



AVANTI GARDENS  
SCHOOL

# Family Bulletin



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :



Dear families,

Welcome back – I hope you all had a wonderful Half term and enjoyed the extra hour in bed on Monday!

This week we have hosted a parent workshop for families on Phonics. Mrs Roberts & Miss Griffith demonstrated how children learn to read at Avanti Gardens School, using our Read Write Inc programme.

It is Diwali this week – Happy Diwali to our families who are celebrating. So that our children learnt about the different faiths celebrating Diwali, we took the day off-timetable to explore this celebration through a Craft day. Look out for some of the pictures of this in the bulletin below.

Attendance remains a key focus for AGS this year. Some families have received letter this week to communicate their child's attendance below 95%. The team and I are carefully tracking attendance to make improvements this year to the number of children attending promptly and regularly. When pupils aren't attending, they aren't learning.

I wish you each a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. The team and I look forward to welcoming you back for an 08:45 start on Monday.

Yours Faithfully,  
Mr Milum



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# CLASS UPDATES

**Dear Orchid families,**

What a busy first week back. The children have settled back in really well and I have heard lots of wonderful halloween/trick or treating stories from them.

This week we have begun our new topic, Terrific tales. We discussed what a tale is and the children shared their favourite traditional tales, some of them even went on to draw them. The first tale we are learning is The Little Red Hen. We created actions to go alongside our story map and the children have worked really hard at learning it - it is quite a bit longer than the poems we have previously learnt!

Across the provision children have accessed activities linked to the topic, they have made paper plate hens, used masks to act out the story, created fairy tale wands, independently had a go at writing the animals that are in the story and looked at a range of traditional tale books.

On Thursday we had our Diwali craft day. The children learnt about Diwali and then created some Diva lamps and rangoli patterns. They asked lots of questions to deepen their understanding.

The children have fully immersed themselves in the topic this week and I cannot wait to see their enthusiasm continue into next week. Have a wonderful weekend.

*Miss Griffith*



## Hello Lavender families,



What a wonderful start to the new term! The children have returned to school full of excitement and brilliant half term stories that they have enjoyed sharing. This term our topic is Terrific Tales bringing magic and storytelling to the classroom.

This week we have been learning the story 'The Little Red Hen', we have worked together to create a detailed story map to help us retell our story. The children have loved joining in with the telling of the story, especially doing all the different animals voices. It has been lovely to watch them retell the story using the character masks and story map. We have been very busy at the creative table this week making paper plate hens, magic wands and drawing our favourite traditional tales!

On Thursday we learnt about Diwali, who celebrates and the different things that can be done to celebrate. The children had lots of brilliant questions and ideas that they shared with the class. We used clay for the first time to make some beautiful Diva lamps before painting them with bright colours. We also used our knowledge of patterns to make some fantastic rangoli patterns.

It has been a week full of story telling and excitement as the children shared tales with each other and we can't wait to see what they create and learn this term!

Have a lovely weekend!

*Miss Smith*



## Hello Daffodil Families,



Welcome back to Term 2. The children have settled in quickly and have enjoyed exploring our new topics.

In English, we have been learning the story of 'Charlie's Bag'. We have used actions, photos and pictures to help us remember the story and turn this into a story map.

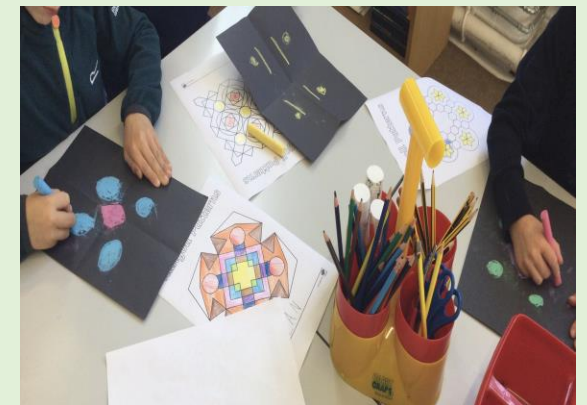
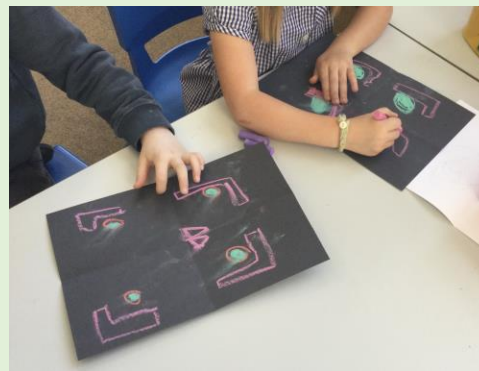
In Maths, we have made repeating patterns using shapes and objects. We have also used prepositional language to explain where things are. We have been amazing at programming the Bee Bots to follow our directions too!

Thank you for sending in baby photos, we enjoyed sharing them and looking at how much we have changed in our lifetimes. We made a personal timeline of things we remember from our lives.

On Thursday, we celebrated Diwali with a craft day. We used chalk to make rangoli patterns and clay to make diya lamps. We learned the story of Rama and Sita and how the festival is celebrated.

Have a wonderful bonfire weekend,

*Mrs Connelly*



## Hello Sunflower families,



Welcome back – We hope you all had a wonderful half term break.

We are off to a flying start in Year 2. This week in English, we have begun learning the story of 'The Papaya that Spoke' using a story map and actions. We started by creating our own wacky fruit people and looking closely at the features of the story. We plan to use these in our own writing and have already had a go at using time conjunctions. Ask your child to show you our time conjunction dance!

In Maths, we are continuing to measure in mm and m and have been focusing on reading a scale to the nearest cm or m. Children were this week given the task of ordering paint to repaint the markings in the sports hall. There was some fantastic problem solving to work out how many tins of paint would be needed based upon the length of the sports hall.

On Thursday we celebrated Diwali – The Festival of Light. Children learnt about why this is a special time of year for many and made diya lamps to represent the spiritual victory of light over darkness.

Thank you to you all for attending our parent meeting this week. It was wonderful to be able to take the time to talk to you all in person and to celebrate your child's successes. I already feel I know the children better as a result of our talks, which were so valuable.

Please do stay in touch.

*Miss Roberts and Mrs Blackwell*



**Dear Iris families,**

The first week of the new term has flown by. The children did very well swimming, they listened well and really enjoyed the experience. The swimming team commented on how brilliant the children were.



We have celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Light this week. The children were taught about a how a family celebrates Diwali by a member of Iris Class. We made Rangoli patterns and clay lamps.

In Science we have started learning about what animals and humans need in order to live. The words spell out MRS NERG, maybe the children can explain at home what that stands for. Our new history topic is 'Lest we Forget', the children have started learning about World War I and a famous Bristolian – Walter Tull.

In maths we are starting our topic on multiplication, we will be learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables over the next few weeks. In English we have been working on speech marks and adverbs. We will start planning a story next week.

Thank you for all the amazing homework brought in last term, the skill shown was amazing.

The new homework grid will be with you soon. Due to swimming on Monday morning, spelling tests will now be on a **Tuesday** and new spellings will be given out on a **Wednesday**.

As always if you have any problems, please let us know.

*Miss Dark and Mr Youngs*



**Dear Foxglove families,**



Foxglove class has had a wonderful first week back after half term. The children seem refreshed and reinvigorated, particularly after all their Halloween sweets!

In Maths, we are continuing to learn how to multiply and divide using a number of different strategies. I have been really impressed with the children's ability to use their fingers to learn the 9 times tables. Why not try testing them at home? I'm sure they'll impress you too!

In Science, we have started learning about different 'States of Matter'. The children were able to articulate the differences between solids, liquids and gases. However, we had to have a debate about which category sand fits into!

We are a creative bunch in Year 4. On Thursday we had lots of fun creating a range of crafts, whilst learning about the festival of Diwali and how Sikhs, Buddhists and Hindus celebrate it.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful weekend,

*Miss Searle*





**Dear Snapdragon Families,**



What a fantastic week we have enjoyed in class! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and hear about their exciting adventures over half term.

This week we have introduced our new text called Skillywidden. This is a traditional Cornish tale that we are using to help us discover the rules of speech as well as introducing us to relative clauses.

In Maths this week Year Five have been looking at factors, multiples and prime numbers. The children have been finding factor pairs for numbers below 100. In Year Six, we have been looking at decimals to three decimal points and multiplying and dividing these numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000.

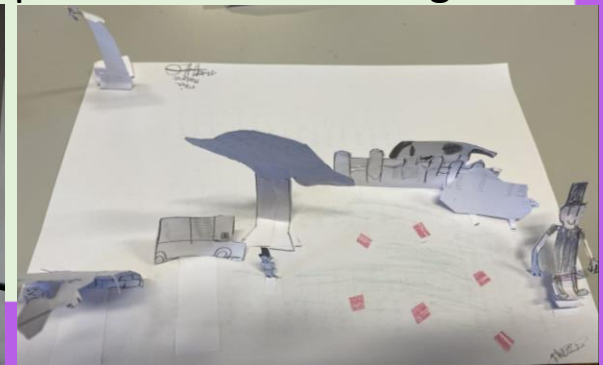
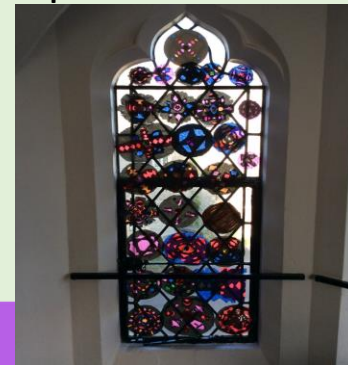
It was amazing to see the children's creativity during our work on Diwali. They could explain the differences and similarities between how and why different religions celebrate this festival. They fashioned Diva lamps out of clay, used wax crayons to create their own Rangoli patterns and made suncatchers using tissue paper.

Our week finished on an exciting note as we were invited to attend a workshop from inside Cop26. It offered an insight into what is taking place and the impact that we can have on shaping the future.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy Bonfire night!

With best wishes,

*Mr Newman*



## Avanti PE lessons

*Year 2* (Monday) - Ball skills unit for year 2 - we were working on catching medium sized balls today - high balls, low balls, and bouncing balls! Annie was star of the day for her excellent concentration on catching and watching the ball all the way into her hands.

*Year 5/6* (Tuesday) - Gymnastics - we started off by recapping some work on poses and balances - the children progressed quickly and were able to combine the two skills into a short routine. Theo was our star of the week for excellent balance and poise.

*Year 4* (Wednesday) - the children are now working on invasion games - basketball is the chosen sport this term. The first session involved dribbling skills (bouncing, moving, and change of direction and speed). Our star of the week was shared between Demba and Edi for improvement with their dribbling skills.

*Reception* (Thursday am) - Orchid and Lavender class - Ball skills is our topic...we were recapping some throwing and catching skills, followed by striking a ball from a 'T' towards a target. Syd was our star of the week in Orchid class for great catching skills, and Fatiha in Lavender class for her focus in yoga.

*Year 3* (Thursday pm) - Our new topic is based on invasion games and the chosen sport is netball. The children worked hard on passing and catching skills using the correct technique for netball. Our star of the week for his brilliant chest passes was Otis.

## STAR OF THE WEEK

**EYFS: Orchid:** This weeks star of the week is Jaxon. Jaxon has loved learning the story of The Little Red Hen. It was evident to see because of how much effort he put into learning it. He spoke clearly and tried his hardest at all times. He also independently attempted to write out the animals that are in the story. He used the skills learnt in our phonics lesson to help him and used the sound mat to support his letter formation. Well done, Jaxon!



**Lavender** : Our star of the week this week is Evan who has really embraced our new topic. Evan has worked hard to retell the story 'The Little Red Hen' and used the story map to support him. He also showed his creativity while telling his own story using brilliant storytelling language. Well done Evan!

Evan

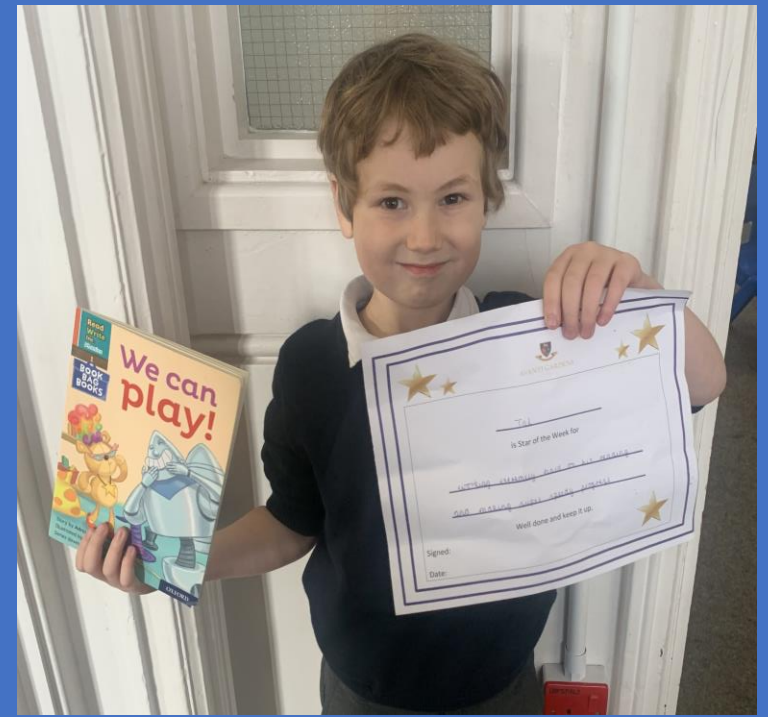
Once upon a time there was a little boy who lived in a castle. He lived all by himself and wanted to find another house. He found two more houses and the solar system. One house was in the sky so he needed a ladder to climb up he lived there forever.  
The end.

**Year 1**

**Our star of the week in Daffodils this week is Luke. Luke is the newest member of our class and has made a great start. He has tried hard to remember and follow all our school values. Well done, Luke - keep up the great start you have made!**



Year 2: Star of the Week is Tal for his incredible reading. Tal has worked so hard with this, reading every night at home and every day in school. He has made super speedy progress and is very proud of his achievements. As are we! Well done, superstar!



**Year 3: Anjali is the Star of the Week, she was an amazing storyteller, telling the class the story of Diwali. Anjali also told the class how her family celebrated Diwali and the special activities they did. She spoke with confidence and the children really enjoyed listening to**



**Year 4:** Iva gives her all to everything she does. Her behaviour is always exemplary and she works incredibly hard. During Diwali craft day she took care over her tealight holder, showing her creativity and a great attention to detail.



**Year 5/6:**

Jesse demonstrated excellent creativity and ingenuity during craft day when creating his own Diya lamp and Suncatcher.



## NOTICES

### GOVINDA'S UPDATE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is having some sessions of a new kind of food education this term called the Flavour school programme, which is organised by our school catering Govinda's.

This is based on a system of food education called Sapere. The idea is to help children:

- Have positive experiences with vegetables and fruits.
- Get to know their own senses and learn to 'try' foods with all five senses.
- Increase the variety of the foods they can name and want to eat.
- Be brave about trying new foods (but also to know it is fine not to like them).
- Learn that food is something sociable and fun that can be shared with friends.

The programme involves a number of different exercises which help the children become confident with new vegetables. We may also be doing experiments with smelling foods and touching vegetables and fruits hidden in the bottom of socks/containers/ blindfolded. We hope that by the end of this course of lessons, your children will become more open to exploring new foods at home as well. The lessons involve direct contact with a number of fresh ingredients, almost all of which are vegetables or fruits.

### INSET DAY AND MENU CHANGE

Next Friday, the 12th November, is a staff inset day and the school will be closed to children.

On Thursday the kitchen will be serving the Friday option. Please see menu below, next week is week 2.

## NOTICES

### PHONICS WORKSHOP

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Read, Write, Inc Phonics parent workshop yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many of you and we were particularly grateful for your enthusiastic participation – wonderful sounds everyone!

Please follow the link to find even more helpful tips and videos for parents and carers, to support children at home.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents-copy-2/>

As always, we are happy to answer any questions or queries you may have.

### FOOD BANK HARVEST DONATION

This week we received a letter from the East Bristol Food Bank to say that our school had brought in 163.54kg of donated items! Wow!

Thank you again for your generosity.

### CONSIDERATE PARKING

Please could you ensure that you do not park in front of driveways around the school. We have had a number of complaints from our neighbours who have been unable to move their cars as they have been blocked in. Please be kind and considerate and if necessary, park a little further away from school and walk the rest of the way. Many thanks.



## **SPORTING CHANCE**

We hope you all enjoyed your half term break. We are now looking ahead to term 2 and brand new topics for PE! We have also restarted our after school sports clubs this week too (see below). After having a good catch up with the staff team (Mr Johnson, Mr Dyer, and Mrs Prosser) we discussed what has seen working well and what we could do better from term 1. The teachers spoke to the children to gain some feedback too and they seem to particularly love the new lunchtime provision we installed in term 1. We would be pleased to hear any more feedback from you re our service at Avanti Gardens. [info@sportingchance-csp.co.uk](mailto:info@sportingchance-csp.co.uk)

### **Avanti After School Clubs Term 2**

We will be continuing our Tuesday and Wednesday Multi-sports clubs during term 2. The clubs will start again first week of term 2 (w/c 1st November) for 7 weeks at price of £31.50. If you would like to secure a place please book now to avoid disappointment.

<https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events/2021/11/01/avanti-gardens-school-clubs-term-2>

***Tuesdays Multi-sports Club KS2 (4 SPACES)***: a variety of sports throughout the term - examples of sports include; tennis, cricket, rounders, athletics, football, tag rugby, basketball, pop-lacrosse, survival skills, dance, gymnastics, and dodgeball

***Wednesdays Superstars Club EYFS and KS1 (FULLY BOOKED)***: a variety of sport and activities throughout the term - examples of sports / activities include; team building and leadership games, mini-tennis, kwik cricket, rounders, mini-olympics, football, tag rugby, survival skills, dance, jungle gym, and dodgeball

### **Saturday Sports Club**

Sporting Chance run the ever-popular Saturday Sports Club for children aged 4-9 years held at Mangotsfield Primary School. We have two sessions (9-10am for 4-5 years and 1015-1115am for 6-9 years). The club is hosted by Mrs Prosser (Avanti PE teacher) and Mr Williams. We run a variety of activities from week to week including; team building and leadership, survival skills, basketball, hockey, football, dodgeball, cricket, rounders, tennis etc. Check out our website for more information..This weeks' session is Danish Long Ball.

<https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/saturday-sports-club>

# Attendance Matters



175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, holidays and other appointments					
190 School days for each child's education	10 days of absence	19 days of absence	29 days of absence	38 days of absence	47 days of absence
180 days of Education	171 days of Education	161 days of Education	152 days of Education	143 days of Education	
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good Best Chance of Success</b>		<b>Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered</b>		<b>Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action</b>	



w/c 01.11.21	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
92.8 %	93.5 %	92.9 %	92.6 %	94.5 %	90.3 %

“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.”

	Option	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Main Option	Mac & cheese (G, Mk or Vg*) or Black-eyed peas minestrone Soup (Ce, G, Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily Topping	Bean and cheese quesadillas (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Greens & cheese parcels (G,M, Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Hot dogs (G, Ce, S, Vg, M) or Cauliflower pea curry with naan (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) Or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Stir Fry Noodles (Ce, G, S, Vg) or Potato rosti with beans & cheese (Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Mexican bean rice (C) or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Apple crumble with custard (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*)	Coconut Jam cake (G, Vg)	Chocolate mousse (Mk)	Strawberry Jelly (Vg)	Ice Cream (Mk or Vg*)
WEEK 2	Main Option	Green pesto penne rigate (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable Soup & bread (Ce, G or Gf*, Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Fajitas (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Mediterranean tart (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Homemade sausage rolls (G, Ce, S, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable coconut curry with rice (Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Lasagne (Ce, G, Mk or Vg*) or Chana masala with naan (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Couscous with Roasted Vegetables (G) or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Greek style yoghurt with mango coulis (Mk or Vg*)	Chocolate Mousse (Mk)	Flapjack (G)	Orange Jelly (Vg)	Ice Lollies (Vg)
WEEK 3	Main Option	Roasted vegetable Pasta bake (Ce, G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Roasted Tomato Soup & Bread (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Burrito Wraps (Ce, G or Gf, Mk or Vg*) or Potato rosti with beans & cheese (Mk or Vg*) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Halloumi pesto burger (G, Mk) or Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Vg) or Jacket Potato with daily topping	Sausage Mash & Gravy (Ce, G, S, Mk or Vg*) or Matar paneer with Rice (Mk) or Sandwich of the day (G or Gf, Mk or Vg*)	Margarita Pizza & Chips (Ce, G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*) or Vegetable Pilaf Rice or Jacket Potato with daily topping
	Sides	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar	Seasonal salad bar
	Dessert	Pear Crumble with Custard (G or Gf*, Mk or Vg*)	Carrot Cake (G, Vg)	Flapjack (G, Vg)	Chocolate chip shortbread (G, Mk or Vg*)	Ice Cream (Mk or Vg*)

Allergens

Mk - Contains dairy | G - Contains gluten | M - Mustard

Ce - Celery | S - Soya | Vg - Vegan | Vg\* - Vegan option | GF\* - Gluten Free option

Please Note: Fruits are available every day

Gluten Free & Vegan option available every day

Week 1 commencing: Aug- 30, Sep- 20; Oct- 11; Nov- 15; Dec- 06



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Next Link domestic abuse telephone help lines are **open 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday**  
**0800 470 0280**

Help is also available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** on the **National Domestic Violence Helpline**  
– **Freephone 0808 2000 247**



**Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.**

### NSPCC FGM helpline

If you need advice or information about female genital mutilation or are worried about a child at risk you can contact us 24/7.

FGM helpline (24 hours a day / 7 days a week, free from a landline) 0800 028 3550

(Run by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, NSPCC)

NSPCC FGM Email: [fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk)

NSPCC Website: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

NSPCC Text helpline: 85888 (this service is free and anonymous)



0117 903 6444

Anyone can ring First Response if they are concerned about a child or young person or if they think they need support.

First Response can help in different ways including:

- Providing information, advice and guidance about services to help families.
- Making a referral to the Early Help team who can provide support to children, young people and families.
- Making a referral to a social work team.

Young Carer Support- Are you worried your child is a Young Carer?

Bristol Young Carers Website

<https://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk/young-carers/>

Or speak to Mrs Blackwell in school for accessing support for your child

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