

A welcome from Deputy Headteacher, Mr Backett

As we reach the end of another busy school year, it is a privilege to reflect on everything our children have achieved. Although Mrs Dawson is continuing her recovery, I know she would join me in saying how proud we all are of the learning, resilience and kindness shown across the school this year.

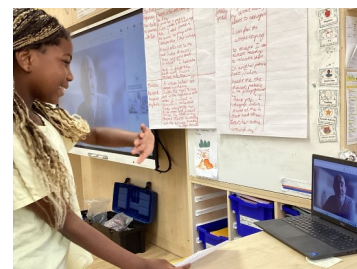
As I also prepare to say goodbye to Frenchay Primary, I would like to thank our wonderful children, families and staff for all of your support. It has been a privilege to be part of such a caring school community, and I will always look back on my time at Frenchay with great fondness. Thank you for all of your support, and I wish every member of our school community a happy, restful summer.

Classroom Spotlight - Hedgehog Class

Year 4 have enjoyed a busy term of trips, visitors and exciting learning.

Sue from Wessex Water visited to explain how water is treated before the class headed to the River Frome to practise their Geography fieldwork skills, measuring river flow and identifying river features.

The children also met Lord Knight of Weymouth via Teams to learn more about citizenship, democracy and the Houses of Parliament.



Golden Lock Week

Golden Lock Week returned in June, rewarding children who travelled to school by bike or scooter with prizes including water bottles, bike bells and even a brand new D-lock. It's wonderful to see so many children choosing active travel.

NB if the bike shelter by the main gate is full, please remember there is additional bike and scooter storage on the KS2 playground.

A Small Note with Some Big Thanks

A huge thank you to **Liza, Steph** and the **FOFS team** for their incredible fundraising and support over the years. We are so grateful for everything they have done and wish the new FOFS team every success.

Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers: **Jane**, who helps run and organise our library, and **Jane**, who visits each week to read with the children. Your time and commitment are hugely appreciated.

KS2 Spotlight - STEM Workshop

KS2 enjoyed an exciting STEM workshop, building and coding robots to complete a range of challenges.

The session encouraged teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills, and everyone did brilliantly!



New Play Equipment

A huge thank you to FOFS for funding our fantastic new play equipment.

It has been a huge hit with children across both KS1 and KS2!



Music Galore!

Endeavour Extravaganza

Rabbit Class joined children from across the Endeavour Alliance for a day of singing and music-making based on the theme *Music in Nature*.

Highlights included composing music in the woods and performing the unforgettable *Minibeast Rave*. Rabbit Class were brilliant ambassadors for Frenchay!



Choir Festival

Our KS2 choir spent a fantastic day singing at Bristol Beacon alongside 900 other children, led by jazz vocalist Aga Serugo-Lugo. Their enthusiasm and energy were outstanding.



School Concert

More than 50 children from Years 1–6 performed in this year's school concert, showcasing a wide range of musical talents alongside a fantastic performance from our KS2 choir.



Thank you to our peripatetic music teachers for all their support throughout the year.

Music lessons in violin, guitar and brass are available through West of England Music & Arts (WEMA).

If your child would like to start lessons next year, please visit <https://uksouthglos.speedadmin.dk/registration>

Lessons are available on an individual, paired, or group basis.



Year 6 Play

Year 6 brought the school year to a fantastic close with their brilliant performance of **The Trojan War**. The children impressed us all with their confidence, humour and teamwork, and a special mention goes to the incredible Trojan Horse, expertly created by the wonderful Miss Skidmore.



As our Year 6 pupils prepare to begin the next chapter at secondary school, we would like to wish them every happiness and success. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at Frenchay Primary and know they will go on to do amazing things.

Preparing for Woodpecker Class

As our school continues to grow, we are looking forward to welcoming a second EYFS class and creating a second Year 1 class from September.

Preparations for our new Woodpecker Class are well underway!

Staff update

This term we say goodbye to class teachers Mrs S (Year 1), Mrs Edwards (EYFS), TAs Miss Curtis, Miss Skidmore and Ms Stayt and Deputy Head Mr Backett. We thank them all for their hard work and wish them every success in the future.

From September, we are delighted to welcome our new Family Link Worker, Mrs Dart, along with new Deputy Head Mr Fossard, new teachers Ms Sylvester and Mr Wake and TAs Ms Sheeley and Ms Stephens. We look forward to welcoming them to the Frenchay team.

Classes for the 2026/27 Academic Year

Class teacher information has now been shared by email. As a reminder:

Current Class	2026/27 Class & Teacher
R – Butterfly & Ladybird *classes will be mixed when transitioning to Yr 1	Yr 1 – Robin, Mrs A Hughes Yr 1 – Woodpecker, Mrs J Hughes
Yr 1 – Robin	Yr 2 – Squirrel, Miss Sylvester
Yr 2 – Squirrel	Yr 3 – Rabbit, Mr Dawson
Yr 3 – Rabbit	Yr 4 – Hedgehog, Mrs Price
Yr 4 – Hedgehog	Yr 5 – Owl, Ms Happe
Yr 5 – Owl	Yr 6 – Fox, Mr Wake

The children thoroughly enjoyed Move-Up Day, meeting their new teachers and spending time in their new classrooms. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who joined us for the after-school Meet the Teacher session.

Reception parents have also received confirmation of September classes. For families with younger siblings joining us in September, a reminder of the classes is below:

Class	Teacher(s)
R – Ladybird	Ms Langer (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Pakrooh (Thurs-Fri)*
R – Butterfly	Miss Holmes

*Please note that this is maternity cover

Attendance

End-of-year reports have now been shared via email and include your child's attendance for the year.

Congratulations to everyone who achieved an attendance of 97% or above.

Our whole-school attendance this year was **94.3%**. We didn't quite reach our 96% target, and we'd like to reiterate that every day in school makes a difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships - so please ensure punctual drop-offs and avoid holidays during term time. We look forward to working together to improve attendance next year.

See you in September!

We look forward to seeing everyone on **Thursday 3rd Sept.**

Please remember to check the online school calendar regularly for important dates and events:
<https://www.frenchayprimary.co.uk/web/calendar/568374>

Closing Thought

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." - **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Could you be the 'Friendly' Face at the gate?

Become a SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We are seeking a warm, community-minded individual to help keep children and families safe on their journey to and from school.

We currently have vacancies within the South Gloucestershire area.

MORNING DUTY

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

AFTERNOON DUTY

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Duty times subject to change

Term time only – paid role.
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provided. Meaningful way
to support your local
community.



**FOR FURTHER
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CONTACT:**

 roadsafetyeducation@southglou.gov.uk



Road Safety Team

South Glos council are looking to recruit a new School Crossing Patrol. Please see details of the role on the poster (L) and how to apply, below:

For further details, or to apply, please contact
Martina Byrne-Obee, Road Safety Officer, on
01454 867802.

Governors Clerk

The school board are recruiting for a Governors Clerk – this paid position requires note-taking and other administrative duties five times a year, when the board meets.

For more details, please contact the school office on office@frenchayprimary.org.uk

Name Labels

Fundraise for the school AND keep track of your child's belongings!

See below for the code & full details:

Summer Sorted



South Gloucestershire Council's new Summer Sorted campaign aims to share money-saving tips, highlight support available from the council and partner organisations, and provide information about free activities and days out during the school holidays.

Staff will be visiting shopping centres and schools across the area this summer, armed with plenty of information – and some freebies too!

For more information, visit southglos.gov.uk/costofliving

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