

Wednesday 3rd Sept – Friday 5th Sept 2025

To our Parson Street families,

We are delighted to welcome all our children and families back to school after the summer break. The children have returned full of energy, enthusiasm, and a readiness to learn, which has been wonderful to see. Staff are thrilled to have the classrooms and playgrounds buzzing with life again, and we are already so proud of how well everyone has settled back into routines. Over the summer, there have been lots of changes to the school site to make our environment even more inspiring. New carpets have been fitted throughout the school, fresh paint has brightened up the building – including the entrance way – and we are especially proud of the stunning new mural at our entrance, created by the talented artist Farrah Fortnam, which sets a truly uplifting tone as you arrive at school. Looking ahead, we are excited about the year to come: our main focus will always be on providing the very best learning experiences for the children, but we are also eager to continue strengthening our role in the local community, with more events and opportunities for families to come together and celebrate being part of Parson Street.

Our Senior Leadership Team

We'd also like to take this opportunity to introduce our Senior Leadership Team for the year ahead. Mrs Pringle, Assistant Headteacher, is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and will also be leading our work on community, helping to build strong and meaningful connections with families and beyond. Mrs Read is our second Assistant Headteacher, working Wednesday to Friday, and will be leading on behaviour and inclusion, ensuring that every child at Parson Street is supported to thrive. Together, they join the wider leadership team in working closely with staff, children, and families to make this a successful and positive year for all.



Claire Pringle
Assistant Headteacher



Gemma James
Headteacher



Hannah Read
Assistant Headteacher

Important Updates to Share

Gem Power badges

We continue to celebrate the positive learning behaviours the children have shown that week in a gem celebration assembly on Friday. This year, they will be awarded a **pin badge** of the gem power they have shown, which they can then keep or wear on their uniform. We hope that children will be excited to earn a full set!

Successful learners Assembly's

We will also be celebrating in a termly assembly for “**Successful Learners.**” In this assembly, 2 children from each class who always demonstrate all the learning gem behaviours will be celebrated and recognised. Parents/carers will be informed at the end of the term that their child is being awarded in assembly and invited to come along. All we ask is that you keep it a surprise from them if you can!



Opal Time

Sometimes, big emotions can take over and our school environment can become damaged. We have been reflecting about how we can help children to overcome these moments and provide them an opportunity to restore and repair to our school. We are organising weekly **Opal Time** with Mrs Read where children give back to their school community following an incident of damage to our school. During Opal Time, children will spend some of their lunchtime on a Friday with an adult, helping to ensure our community and environment are well cared for. Supporting children in taking responsibility when school rules are not followed. Your child's class teacher will inform you if your child will be joining Opal Time at the end of the week.

Flu Vaccinations

Our annual offering of Nasal Flu vaccinations will be on the 24th of October. Please complete this form to give your consent for it to be administered to your child.

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/consent?v=4>

Communications

This year we will continue to post information and learning on both dojo and our social media pages, so please do make sure you follow these. Our newsletter will now be sent out termly as an end of term celebration of what has been happening and key information what is to come in the upcoming term, rather than weekly as we have been doing previously.

As always, if you have any questions or feedback, please do come and talk to us.

Welcome Back to School Coffee Mornings

We are pleased to invite you all to a coffee morning from **8.50 - 9.50am** in our family room (Willow Room) to start the year. Your child's new class teacher will be there to meet you and have a morning cup of tea, and deliver a short presentation about key messages and the year ahead. We also hope that this is an opportunity for you to meet other families from your child's class.



Acorn class - Wed 15th October
Sapling class - Tues 22nd September
Plum class - Tuesday 9th September
Holly class - Mon 15th September
Apple class - Wednesday 17th September
Pear class - Wed 10th September
Chestnut class - Friday 12th September
Maple class - Thursday 11th September
Rowan class - Tuesday 16th September



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560829980177>



Please make sure you are connected on your child's class dojo page as we use this platform to let you know about everything which is happening in the school. We had some children allocated to the wrong class at the start of the year and we apologise for this confusion. If you are still having issues connecting please let us know.

Key Dates & Events for this Term:

- Clubs begin W.C. 8th September
- 11th September Yr5/6 Camp meeting @ 3:40
- 30th September - No clubs on this date due to teacher training
- 1st of October Harvest Assembly
- 1st - 3rd of October Year 5 & 6 Camp
- 23rd October Flu Vaccination Day
- 24th October - Great Athletes Visit the School
- 18th & 19th November Parents Evening

Last year, our PTA has raised over £2000 for our school which we can then use to benefit the learning experiences of the children. We would love more volunteers to help us! Please let us know if you would like to support our super PTA team.



Welcome back to school

We are so happy to have you all back and excited for the year ahead!!



Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

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Centres

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toolbox:

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Praise

Empathy

Connection

For more information please call: **07721 311 497**
or email: **pssso@bristol.gov.uk**

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