



# Cathedral Primary School Community News



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## A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another term has flown by! We are now preparing for lots of exciting activities during the final term of school. The children are looking forward to moving up to their new classes and we are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception families who will join us in September.

Once again there has been lots of learning and fun experiences happening here at school. It was fantastic to be able to celebrate Eid with families at school and with other schools within the Trust. Thanks to parents for sharing videos and photos of their children at home. A highlight for Reception this month was their visit to the Aquarium. It is so lovely to start visiting the amazing resources all around us again. Although the Filming of "Becoming Elizabeth" caused some parents frustration, the children were excited to see the Tudors brought to life as we saw glimpses of the amazing costumes and props!

This year Mr Baynton planned some year group sports days. These have been a huge success and the team spirit and support the children have shown each other has blown us away! All children participated with such enthusiasm. Mr. Baynton has worked really hard to develop the children's athletic and teamwork skills and this has been evident throughout the sports day activities. Only Year 2 to go now before we find out which team has won!

September will be the last year of growth for the school and we will be at full capacity. We are always excited when new people join and bring new talents and experience to the team. Please read about our new teachers in this letter, we look forward to welcoming them. The end of the year is also a time when we say goodbye to some staff. Mr Woods has decided that he would like to pursue other work interests but will still be working with us for a day a week. We are delighted that Mr Woods is able to stay with us as a part-time member of staff. This week we have said goodbye and good luck to Miss Veuve who will now be working from home until she begins her maternity leave. We will continue to let you know through the newsletter of any further staff appointments that we make.

We are now looking forward to the final term and can't quite believe how quickly this year has gone! At the start of next term year 6 will be going to camp and I am sure they will have a wonderful time. Staff are planning some exciting enrichment activities for the children and everyone is looking forward to our Big Arts week.

We hope that you are all keeping well and safe. Thank you for your continued support,

Best Wishes

*Sara Yarnold and the CPS Team*



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## New Staff Spotlight

### Miss Williams

Hello everyone! My name is Miss Williams and I am very excited to be joining Cathedral Primary School in September. I am originally from Cornwall but have lived in Bristol for three years now and I love it here. I have an English Literature degree and worked in publishing in my previous life, so I am a real bookworm and passionate about sharing brilliant books, poems and plays. It won't be a surprise that I love teaching English and arts subjects, but I am also very curious about the world, and so I really enjoy science, geography and history too. (I enjoy all subjects really, which is why primary school is so great!) After doing my teacher training at Cathedral Primary I knew I wanted to be part of your wonderful school community, so I am delighted to be coming back after the summer holidays. See you in September!



### Miss Forkin

Hello! My name is Miss Forkin and I am very excited to be joining Cathedral Primary school in September. I am originally from London however I moved to Bristol seven years ago and for the past four years I have been teaching Year 3 and Year 5 in a school in East Bristol. My favourite subjects to teach are maths and science but I also love creative writing. In my spare time I enjoy doing house renovations, cycling, swimming, netball, running and playing water polo. During the summer holidays I love to spend time travelling around the world hiking, camping or surfing. I can't wait to meet you all in September!



### Miss Beresford

Hi, my name is Chloe Beresford and I am so excited to be joining the Cathedral Primary School team in September! I grew up in Bristol and went to school not far from Cathedral Primary School, so it's wonderful to be able to work in an area that's so familiar. I am passionate about music, having been singing and playing guitar since I was at school. I am especially passionate about bringing music into the classroom, so I'm excited to be a part of such a music loving school. In my spare time I enjoy reading, spending time outdoors and doing anything creative - lockdown inspired a fondness for outdoor swimming and making too many crochet blankets.

I can't wait to be a part of such a vibrant school - see you in September!







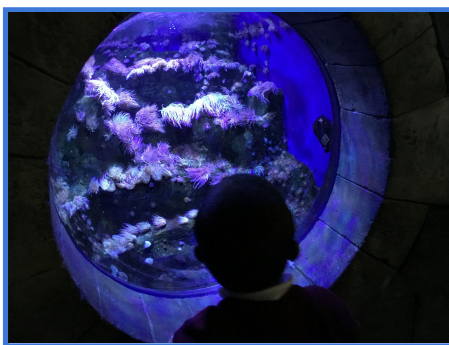
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## Reception Highlight

The Reception children enjoyed their first ever school trip to Bristol Aquarium! It was a fantastic way to round off our 'Under The Sea' topic for Term 5 and the children were amazing. We saw jellyfish, crabs, anemones, rays and even sharks and the most memorable part was when the children each had a turn to feed the fish - they were very hungry! They wowed the Aquarium staff with their facts about sea creatures and also learned lots more interesting information that they added to their Under The Sea fact books back at school.



## Year 3 Highlight

This term Year 3 has been learning all about England and Russia's geography! As part of this, we took a mini field trip to Brandon Hill to observe and explore the landscape, land use and the human and physical features of our amazing city! We had a wonderful time, recording the types of buildings we saw on the way and sketching the view from the top. The children loved being out and about, exploring our local area. It was such a lovely morning - we were very lucky with the weather too! Phew!



## SEND & Pastoral Support

We have some useful information on the Pastoral page of the website for upcoming Wellbeing webinars for parents and carers. There is also a May bulletin from Families in Focus with links to services and support for parents and carers living in Bristol. Please click on the link and scroll down to the bottom of the page:

[CPS Pastoral Care](#)



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If parents and carers are looking for guidance on how to support their children's learning and language development at home, there are two useful websites here. These are aimed at children in EYFS or KS1 and were recommended by our new Educational Psychologist, Jak Lee.

[Improve your child's learning at home | Words for Life](#)

[Resources \(ican.org.uk\)](https://www.ican.org.uk)

### From the Office

**Road Disruption** ➤ We have been notified of some work taking place at City Hall next month. This will have an impact on Deanery Road between 14th June and 31st July. Please be aware of this if you park in this area.

**Medical Tracker** ➤ We are now using a new system to notify parents if their child has an accident at school, this is called Medical Tracker. This will replace the paper accident forms, so that instead you will receive an email from "[donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk)"

Can we suggest that you set your email to receive messages from medical tracker so that you get the notification, rather than it going to your 'Junk folder'. Whilst we transition over you may receive a mixture of paper forms and email notifications.

**Covid Testing** ➤ Please don't forget to refer to the email that was sent out on 10th May if you are unsure whether your child needs a PCR at a test centre or lateral flow test at home. This information is also on the school website, 'News' - 'Covid-19 Updates'.

**Hotwells Nursery** ➤ From July Hotwells Primary School will be joining the growing family primary schools at Cathedral School Trust. For any parents looking for Nursery provision this is a fantastic school in a great location close to CPS. Currently there are spaces in their Nursery. For further information, please contact Hotwells Primary School office on: 0117 903 0044

### Forest School Term 5

#### EYFS

Rock and Pop Classes have some great fun at Forest School, learning about the world around them and developing their skills to find different textures exploring the site, gaining more confidence and resilience each week. We introduced tools during Term 5 and the children had great fun learning new skills. This week Pop Class made some of their own minibeasts from clay and things they found in the woods, they blew us away with their creativity and imagination. We are so lucky to be able to give them this wonderful experience at Cathedral Primary School.

A massive thank you to our parent volunteers for giving up their time to come along and help out.







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## Forest School Term 5

### Year 5

Year 5 Blues and Opera Classes have been learning about teamwork. They have been building stick towers, learning how to tie knots, making shelters, making organic water filters, chopping firewood, lighting fires and cooking bread on sticks, such a busy term. Watch out Bear Grylls, children in Year 5 are catching you up! Great to see collaboration on all these activities working in teams supporting each other, amazing life skills that will help them in Year 6 and beyond.



## CPS PTA

Hi All! The PTA AGM was held earlier this month and in light of the coronavirus pandemic it was proposed by the School that the current committee members should remain for another term. Many thanks to all that attended the AGM and for casting your votes to re-elect the committee who comprise: Vanessa Searle as Chair, Karen and Al Norman as Vice Chair, Cherene Whitfield as Secretary and Mary Hodges as Treasurer. We hope that we can resume to some form of PTA normality in September but in the meantime, we are very grateful for all your fundraising through things like used uniform and your support generally to help us continue to put on various activities and treats for the children.

As part of this effort, we are very pleased to be able to confirm that the PTA has (as a fully registered charity) set up a Just Giving page, with the benefit of gift-aid, to enable regular or sporadic donations and fundraising for the school. You can find our Just Giving page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/cathedralprimarypta>

Thank you in advance for any donations made – every penny counts and has a huge impact on our children's school experience.

Examples of what the PTA has funded to date includes: £20,000 towards the play area on the Tump, Forest School equipment, overalls and other costs, class WOW days, Living Eggs, workshops with Authors and Artists, stage equipment, Easter treats, Christmas books, play equipment and £1,000 towards new books as part of the literacy programme. This year we hope to raise money for an additional cargo container for Failand/Forest School as well as continue to support the school with WOW days and other fun activities – but we can only do this with your help. Together we can make a difference. The PTA are always happy to hear your fundraising ideas and suggestions, so please do get in touch either via your class rep or drop us a line via Facebook or email (details below).

In the meantime, we wish you a relaxing half-term break!

All the best  
CPS PTA

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