



**From Mr Chappell:** Thank you to everyone for the response to the parent / carers survey. As you know in the last newsletter, I asked whether we could beat last year's response of 82 and I am pleased to say in the last week, we have reached 95 responses. Over the next few weeks, we will start to dissect the responses and like we did last year send out the full questionnaire complete with the free comments- the positive and the areas for development. Everyday I walk around the school and I know that all our children are great, and this was something reflected on last week when we had a visit from our CSP (Challenge School Partner) who came into school to look at some of the work we are doing. He remarked that one of the things he saw was the ethos and values and the relationships that all staff have with all children, a real positive! Thank you for your continued support – have a great weekend.



**Year 6:** A huge well done to the Year 6's who have worked incredibly hard this week in their Year 6 SATs. The SATs papers were again this week, a big challenge, indeed on Twitter, late on Wednesday night there was a lot of discussion between teachers around the Maths Reasoning paper 1, which contained some really tricky questions! The Year 6's this week have been a real credit to the school, to the Year 6 staff and to themselves and their families. Indeed this year we have talked a lot in assembly about the standards that they have set and they have certainly been role models for the rest of the school! Well done Year 6 Flying High!

**FOSH News: A message from our great FOSH team:**

A reminder of our very exciting Circus event scheduled for October. With the scale of this event being organised by a small dedicated group of us, as you know we will not be running a full scale Summer Fair. We are currently working on a small scale event in July but the amount of time, effort and work that is going into the circus event is huge, being the biggest event the FOSH have ever held!

All funding raised by FOSH is currently being put towards the upkeep of the trail on the field that having been here for many years, needs some work and repairs. Any left over funding will hopefully see the trail extended further. Please help by supporting the FOSH team! All help is appreciated! Tickets will go on sale soon.

**Other FOSH Dates:**

Sports day - July 1st (Monday) FOSH will be selling refreshments.

Frozen Friday TBC - June 7th, 21st and July 5th

Summer Discos - Friday 12th July KS1 and KS2.

If you feel you have some time that you can spend to support the FOSH team, that would be great as they are always looking for further support! Thanks in advance.

**Well done to Cherry Class** – who went on their first ever school trip to Bristol Zoo Project last week! They had such an amazing time and when I spoke to the children they absolutely loved it and wanted to go again the very next day! Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped and also to the great staff team in Cherry Class. It has also been a very busy



time for Year 3 and 4 as they have also had a trip this week with a visit to the Bristol Museum to find out more about their Egyptian topic. On both trips I was told that all children behaved impeccably and showed our Flying High ethos.



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Children's Out of School Achievements:

'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'  
 'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'

A reminder of our 'new' newsletter that will go out in the alternative weeks to this newsletter. 'Our Children's Out of School achievements.' Please feel free to email the school office with any information and photos of your children's achievements outside of school so that we can include them. We are hoping that over time this will grow and become even more popular!



Well done to the Year 3 and 4 Football team who last week won a summer league match 9-0! A great team performance. The number of children who attend Year 3 and 4 football club is so large that we have two separate teams playing matches over the next few weeks. This again shows the strength of the different clubs that are run by members of staff, from book club to cooking club, from cricket to football! Look out very soon for the list of clubs for the final term.

**Attendance:** Our attendance at the end of Wednesday stood at 95.19%. This is just above the national average for primary schools which is 94.6%. One area that we have seen a rise over this year compared to previous years is the number of children classed as persistently absent, that is those children and

families, where attendance is less than 90%. Currently the number of children in our school classed as persistently absent is 10% = 21 children with less than 90% attendance. This although much lower than the national average for primary schools, is far too high for us and is the highest we have had for a number of years. As with uniform, attendance is the responsibility of parents/carers, please help us to support your child with this. Obviously where there are severe medical needs which impacts attendance which we do take into account with help and support for families, but it's the rise of unauthorised holidays and random day trips/events that we have experienced a lot of recently and more so compared to previous years. Our EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) is in school on Monday, where we will be focusing on the school's attendance and in particular the persistently absent children. **Whole school attendance:**

**Session Attendance Summary (01 Sep 2023 - 15 May 2024)**

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	94.32%	95.57%	95.58%	95.74%	95.67%	95.21%	94.09%	95.19%

**Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate!**

- Holly class – Olivia & Amelie
- Beech class – Charlie & Louie
- Oak class – Lizzie & Freya
- Ash class – Dougie & Sara
- Sycamore class – James & Lola

