

PARSON STREET TIMES

“This is going to be a good year!”

Thank you to those that attended parents’/carers’ evenings this week. Teachers have really enjoyed talking to you about your child’s learning, behaviour and how they are doing in school.

At Parson Street, we know the importance of reading and I know this was discussed lots during these appointments. Please support your child’s learning by ensuring they are reading at least 4 times a week- not only will it ensure they improve in their reading, maths, writing and other areas of learning, they will earn their class a piece of grit for our reading competition! If you would like more advice or support about this, or unsure of what books your child should be reading, please speak/ message your child’s class teacher and they will be happy to help! Please see on the following pages how well your child’s class are doing with our reading competition.

Lastly, have a look at our new doors with our brand-new class door signs- they really do look smart!



Updates

Christmas

We have organised some of our ‘traditional’ events this week at Parson Street to celebrate the end of 2023 and Christmas.

You will be receiving a letter about our annual Christmas Carol concert at St Michaels Church on Friday 15th December (last day of term). Please ensure to read this carefully and to fill in the online form regarding pick up at the church or the school.

We also will be holding a ‘Christmas Lunch’ on Tuesday 12th December. This day will also be ‘Christmas Jumper’ day, where children will be invited to wear normal uniform but a Christmas jumper!

Reception and Nursery are also busy preparing for their sing-a-long and nativity- please look at the dates and times on the following pages!

Poems

Please look out on Class Dojos as some children have been recording poems this week and will be posting these on their class stories!

Children arriving to school

We love punctuality at Parson Street however some older children have been getting to school extremely early, which means there is no school adult on the playground. We would really appreciate if you could speak to your child about this at home- we want to make sure everyone is safe, especially on our school grounds!

Kick Start

If your child is in Reception, please do join them on a Wednesday morning (8:59-9) to go into your child’s classroom and support them with reading. It really sets them up for day!

PTA

The PTA have been busy today starting to finalise plans for our Christmas Event on the playground, Thursday 14th December. More details to follow next week.

Opal Ambassadors- Celebrating kindness

You may have heard your child talk about Opal Ambassadors. These are children that have applied to be role models across the school and are given responsibilities. This week, they have been out on the playground leading playtime games and continuing to reward where they see kindness!

As another way of spreading kindness at Parson Street, similar to an advent calendar, children will be writing ‘Acts of Kindness’ for each day of December. This started today- we can’t wait to share these with you!

As part of my new role, I am always looking at improving communication. Please do let me know if there is any other ways we can improve!

Mrs Ellis

Contact Us



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Class Dojo pages

ZOOMING INTO YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Year 5 and Year 6 have been really busy this week ready for some assessments next week.

In writing, they have been watching the video 'Catch a Lot'- you can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAJi8DILjFs> and wrote their own diary entries based on this.

They had to make sure they were writing in first person, past tense and used pathetic fallacy!

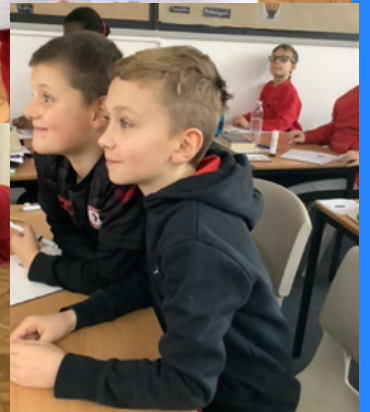
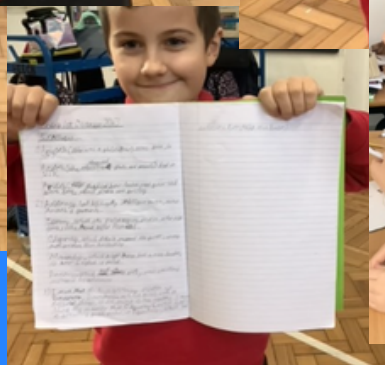
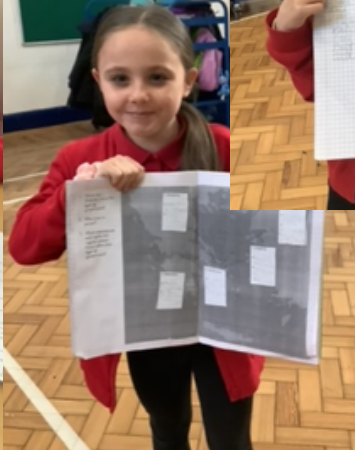
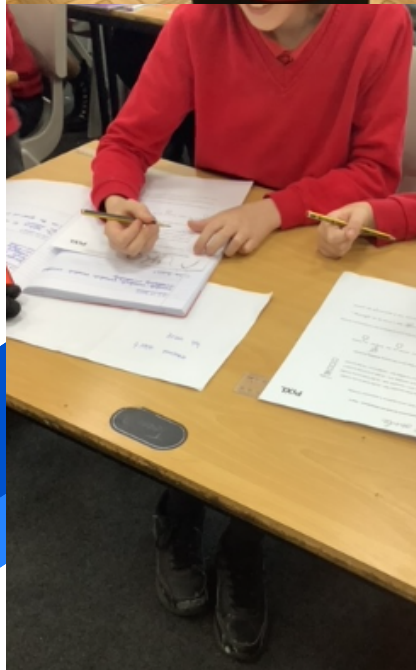
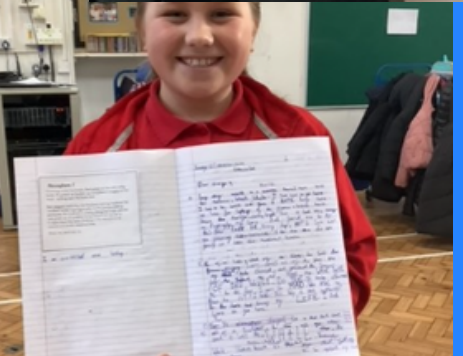
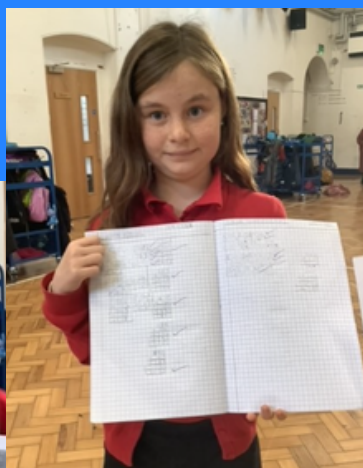
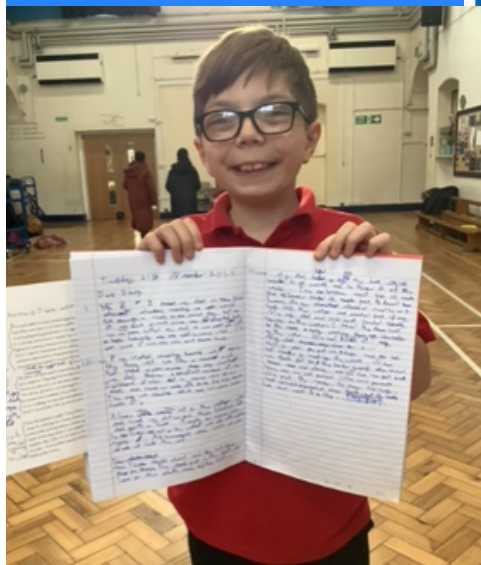
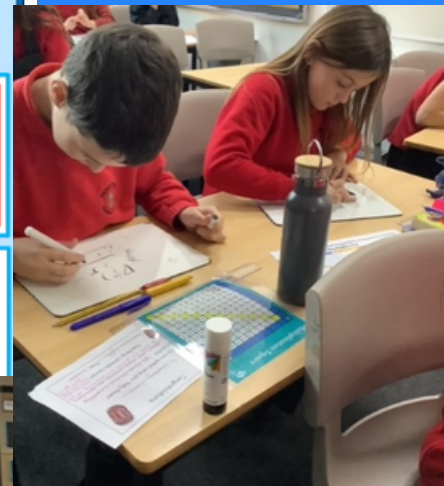
In maths, they have been learning long multiplication. This is a tricky method that both Year 5 and Year 6 need to know. A guide is below.

In enquiry, they have been learning about Ancient Greece, how the ancient civilisation inspired our democracy system and in particular Aristotle.

Long multiplication

This is the most efficient method for multiplying. You should work up to this, making sure you understand what you are doing!

Step 1 To work out 34×28 : $\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 28 \times \\ \hline 2 \\ 3 \end{array}$	Step 2 $\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 28 \times \\ \hline 278 \\ 23 \end{array}$ <p style="font-size: small;"> $3 \times 8 = 24$ $4 + 3 = 7$ Don't forget to add the 3 we carried last time. </p>	Step 3 $\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 28 \times \\ \hline 278 \\ 0 \end{array}$ <p style="font-size: small;"> Move to the next row. Add a zero because we are now multiplying the tens digit. </p>
Step 6 Finally, add columns $\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 28 \times \\ \hline 278 \\ 680 \\ \hline 34 \times 28 = 958 \end{array}$	Step 5 $\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 28 \times \\ \hline 278 \\ 680 \end{array}$ <p style="font-size: small;">$3 \times 2 = 6$</p>	Step 4 $\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 28 \times \\ \hline 278 \\ 80 \end{array}$ <p style="font-size: small;">$2 \times 4 = 8$</p>



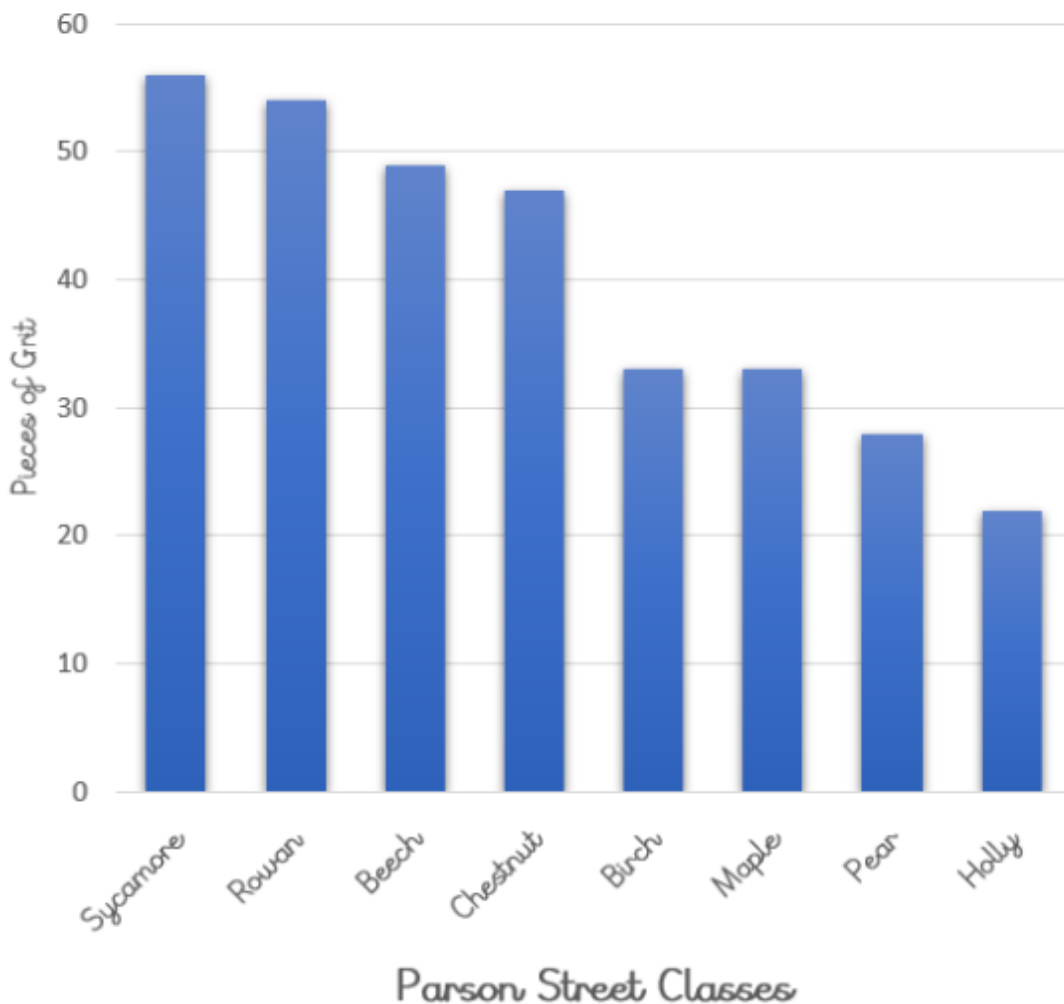
Gem Powers- Ruby:

Ruby Power... being aware of others and how what you do or say, might make them feel

- I can show empathy to others
- I listen and value others
- I know the power of a smile
- **I praise and help others**
- I show respect and tolerance
- I perform acts of kindness



Grit Reading Record



**A message from Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England**

I hope that you have seen my national campaign The Big Ambition. It is really important that the pupils at Parson Street Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Bristol, City of are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

This survey is for all children aged 0-18, parents, carers /other adults can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or for children who need extra assistance. This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice!

Children or parents can complete the survey here:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition .



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to
take part



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Important Dates

Please note the last day of term 2 is Friday 15th December and the first day back of term 3 is Wednesday 3rd January.

What?	When?	Where or information?
Reception Kickstarts	Every Wednesday 8:50-9	Reception class for parents and carers of reception children
Choir Performance at The Southville Centre	Monday 4 th December	Children who attend choir club will be invited to this
Christmas Decorating at The Southville Centre	Monday 11 th December	Opal Ambassadors will be invited to this
Nursery Christmas Performance	Wednesday 6 th December	Dragon Hall 9.15am is for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday all-day parents plus 30 hours 2pm is for Wednesday afternoon, all-day Thursday and Friday parents plus 30 hours
Cherry Class Christmas Performance	Thursday 7 th December at 2pm	Dragon Hall
Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday 12 th December	Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers. Normal school uniform if they do not want to wear one/ underneath.
Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 12 th December	Dragon Hall (for children)
PTA Christmas event	Thursday 14 th December	Playground (weather permitting)
Carol Concert at St Michaels Church	Friday 15 th December- PM	St Michaels Church. A letter with more information will be coming out in the coming weeks
Christmas Holidays	Monday 18 th December- Tuesday 2 nd January	
INSET	Tuesday 2 nd January	
INSET	Monday 15 th April	
INSET	Friday 28 th June	
INSET	Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July	

Coffee Afternoon and Book Lending Library

Come along to our Coffee afternoon hosted by Miss Cousins.

There is no need to book, just come in and chat! We would love to see some new faces.

Date: 5th December

Time: 2:30pm-3:30pm

Location: Parson Street Community Room

Our book lending library will also be set up the same day!





Holiday Activities



December 2023

Activity	Time & Price	Age
Monday 18th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Tuesday 19th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Wednesday 20th December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14
Thursday 21st December		
Christmas Party Day	Standard Day (£24) - ED (£26) - Full Day (£28)	4-14
Friday 22nd December		
Escape Zone	Standard Day (£20) - ED (£24) - Full Day (£26)	4-14



All bookings MUST be made online via: <https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk/>
 Childcare Voucher Payments are accepted. Please enquire via email.



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ANOTHER YEAR SPREADING CHEER IN BS3

Local Christmas gift donation scheme BS3 Pass the Parcel will be back for the fourth time this Christmas. Set up during the dark days of lockdown in 2020 this joyful local project hopes to bring a little light to those in need this winter.

Pass the Parcel works with the community for the community and aims to ensure that those in the BS3 area who are less fortunate, for whatever reason, still receive a lovely gift and treats at Christmas time.

Last year, Pass the Parcel shared over 500 gift bundles with vulnerable individuals, families and children across BS3. This was achieved with the help of some brilliant volunteers, support from the community, connections with businesses and schools (including this one) and enthusiasm from local traders.

The dedicated team is once more fundraising to purchase gifts and are still in need of monetary donations to their Just Giving account: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/pass-the-parcel-1697093689655> or through their website www.passtheparcelbristol.org – where you can find out more about the project, links to the Just Giving page and how to get involved in their wrapping day on Saturday 9th December at St Paul's Church in Southville.

Every donation really will make a difference this year. So go on, share a little Christmas sparkle with others this winter.





229th Scout's Advent Trail

An Activity trail including
crafts, games and goodies
leading to a visit with santa

Full Details found on QR
including time slots



A range of snacks, stalls
and Hot drink for adults

waiting
£10 per child

2nd December 3-6pm

3rd December 10am-1pm

Scout HQ, Raynes Road,
BS3 2DJ



Switzerland 2024
fundraiser

COSY CHRISTMAS

Join us for two festive films & more!



Thursday 14th Dec
5pm - 7.30pm

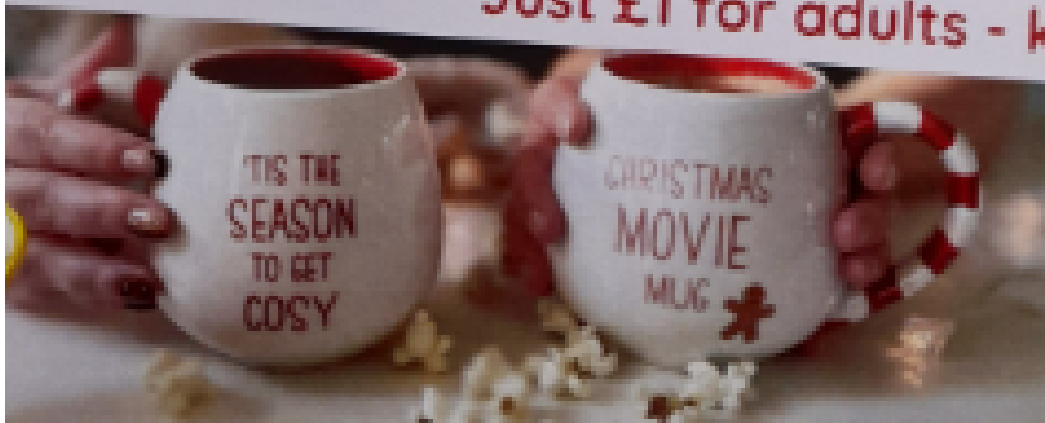
- Festive film is Elf
- Christmas crafts activities
- Mulled cider and hot drinks
- Hot and cold food available



Saturday 16th Dec
10.30am - 1pm

- Festive film is The Grinch (2018)
- Christmas craft activities
- Christmas carol & bell ringing workshop
- Hot drinks and food available

Just £1 for adults - kids go free!



At the Southville Centre, Beaulley Rd, BS3 1QG

book today!



Bristol FOOD Clubs 2023

Day	Club	Contact
Tuesday 9.30-11am	Lockleaze The Vench, Romney Ave, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9TB	Emily.vaughan@family-action.org.uk
Tuesday 12.30-2.30pm	Broomhill , St Peter's Methodist Church, 170 Allison Rd, Brislington.	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
Wednesday 9.30-11.30am	St Pauls Children's Centre Family Hub Little Bishop Street BS2 9JF	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm	Redcliffe Faithspace, Prewett Street, BS1 6PB	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Wednesday 1-3pm	Barton Hill Wellspring Settlement 43 Ducie Rd BS5 0AX	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
Thursday 12.30-2.30pm	Inns Court Community & Family Centre, 1 Marshall Walk, Bristol BS4 1TR	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Thursday 1-3pm	Oldbury Court Children's Centre Frenchay Rd, Bristol BS16 2QS	Heather.wyatt@family-action.org.uk
Friday 10-11.30am	Hartcliffe Methodist Church Mowcroft Road BS13 0LT	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Friday 9.30-11am	Lockleaze The Vench Romney Ave, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9TB	Emily.vaughan@family-action.org.uk
Friday 12.30-2.30pm	Speedwell Speedwell Methodist Church, Bristol, BS15 1ES	eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk
Friday 1.30- 3pm	Inns Court Community & Family Centre, 1 Marshall Walk, Bristol BS4 1TR	Becky.kay@family-action.org.uk
Friday 3-4.30pm	Bedminster United Reformed Church, 48 Stanley St S, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 3PG	Jackie Smith 01179231039 food@bs3community.org.uk



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A practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.



A free 7 week Zoom course
Includes 'Taster Session'

Wednesdays 6.30 – 9pm
Start date: **3rd January 2024**
Mondays 12.30 – 3.00pm
Start date: **8th January 2024**



Parents attend different groups

For information and enquiries, please contact
Emily on 07827 979616

 relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk

Or use this link to enrol <https://forms.office.com/e/YgdiRVmADg>


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