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YEAR 2 – Over the last few weeks, children in Year 2 have been studying the lifecycle of a caterpillar. When they turned into butterflies, the children realised them into the wild.



FOREST SCHOOLS - Year 1 and 2 worked with our Forest School team today building shelters in the school grounds. The children learned a variety of skills ready for our 'geography day' tomorrow.



END OF TERM – This term will end next Thursday 24th May as school will be closed on Friday 25th May for an inservice training day. School will start again on Monday 4th June.

YEAR 4 SLEEPOVER – Last Thursday, children in Year 4 took part in our annual sleep over on the back field. They enjoyed BBQ food, played games and watched a film in the hall before bed time.



SWIMMING – Next term Year 6 will be taking part in swimming lessons at Hengrove Leisure Centre. Forms are in book bags today and payment should be made on Parentpay.

GYMNASTICS – Next term, Year 2 will be taking part in gymnastics lessons at Bristol Gymnastics Centre. Forms are in book bags today and payment should be made on Parentpay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Forms have been sent home today for next term's after school clubs. Please note, art club is limited to the first 12 persons that pay on Parentpay.

THRIVE – Whitchurch Primary is now a Thrive school! This means we now have a licensed Thrive Practitioner who will be working with children throughout the school when they need emotional support to facilitate their learning. This work will run alongside other sessions and classroom support from class teachers, allowing us to *achieve our best together!*

SATS - Well done to our Year 6 and Year 2 children who have been working on their SATs this week. The children have worked so hard in the run up to these, and have remained focused and calm during them. Thank you to all the children for helping Whitchurch to '*achieve our best together!*'

DIARY DATES

All years - Sports day – Tuesday 3rd July (weather permitting)

Year 6 – Leavers church service – Wednesday 18th July – 9am at St Nicholas Church. Presentations will take place in the church.

Year 6 – Leavers performance – Monday 16th July 6pm and Tuesday 17th July during the afternoon in school – time to be confirmed.

ROYAL WEDDING LUNCH AND MENU CHANGE – To acknowledge the Royal wedding , tomorrow Friday 18th May, we will be serving a Royal Wedding Lunch of fish and chips. Children may wear red, white and blue to school. If you would like your child to have the lunch please ensure they have money on their Parentpay account under dinner money. Thank you.

GUITAR TUITION - If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September and you are interested in guitar tuition in school from the BANES music service, please let the office know. Lessons cost £5.50 per week.

NESTING BOX RESIDENTS! A family of birds have moved into our nesting box! Situated on the side of the hall, the box has been in place since 2015, and we are delighted that the first eggs to be laid in it have hatched! The children are enjoying watching the regular feeding times and the chicks reaching for food!



PUPIL PREMIUM and **PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS** - Please remember to apply for Pupil Premium funding if you believe you are eligible by claiming certain benefits. Parents and Carers who earn below a specified income can gain extra financial support for their child in school. We use the money for additional in class support, out of class support (both academic and social/emotional) and many other ways to help the children. Furthermore, parents of 'looked after' children and parents/carers in the forces can also apply for this funding. If you believe you are eligible please ask the office for a form. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE - Please come to school every day. If your child is unwell please do your best to acquire medical evidence of this. One of the reasons we remain a 'Requires Improvement' school is because our attendance is below 95%. We obviously want to be 'Good or better' at our next OFSTED inspection and an above 95% attendance score will help this. Thank you.

CYCLO-CROSS COACHING SESSIONS – The Somerdale Pavilion in Keynsham are holding the following sessions: 9th May – mixed coaching 8 years +, no booking just turn up £1/£2. 31st May – holiday coaching session 8-16 years. <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/179782/HSBc-UK-Go-Ride-Holiday-Coaching-Camp---Cyclo-cross-keynsham>

COMMUNITY LINKS – We are pleased to be hosting Quinns School of Irish Dancing in our school hall three times a week, as their studio was destroyed in the recent fire at South Bristol Sports Centre.



THIS WEEKS' ATTENDANCE RESULTS!

Reception: 95.7%

Year 1: 94.5%

Year 2: 98.9%

Year 3: 91.1%

Year 4: 92.6%

Year 5: 91.3%

Year 6: 100%

THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE YEAR 6!

Year 6 will receive 10 minutes extra play time!

THE HOUSE WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS BIRCH WITH 96%

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work, which will go into a 'showcase' book for visitors to view in the school office. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

This week's children are:

RECEPTION: Kadee and Skyla have been praised – Will and Alana have received the showcase award

YEAR 1: Anais has been praised – Harrison has received the showcase award

YEAR 2: Mylie has been praised – Alyssa has received the showcase award

YEAR 3: Louis has been praised – Ruby G has received the showcase award

YEAR 4: The whole class have been praised – Louis has received the showcase award

YEAR 5: Beth has been praised – Charley has received the showcase award

YEAR 6: The whole of Year 6 have been praised!

STAFF – Mrs Thomas and Mrs Newman (Year 6) and Mrs James (Year 2) for all their hard work towards SATs!