

### Newsletter 16, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to sports day next Weds 20th. Please see email with information from Miss Williams – PE Leader. If the weather is not looking good, we will make a decision about whether to go ahead by the end of school on Tues 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Flood update** – The drying process is continuing, and a contractor has been appointed by South Glos council to move into phase 2. During this phase, they will remove everything from the school kitchen and strip all damaged skirtings and fixtures, then begin to dry the underfloor areas in community centre, hall and surrounding areas. Phase 2 is expected to last about 6 weeks. Hopefully at this point, the next contractors will be able to come of site to start the renovation works. These are expected to last until September.

**School meals** – The large catering unit is on order and we are awaiting delivery. Once the catering unit is in situ and the catering team have finished sanitising all their equipment, they will provide us with a launch date to restart the full offer of school lunches. They will endeavour to stay as close to the current summer term menu as possible, but there may be a few tweaks. We will let parents know when the menu has been confirmed.

**Parking** – Thank you so much for bearing with us with the reduced parent parking on the roundabout and close to school. Once the catering unit is in position in the staff car park, even more staff will need to park on the roundabout, so please do continue to park a bit further out unless you have a Blue Badge. Blue Badge holders may still park in the Drop off Zone – please display your badge in your window. Thank you.

**Nursery** – The nursery plans are progressing well. Thank you so much to Mr Skuse (parent) and Dando Surveying Ltd for creating the formal architect's plans free of charge, so that we can now begin the tender process for the building works.

We are now advertising for Level 3 EYFS teaching assistants to join our wonderful team [School and teaching jobs in South Gloucestershire - Eteach](#) listed as 'Early Years Teaching Assistants x2'. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know. Deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> June 9am.

**Staffing** – Mrs Grainger is returning from maternity leave next week and will be taking over teaching of Topaz Class, as Mrs Newcombe is about to go on maternity leave from 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Best regards, Mrs Deb Williams

#### Dates for your diary

##### **Week 5 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Mon 18 – Cup assembly

Weds 20 – Sports morning & family picnic (weather permitting)

Weds 20 – Sponsored run for 'Read with Me' in pm

Thurs 21 – Music lessons for R, Y1, Y2 and Y6

##### **Half Term**

##### **Term 6**

##### **Week 1 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Mon 1 - Fri 5 June – Y6 Morfa Bay

Mon 1 – Multiplication Tables Check for Y4

Mon 1 – Deadline for Teaching Assistant jobs x4 (see eteach)

Weds 3 – EDF volunteers' day – painting and gardening

Thurs 4 – Music lessons for R, Y2, Y5 and Y6

##### **Week 2 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Mon 8-Fri 12 – Y1 phonics screener (& Y2 retakes)

Mon 8 – Class photos

Tues 9 – Netball team match – home

Thurs 11 – Y4 at KLB for science fair



##### **Sports Day - Weds 20th May**

Children can order a sandwich or jacket potato on sports day. Please return all bento boxes and cutlery, as these are washed and reused.

##### **Sandwich Special Thurs 21st May**

The catering team will make sandwiches and a pudding for all children in Topaz, Ruby and Jet. If they would like additional food items to go with this, they can bring these from home too.

##### **Summer menu ....coming soon**

The catering team will let parents know when the final summer menus are confirmed and the launch date for these.

## This term's Value



## **Attendance**

Our whole school attendance continues to be better than the national average. Thank you for the commitment that parents and carers show to making sure that the children are in school and on time every day. Please avoid booking holiday in term time. Thank you.

**Slip, Slap, Slop!** As the weather looks like it may start to warm up next week, we would encourage parents to apply sunscreen before school and provide a sun hat. Sunglasses are allowed. **Please NAME all items.** All children need a water bottle in school every day. This should contain water only. Thank you.

## **Vacancies**

We currently have 4 vacancies on Eteach for excellent colleagues to join our wonderful team of experienced staff. If you or someone you know, are interested, please apply by Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June at 08:59. Further information is contained within the adverts.

1. As a result of our successful application to open a new nursery on site, we are looking to appoint 2 new level 3 trained Teaching Assistants. Vacancy 1: 8am-1pm (25 hours a week); Vacancy 2: 12:30-5:30pm (25 hours a week).
2. We also have 2 positions available for Class Teaching Assistants (year groups tbc). These are both 9am-1pm, to include lunchtime shifts.

## **Respectful driving/parking**

Please could we ask that consideration is given to our neighbours when driving and parking at school drop off and pick up. Thank you

## **Lost Property**

We currently have a lot of lost property that needs to be claimed. This is in the Ikea unit next to the school office hatch in the lobby. Please do look if you think your child is missing something. All named items that are found are returned to the classes.

**Book fair** – The children enjoyed choosing books from the book fair. Thank you for supporting the event and to Mrs Mason for organising. The book sales raised £1000 in new books for the school, which is amazing.

**Music lessons** – Topaz, Jet, Pearl and Amethyst children are making great progress with their music instrument playing. Well done to all the children for giving it a really good go and showing resilience in learning a new skill.

**Author visit** – Thank you to Miss Clark for organising an author visit from 'The Mole and the Mound' author for Topaz, Ruby and Jet children last week. The children were really inspired and loved the session.

**Road safety workshop** – Y5/6 children took part in a road safety workshop this week. We are proud of them for contributing well to the workshop.

**EDF volunteers Day** - Thank you to one of our lovely Y4 parents for organising a team of volunteers to carry out jobs around the site.

## **Y6 SATS**

We are very proud of our Year 6 children for working very hard and showing great determination and resilience during their exams this week. We know that they will all have given their best efforts. They also encouraged and supported each other very well.

They enjoyed their celebration day today and it nice to see them in their brightly coloured leaver's hoodies.



## **Friends of Alexander Hosea**

Can you help with the return of the Friday Ice Lolly sale? We need volunteers to help run the ever-popular Friday sales. Please use the sign up form if you can support - [volunteersignup.org/3Y9CR](https://volunteersignup.org/3Y9CR) – we won't be able to run these sales without volunteer support

### **Class cake sales**

Diamond & Crystal – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June - [volunteersignup.org/CPFHB](https://volunteersignup.org/CPFHB)

Ruby, Jet and Topaz – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - [volunteersignup.org/4HHF9](https://volunteersignup.org/4HHF9)

Please can classes bring in cake donations to raise money for their environments on the above dates, we will also need volunteer parents from those classes above to help run the cake sale on the day, please use the sign up form linked to your class 😊

### **Events we are hoping to organise – please contact a committee member if you can help**

- Colour run
- Grow a £
- Ice cream sales
- Family disco
- Family quiz

### **Upcoming events**

Sports day refreshments – May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments

Summer Fair – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 – we will be opening stalls for parent ran business only, no external providers, please email the Friends on [committee@friendsofahs.org](mailto:committee@friendsofahs.org) if you wish to hire a table to run a stall.

KLB Carnival – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026, Friends will be hosting a stall, please come and support us if you are attending, we will need some volunteers to help us run this throughout the day.

### **A reminder of who the Friends are:**

Co-Chairs: Alice (year 1 & year 4 parent) & Shelley (year 2 & year 4 parent)

Treasurer: Gemma (year 2 parent)

Co-Secretary: Tara (year 2 & year 4 parent – School's SBM) & Becci (year 2 & year 4 parent)

### **Parent liaison for Friends**

Topaz – Kelly (Theo's mum)

Ruby – Becky (Esme's mum)

Jet – Becci S (Alfred's mum)

Crystal – Annette (Mia's mum)

Diamond – Becci S (Hugo D's mum)

Pearl – Sarah (Rocco's mum) Ameer (Neeva's mum)

Amethyst – Gemma (Max's mum)