

WESTON ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



2nd October 2026

Message from the Head

This week, I wanted to focus on what I see as the single most important part of your child's learning: reading. I came across this short article in The Week magazine, that emphasises just how important reading is, both for children and for adults. You may also have heard in the news recently that, in Singapore, their government is introducing a scheme in which citizens are paid (very small amounts) to read! But it's this scientific evidence that parents and carers may find interesting and motivating:

*The scientifically-tested benefits of reading
"Reading brings benefits to the mind and body, a University of Cambridge team has found. It seems it doesn't matter if the book is a graphic novel, a 19th century classic or a political biography, said Professor Barbara Sahakian, who led the project; the key is to enjoy it - as then 'you will read more often and longer'.*

The researchers looked at five surveys and eight studies on reading, involving tens of thousands of people. Some of the strongest evidence came from a study that had tracked 10,243 9-11 year olds for two years: it found that those who had started reading for pleasure early in their lives scored higher for attention span, memory and problem-solving ability. They also had fewer mental health problems and led healthier lifestyles -including getting more sleep.

Other research on adults linked reading to a lower chance of cognitive impairment and a 33% lower likelihood of Alzheimer's, and to increases in empathy and reductions in stress and loneliness."

So of all the many ways you support your child's development, reading can be up there at the top. Why not pick up a book or magazine with them this weekend?

Mr Barton

Dates for your diary

- **New** Wraparound care booking system goes live - 6th October
- Harvest Festival - 8th October
- School individual and sibling photographs - 9th October
- Inset day - 23rd October



Bath Children's Literature Festival

On Monday, 14 girls from Y5+6 were lucky enough to go to see Dr Shini Somara at Bath Children's Literature discussing her new book 'Scientists Making a Difference'. She is an inspiring scientist and writer who has worked with top universities and the BBC. Her talk showed the girls the huge range of jobs in science from lab technicians to CEOs- it was very inspiring. Thank you to the BCLF for the free tickets and transport!



The Partnership Trust

We are proud to belong to the The Partnership Trust - <https://thepartnershiptrust.co.uk/>

Work with us

We have a great opportunity for someone in our local community to work with us in a caretaking role.

As Caretaker, you will assist in the provision of efficient and effective site support services to ensure the school is a safe, secure and comfortable environment for its pupils, staff and visitors.

We can offer you:

- Children who will make you smile everyday
- The support of a committed team and Trust that values its employees
- Opportunities to grow as a professional

Do please pass on the link to anyone you know who might be interested

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/142754/EDV-2026-WASCP5-39578>

Wraparound care

NEW WRAPAROUND CARE PROVISION
BOOKING GOES LIVE TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

KEY POINTS TO NOTE;

- Spaces are no longer reserved until payment has been made.
- All spaces can be booked and cancelled on the MYCAS app.
- Spaces can be booked as far ahead as a term in advance.
- Longer hours and more spaces available thanks to funding.
- Breakfast club opens at 7.30am.
- After School Club now offers two sessions, a shorter and a longer one with the last one finishing at a later time of 6pm.
- Childcare vouchers can still be used as payment (booking through the office is required for this).
- Better food provision for after school club (menu tbc)
- The new time slots start from Term 2 so its normal drop off/pick-ups until then.

On Wednesday, we danced!

It is such a joy to have the little ones in the infant school so close by.

This week we all watched as they had music played into their playground on a great big speaker and danced their little hearts out.



DANCE

From Classroom to Castle: Our St Briavels journey

The Year 4 one-night residential trip to St Briavels Castle in the Forest of Dean was a great success again this year. The children showed some really brilliant teamwork skills as they experienced activities such as fencing, 'attack the castle' and 'water bearers'. They also explored the castle, looking closely at its features, learning about its history and even experiencing a medieval banquet. For some, this was a first night away from home and we were so impressed with how the children managed this and looked after each other.



October HOLIDAY CLUB

Fun Science



BOOK NOW!

27TH OCTOBER - BOO-OLGY

28TH OCTOBER - CAULDRON CHEMISTRY

30TH OCTOBER - FRIGHTFUL PHYSICS



St Andrew's, Bristol & Southdown, Bath
10am - 3pm

Optional additional 'Stay n Play' hours, £3.50 per hour

**EXPECT AN EXCITING VARIETY OF HALLOWEEN-THEMED SCIENCE
ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIMENTS!**

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Are you a parent carer of a child with additional developmental needs?

This might mean your child has a learning disability, developmental delay or has developmental delays but does not yet have a diagnosis.

- Do you live in England?
- Is your child aged between 2-11 years?

You might like to take part in the Digital Family Support study – DAISY

We are exploring whether a digital parent support program called Stepping Stones Online can help improve behaviour and emotional difficulties in children with a learning disability or developmental delay and support the wellbeing of parent carers.

Stepping Stones Online is an online program for parent carers of a child with a learning disability. It covers:

- Learning strategies to make everyday life easier
- Supporting communication and everyday skills for children
- Positive ways to support behaviours that challenge
- Building your confidence in parenting

If you would like to find out more about how you can take part, please go to the project webpage:

<https://nativeresearch.com/participate/daisy> or scan the QR code. Or you can call Dr Emma Scripps on 07483123993 or Rovan Bahnassy on 07483656342, or email us at daisy-online@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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