	Hawthorn	Jaxon	Cassie, Ranveer
Owl	Nathan		Sycamore	Nart	Ella, Ted
Fox	Ada		Maple	Izzy	Evan, Dougie
Ducklings		Ayyub	Ash	Meena	Drew, Hassan
			Whitebeam	Zaynab	Ali, Mohamed-Qani
			Hornbeam	Simeon	Sara, Zayaan
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Nadrin	Ollie, Logan

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	91.3%	Pine	99.0%
Rabbit	95.6%	Willow	97.3%
Squirrel	89.0%	Cedar	90.4%
Bumblebee	98.0%	Hazel	93.1%
Hedgehog	90.6%	Chestnut	98.2%
Otter	94.4%	Hawthorn	93.8%
Owl	94.4%	Sycamore	99.0%
Fox	90.0%	Maple	93.8%
		Ash	93.8%
		Whitebeam	99.0%
		Hornbeam	97.7%