

Welcome from Mrs Dawson

It's been a busy and exciting start to the new school year! We've welcomed 51 new children into EYFS, all of whom have settled into our Frenchay community beautifully. It's wonderful to see so much learning, friendship and fun already taking place. I'd like to wish all of our Frenchay families a wonderful half-term break and look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 2 November.

School Tours for September 2027 Reception Starters

Know a family with a child starting school in September 2027? We'd love to welcome them to Frenchay! Please share our upcoming tours and Stay and Play sessions.

2027 Reception School Tours

- Wednesday 4 November 2026 – 10.00am (limited places)
- Thursday 12 November 2026 – 5.00pm
- Thursday 26 November 2026 – 5.00pm
- Tuesday 8 December 2026 – 2.00pm
- Wednesday 6 January 2027 – 10.00am
- Wednesday 13 January 2027 – 2.00pm

Reception Stay and Play Sessions

- Wednesday 18 November – 4.00pm
- Thursday 3 December – 4.00pm

Details and bookings:

https://www.frenchayprimary.co.uk/web/new_starters-reception_class_intake

Year 5 Spotlight - Bikeability

We'd like to say a big congratulations to our Owl Class students who completed their Bikeability courses, developing their cycling skills and learning how to ride safely on surrounding streets. Well done, Year 5!

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening takes place on **10 and 11 November**. If you haven't already booked your slot, please do so as soon as possible.

Contacting Staff

A quick reminder about the best ways to contact us:

- **Urgent matters during the school day:** please telephone the school office.
- **Meeting requests for your child's teacher:** email office@frenchayprimary.org.uk. The office will forward your message as appropriate.

Please do not email teachers directly, as they cannot check emails during teaching time. Using the school office helps ensure messages are received and shared with the relevant staff.

You can also pass on brief messages at the classroom door or on the playground at the start of the school day.

Teachers are around at the end of the day for a quick chat, too!

Bling Your Bike

Our October "Bling Your Bike/Scooter/Shoes" day encouraged children to get creative and decorate their bike, scooter or shoes at home to celebrate active travel.

We saw some fantastic entries and awarded some brilliant prizes. Thank you to everyone who took part!

Please look out for more fun active travel activities coming up in Term 2.



Playground Safety at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

For everyone's safety, bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the playground by children, parents or siblings. Please also remember that playground equipment must not be used before or after school.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

NB Gates Close at 3:45pm

Please note that the school gates close at 3:45pm – if you are late, please go to the office to collect your child.

Please Book School Lunches in Advance

Please ensure your child's school meal is booked in advance through the School Money app. Bookings close at 8.00pm the evening before.

We've noticed a number of children arriving without a packed lunch or a booked school meal. When meals need to be arranged during registration, this can delay the start of learning, particularly if a child also arrives late.

If you need help setting up the app, please pop into the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Snack and Milk Reminder

Key Stage 1 (Reception, Years 1 & 2)

Children receive free fruit every day through a government scheme. They don't need to bring an additional snack, but are welcome to if they prefer.

Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)

Children can bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack each day.

Important allergy reminder: Frenchay is a nut-, pea-, chickpea- and lentil-free school due to severe allergies. Please ensure snacks do not contain these ingredients.

All children receive milk until their fifth birthday. If you'd like your child to continue receiving milk after this, you can order and pay online:

<https://www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk/parent-sign-in.php>



Year 3 Spotlight - Harvest Festival

Rabbit Class, led by Mr Dawson and wonderfully supported by Mrs Hughes and the after-school choir club, helped deliver a fantastic Harvest Festival service at church.

Thank you to everyone who donated. We collected lots of food to support those in need.

Frenchay Football Team wins big!

Huge congratulations to the newly formed Year 5 & 6 Frenchay Football team who got their season off to a flying start with a 10-1 win over Baileys Court!

The team showed some excellent teamwork and scored some sensational goals. Go Frenchay!



Reporting Sickness Absence

Please report your child's absence before 9.00am on every day of illness, either by telephone or email to the school office.

Please note that we do not use the messaging function in the Eduspot app.

All absences must be reported by phone or email.

Requesting Holiday Absence

We've been trialling a simpler way to request holiday leave. All requests should now be submitted using the **Request for Absence from School Questionnaire**, available via [this link](#) or this QR code. Both are also available from the school office.

Please remember that every session matters.

Absence for holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Request for Absence from School
Questionnaire



Christmas Is Coming!

Some fantastic Christmas card designs have already been sent home and there are lots of festive activities to look forward to in Term 2, many organised by our wonderful PTA, FOFS (Friends of Frenchay). We'd like to say a big thank you to the new team heading up the FOFS volunteers.

Please check the school calendar for the full list of events across November and December:

<https://www.frenchayprimary.co.uk/web/calendar/568374>

Medical Appointments

Just a reminder to all parents and carers to please book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours where possible. Should you need to take your child out during the school day, please provide proof of the appointment to office staff either via email (office@frenchayprimary.org.uk) or in person. Appointment letters or screenshots of text reminders are suitable.

This means we can keep class registers accurate and up-to-date. Thank you

Year 1 Spotlight - Classroom Art Gallery

In September, we welcomed parents into classrooms at the end of the school day to see the wonderful self-portraits children had created as they settled into the new academic year.

Here are some fantastic examples of Picasso-style self-portraits from Robin and Woodpecker Class!



INSET Days for 2026/27

Please make a note of our confirmed upcoming INSET days:

- Friday 22 January 2027
- Friday 12 March 2027
- Friday 9 July 2027

For full term dates, visit:

https://www.frenchayprimary.co.uk/web/term_dates/

Year 6 Spotlight - PGL

Fox Class have just returned from their PGL residential! We know they had a fantastic time, enjoyed some new experiences and made special memories with their friends.

Attendance

Our school attendance is currently at **96%** - while this means we are currently on track for our Yearly target of 96%, we'd like this figure to be higher: every day counts!

South Gloucestershire
Council

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

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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.

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8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

AFTERNOON DUTY

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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



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Discounts available for children eligible for Pupil Premium

Bookings open now
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DJ & Music Production times

- Saturdays · Backwell · from 9.30am
- Mondays · Little Stoke · from 6.30pm
- Wednesdays · Bath · from 5.45pm



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Active Libraries
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Seasonal Crafts

Awesome Autumn

Downend Library

Wednesday 28th October

2:30 - 3:30pm



Free drop in activity most suitable for primary school aged children.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
www.southglos.gov.uk/holiday-activities



Award winning theatre company
Cardboard adventures present

FREE activity

Lets Make it

The City of Tomorrow

Downend Library

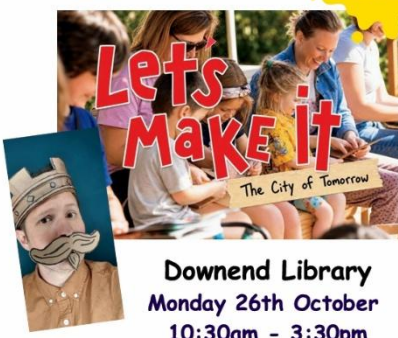
Monday 26th October

10:30am - 3:30pm

Join the King and Queen of South Baxtershire for a day of imagination, and construction in this interactive cardboard workshop extravaganza.

Families of all ages are invited to drop in and stay for as long as you want and help transform ordinary cardboard into an extraordinary new cardboard world - one box at a time! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

www.southglos.gov.uk/holiday-activities




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Ensembles available for a wide variety of instruments, ages and playing levels.

Sign up using the QR code or visit:
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Thursday 26th Nov
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10.30am - 6pm
Thursday 1st Saturday Sunday 1st Wednesday

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