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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our Harvest service in school, donations have been flooding in to us for our North Bristol foodbank collection today. It has been lovely to see the collective generosity of our school community supporting our local foodbank. It was also lovely to see the children join together in our Harvest service and share their learning together.





This week has also seen Year 6 spend a week at Mill on the Brue Adventure Centre on their school camp. It was a real pleasure for Mr Walters and I to visit them on Wednesday this week and share in their experience, join in the fun and see every single one of the children fully embracing each activity. They gave everything their all and did so with a 'can do' attitude, completing embodying all of our school values. We watched new friendships develop across the groups, looked on proudly as they supported their team with compassion and words of encouragement whilst showing respect for the staff, each other and themselves. Hearing the Mill of the Brue staff comment on how the children had represented Pucklechurch Primary so well and behaved impecably was a real credit to their families.

A really big thankyou to Miss Southcott and Mr Lavis who gave up their week to take the children. They embraced all of the activities too and really gave the childern a week to remember!

Their week at camp was perfectly placed to relax over half term and recharge ready for a action packed term 2!





Have a lovely half term and we look forward to term 2 where the run up to Christmasa promises to be an exciting term! Scroll down to see our school diary dates which now include the important dates for December.
Mrs Jones

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Certificates

Now that our newsletter has moved to fortnightly publication, we will celebrate the children who were awarded our certificates on our Facebook page.





Piano Lessons



Linzi Sidney, a local piano teacher will be offering piano lessons for Year 3 and above. Payment for lessons is termly & will be charged at £11 for an individual lesson of 20 minutes. Your child will also need a piano book; these generally range between £5-£10.
Please contact linzi.sidney@live.co.uk.
Places will be allocated on a first come basis

School Admissions

Primary School - Reception – September 2027

If you have a child who turned/turns 4 between 1st September 2026 and 31st August (inclusive), they are eligible to start school in September. Admissions are now open.
If you would like to book onto an information session for Pucklechurch Primary, please contact the school office. There are 2 options to attend: **19th November at 5pm or 8th December at 9am**.

https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=4vPD_KfmtZs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family

Secondary School - Year 7 - September 2027

If you have a child currently in Year 6, applications for Secondary School are now open

https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=4vPD_KfmtZs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family

The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October

Flu Immunisations

Sirona will be coming into school on Friday 6th November for the annual flu immunisations. Consent can be given via the QR code below.

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Scan the QR code above to give consent for the Autumn/ Winter 2026 school Flu programme

- For children in Reception – Year 11 in September 2026 (all children in SEND schools)

Pucklechurch PTA

Following the PTA AGM last week, there is a new group of parents running the PTA. We are really looking forward to working alongside them to continue the amazing work of the PTA.

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School Lunches

Please see our brand-new Autumn/Winter Menu for Term 2. This is now bookable via Arbor.



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Booking support: Meal Menu choices on the Parent Portal or Parent App – Arbor Help Centre

ABM Parent Survey

ABM have prepared a short survey for parents to gain your views relating to the school meals that they offer at Pucklechurch. In particular, they are interested to hear feedback linnked to menus and portion sizes.

Please scan the QR code below to complete the survey



Link to survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QPC3KMV

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Dates for your Diary

November 2026	Term 2: Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December .					
Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	INSET DAY			Individual & Sibling photos 9am	Flu Vaccines 9am	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Children in Need	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Y6 NCMP Screening					
29	30					

December 2026	Holiday: Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January					
Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
		1	2	3	4	5
					School Trip – Pantomime	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1:30-2:30	EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9:15-10:15	KS2 Christmas Service at St Thomas a Becket 1:30-2:30	KS2 Christmas Service at St Thomas a Becket 1:30-2:30	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch	KS2 Christmas Lunch				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31		

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School Term & Holiday Dates

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES
2026-2027

September 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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October 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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28	29	30	31			

January 2027						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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29	30	31				

April 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027						
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31						

June 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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August 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Bank Holiday | School Holiday | KS2 SATS Week | INSET Day

An additional 5 days are available for professional training (INSET days). These additional closures are set by the Headteacher and Governors of individual schools.

Bank & Public Holidays 2026-27	
Christmas Day	25th December 2026
Boxing Day	28th December 2026
New Year's Day	1st January 2027
Good Friday	26th March 2027
Easter Monday	29th March 2027
May Day	3rd May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31st May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30th August 2027

Term Dates Summary	
Term 1	39 days
Term 2	35 days
Term 3	30 days
Term 4	24 days
Term 5	34 days
Term 6	33 days
Total	195 days

Staff INSET Days (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 30th April 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

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Community Notices



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Autumn Cost of Living

As we approach the October half-term break, many families continue to feel the pressure of rising household costs. Financial support is available to families during the school holidays including free and low-cost activities, tips to make food go further and information about financial support available to residents who may be struggling.



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Ignite Sports Holiday Club



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October Half Term Bikeability

As we approach the October Half-Term Holidays, Bikeability courses will be running at Bradley Stoke Community School and St Michael's Primary School Stoke Gifford from Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Bikeability Cycle Training

OCTOBER HALF-TERM -HOLIDAY COURSE

Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026

Practical cycle training delivered by South Gloucestershire Council's Bikeability team for trainees who live or go to school in South Gloucestershire. Children build confidence and essential skills with qualified, DBS checked instructors.

You will need: a roadworthy bike and a correctly fitted helmet.

Courses

⭐ **Learn to Ride (Year 3+)**

Cannot yet ride with pedals / without stabilisers. **1.5 hrs • Playground**

⭐ **Level 1 (Year 3+)**

Already riding without stabilisers; build confidence & control. **1.5 hrs • Playground**

⭐ **Level 1 & 2 (Year 5 & 6 and older)**

For riders who can cycle with control. Assessment in playground then on road: road position, priorities, hazards & junctions.

⭐ **Level 3 (Year 6+ with Level 2 completed)**

More complex roads & traffic situations. **2 hrs**

How to book:

Book online: Bikeability Holiday Cycle Training - South Gloucestershire Council

- A **non-refundable booking fee** of £5.50 applies.
- **Places are limited:** one course per child per holiday period.
- **Cancellation:** 48-hour notice required
- Bikes may be available by prior agreement; bring your own helmet.

Contact us: cycle.training@southglos.gov.uk

Locations:

📍 Bradley Stoke Community School, Fiddlers Wood Lane, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9BS

📍 St Michael's Primary School, Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8SG

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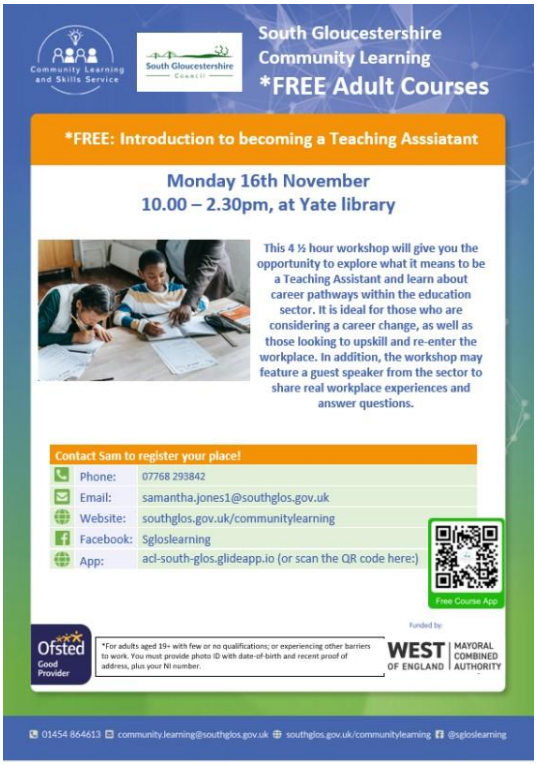
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South Glos Adult Courses





Royal High Creative Workshop



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FOR KIDS AGED 5-16



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Crossing Patrol – Vacancy

BECOME PART OF THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT PUCKLECHURCH

Dear Parents
You can make a difference and be part of your local community by providing a safe crossing point for pupils and parents travelling to and from school, helping to encourage active travel and indepentent journeys for older pupils.
Your school has a School Crossing Patrol site which, at present, is vacant.



Post Details:

Role: School Crossing Patrol – Pucklechurch.
Site Location: Pucklechurch School Gate.
Times: 8.25am – 9.00am
3.00pm – 3.30pm

Hourly rate: £13.28ph (2026)

Full training and uniform are provided. We are happy to consider part time and/or job share. For further details please contact Martina Byrne-Obee at roadsafetyeducation@southglos.gov.uk or 01454 867802