

Parson Street Primary School Welcome Pack

**Thank you for choosing Parson Street
Primary School**

Please retain this for your records and information

A Very Warm Welcome to Parson Street Primary School.

This booklet contains useful information that you may need to refer to during the year. However, you can also communicate with us and receive updates of what your children have been up to and how they are progressing through our apps; Arbor and Class Dojo.

Important Information

School Times

- Flexible Opening from 8.50am
- Start of the day/registration 9.00am
- End of the day 3.30pm (Nursery and Reception flexi-collection time from 3.20pm)

Contact Details

 0117 9030226

 office@parsonstreet.com

 Primary School, Bedminster Road, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 5NR

Term Dates for 2026–2027		
Autumn Term Terms 1 & 2	Spring Term Terms 3 & 4	Summer Term Terms 5 & 6
Thursday 3 rd September to Friday 23 rd October ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December	Monday 4 th January to Friday 12 th February ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 25 th March	Monday 12 th April to Friday 28 th May ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 7 th June to Thursday 22 nd July
INSET days - 2026/2027 (The dates below show when the school is closed to pupils for staff training.)		
Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
Thursday 3 rd September Friday 4 th September Friday 27 th November	Monday 4 th January Monday 1 st February Monday 22 nd February	Friday 25 th June

The Everyday Essentials

School Uniform

We encourage all pupils to wear the school uniform.

Our school uniform for Reception through to Year 6 is:

- Navy sweatshirts/cardigans
- black/grey trousers/skirts
- light blue polo shirts
- Black school shoes or trainers
- During the summer black/grey shorts and blue gingham dresses can be worn.
- Hair accessories must be plain and in school colours. All long hair must be tied back with a sensible band.
- PE days – children should wear white t-shirts, black/grey sports trousers/shorts, trainers and navy sweatshirts. Please no branded sports kit like football kits.

Branded school uniform can be purchased from the JPS sports website or from the shop.

JPS Sports

31B Bedminster Down Road, Bristol BS13 7AB

<https://www.jpssports.co.uk/webshop/schools/parson-street-primary-school-bristol/>



Please make sure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name – we know that it often goes walkabouts!

A book bag is useful as it is important that children can easily carry their books, home learning and any letters to and from school, although this is not an essential purchase. Rucksacks are also suitable; as long as books can go between home and school, we are happy!

Jewellery is not allowed other than small stud earrings.

Spare Clothing

Although your child will hopefully be toilet-trained by the time he or she starts Reception, there may be “accidents”. We do have some spare pants, trousers, joggers, shorts etc in School but it is a good idea to send your child with a bag containing spare clothes that they can keep on their peg in the event of any accidents.

School Meals

Nutritious meals are cooked daily onsite by AIP at Parson Street Primary School. A menu is provided and rotates over a 3 week period and each child is provided with a main meal and pudding. We can provide a range of alternative meals including, but not limited to, vegetarian, vegan and halal. If your child has any specific meal requirements or allergies please contact the office (office@parsonstreet.com) who will then liaise with our catering team. Children with allergies cannot have school meals until we have finalised requirements with our catering team.

All children from reception to Year 2 qualify for a free school meal. We encourage all children to take advantage of this option.

Packed lunches

At Parson Street we like to encourage all our children to eat a healthy and balanced lunch, including those who bring a packed lunch. Here is some helpful information to support you with this lunch option.

According to *NHS choices* a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes, or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs, or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

All children are provided with water during lunch time and have access to their water bottles all throughout the day. We encourage children to drink as much water as possible, especially in warmer weather.

A Water Bottle

Please supply your child with a named water bottle each day. We have cups if you forget.

Fruit and Veg

All children in EYFS are supplied with a piece of fruit or veg every day.

Nut Allergies

We are a Nut-free School and ask families not to give your child nut products in their lunch boxes – this included nutella and pesto pasta. This is due to children with nut-allergies who attend our school. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

Suncream

While we encourage children to develop independence by applying their own suncream, we will support them when needed to ensure they are properly protected. Please send your child to school on sunny days with a named sun hat, sunglasses (if worn) and suncream; if they forget or need extra application, we have hypo-allergenic ‘Altruist Dermatological Sunscreen SPF 30’ available for use. If you have any questions, do not want your child to use the school’s suncream, or prefer they do not receive help applying it, please speak to a member of the Early Years Team.

Values and Expectations

Learning Gems

Parson Street Primary promotes the highest standards of behaviour and an atmosphere where all members of the school are valued as individuals. The school believes in the development of self-esteem, respect for others, self-discipline and personal responsibility based on our meta-cognition approach of Gem Powers.

Children are expected to be polite and to show respect for other people and property. They are expected to behave in ways which always keep themselves and others safe. In class, we expect children to join in lessons to the best of their ability by listening carefully, answering and asking questions and by taking part fully in activities and taking personal responsibility for their learning. Further information is available in the behaviour policy on our website.



Emerald Power

Emotional resilience and bounce-back-ability.



Topaz Power

The power of your voice and speaking well.



Ruby Power

Kindness and respect.



Amethyst Power

Teamwork, co-operation and collaboration.



Diamond Power

Problem solving and independence.



Opal Power

Citizenship and responsibility.



Pearl Power

Connections and links in learning.



Sapphire Power

Focusing and ignoring monster distractions.



Grit Power

Practise and perseverance.

Attendance

Parents and carers must ensure that their child attends school regularly, punctually, fully equipped and ready to learn. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, or is likely to be late, parents and carers should notify the school by 9.30am (by telephone 0117 903 0226 and press option 1).

We will contact parents and carers if a child is not present at morning or afternoon registration to ensure that the child is safe. Parents and carers are responsible for responding to calls and for ensuring school has up to date contact details. A pupil's absence from school will be considered unauthorised until a satisfactory explanation is received.

All school staff will work with pupils and their families to ensure that each pupil attends school regularly. Please see further details around our Attendance Procedures on our website.

Home Learning

Your child will be set home with a book to read and a reading record for you to sign on a regular basis. We encourage you to read with your child daily and update their progress in the book. Every time a child reads at home, they can put grit into their class jar and contribute to their class reading grit competition!

Your child's class teacher will inform you of any additional home learning opportunities. We use Class Dojo to communicate with families, and any additional learning can be shared with the class. For example, if you grow something in the garden, bake in the kitchen, or your child attends an extra-curricular club, please let us know and we can celebrate with them.

Friends of Parson Street Primary School

All parents are members of the *Friends of Parson Street School* (PTA). The Association works very hard for the benefit of the children and you are advised of all its activities by dojo and email. Parents can get involved and help in all sorts of ways. If you want to find out more please contact the PTA via the office. office@parsonstreet.com.

Jess Tonkin – Chair of PTA Mike Day – Treasurer

Special Educations Needs and Disabilities

At Parson Street Primary School, we strive to support all our children and enable them to reach their full potential. To do this, many steps are taken to support them through their learning journey. High Quality Teaching is vital; however, for some children there are occasions when further additional support may be needed to help them achieve their targets.

How does Parson Street Primary School know if children need extra help?

We know when children need additional help if:

- concerns are raised by parents or carers, teachers or the child's previous school or pre-school
- the child's progress and/or attainment is significantly below age related expectations
- there is a significant or prolonged change in the child's behaviour
- a child asks for help

If your child is not making expected progress or if there is another indicator of concern the school will discuss with you:

- any concerns you may have
- any further interventions or referrals to outside professionals to support your child's learning
- how we can work together, to support your child at home and at school

Following a graduated approach, each child is assessed individually and where required an intervention is put into place to accelerate progress. An end of intervention assessment is completed, and a decision may be made to record the child as receiving SEND support. The child will be added to the SEND record.

All parents are encouraged to contribute to their child's education. All provision is with the agreement of parents and carers and consent is sought for all additional provision from outside agencies. Liaison can be through:

- informal conversations

- parent/teacher consultations
- discussions with the class teacher – formally at SEND planning meetings

Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any concerns they have about their child's provision and progress at any time.



Andrea Madams - SENDCo
at Parson Street

Wrap Around Care

We offer wrap around care, which consists of Breakfast club and an after school club called The Nest. To sign your child up to Breakfast club/The Nest, we require an £11 registration fee which will cover you for the whole academic year. All bookings and payments for the club must be made within 24 hours in advance of your child attending. All payments including the registration fee must be paid through the Arbor app, our online parent portal. Your child's place will be confirmed for a session once we have received payment.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club runs from 7:45am– 8:40am everyday. The club is £3 per session per child or £2.50 if you are entitled to means tested free school meals. This includes breakfast such as cereal or toast as well as a range of fun activities.

The Nest

The Nest runs from 3:30pm – 6pm. If your child is collected later than this time, additional charges may occur. The Nest is £9.75 per session, per child. The club offers a range of fun activities such as biscuit decorating, colouring, arts and crafts and movies, sports and a substantial snack is also provided.

After School Clubs

As well as paid wrap around care we also do offer a range of free after school clubs run by teachers, with limited spaces, that have been chosen with the children's interests in mind. These run from 15:30– 16:30 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Information on how to sign up for these will be sent out at the beginning of term 1.

Safeguarding

At Parson Street Primary School, we regard the safeguarding of all pupils as our main priority. Safeguarding is at the very centre of our practice and policies. We believe that all pupils have the right to be happy, to be safe and to learn and thrive in partnership with all members of the school community. We know that it is the responsibility of everyone who comes into contact with children to

keep them safe. Parson Street Primary School is committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care. Our school will support all children by:

- o Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment within the school
- o Encouraging self-esteem and self-assertiveness
- o Effectively tackling bullying and harassment
- o Promoting all aspects of the Equality Act 2010

We have an expectation that all staff and visitors to our school will behave in a way which ensures our children are safeguarded at all times. This expectation involves a duty for any safeguarding concerns to be reported.

WHO CAN I TALK TO AT SCHOOL WHEN I FEEL WORRIED OR UNSAFE?



Mrs James

Mrs Pringle

Mrs Nichols

Mrs Madams

Mrs Harris

Miss Cousins

If you are concerned about the welfare of any child or vulnerable adult then please discuss this with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) on 0117 903 0226

Claire Pringle (Assistant Headteacher)

or the Deputy DSLs:

Karen Cousins (Deputy DSL) Kim Harris (Attendance)

If you think a child is in immediate danger, then you should contact the police 999

or Bristol City Council First Response Team: 0117 903 6444 or Out of Hours 01454 615 165

If children are unhappy they can speak to Childline 0800 111

Policies

All of our school policies (including Safeguarding, Medical Care, Acceptable Use, Health and Safety and Attendance) are on our school website.

<https://parsonstreet.com/key-information/key-policies-and-procedures/>

If you have any questions, or to discuss something in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always ready to talk!

With best wishes,

Team Parson Street