



AVANTI GARDENS  
SCHOOL

# Family Bulletin



**Dear Families,**



**Another fantastic week at Avanti Gardens has flown by. I have been extremely impressed with the children's resilience this week.**

**Spring has arrived and it's been lovely to see trips resuming within the school. Reception have enjoyed a visit to Oldbury Court this week to support their learning about growth and Spring.**

**Thank you to those Parents/Carers who were able to support the children walking there and back.**

**Our PTA have held their first meeting this week, which is a great step forwards for our school. We look forward to this partnership moving forwards, fundraising for our school. A reminder to all Parents that next Friday 25th March is an INSET day.**

**We have enjoyed raising money today for Comic relief and have raised a wonderful amount of just under £100.**

**I hope you enjoy a restful weekend. We look forward to welcoming you back from 8.30 on Monday morning.**

**Yours Faithfully,  
Mr Milum**



## CLASS UPDATES



Dear Orchid families,

We have been very busy in Orchid class this week. We started the week by reading 'The Tiny Seed' and we had lots of discussions around the seasons and how flowers grow. Some of the children went on to design their own front cover to the book whilst others made their own picture with seeds.

In Literacy we have been focusing on describing words. The children have been really enthusiastic about this and had lots of ideas that they chose to share with the class.

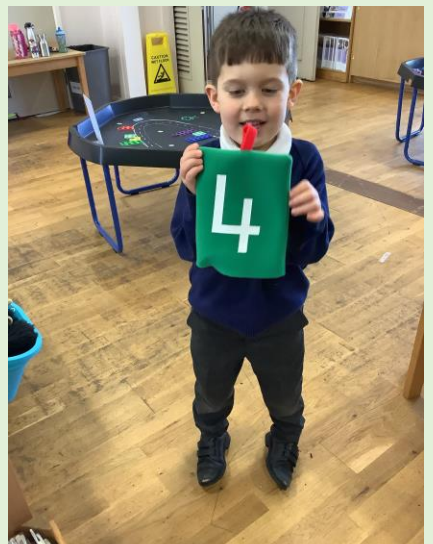
In Maths we have been counting in 5s. The children have been able to notice the pattern and we have been looking out for any groups of 5s we can find.

On Wednesday we went on our first class walk to Oldbury Court. We had so much fun spotting signs of spring and I overheard many wonderful discussions about the environment. We cannot wait to do it again next week!

On Friday we learnt about comic relief and had a range of activities around the classroom that linked to this. Children had the opportunity to design their own red nose and make a red nose out of playdough.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Griffith*







Hello Lavender families ,

Lavender class have really enjoyed learning all about how plants grow this week. We have been reading 'The Tiny Seed' and discussing the journey of a seed. The children were able to explain the journey the seeds took, and the different reasons seeds did not grow using their knowledge of what a plant needs to grow.

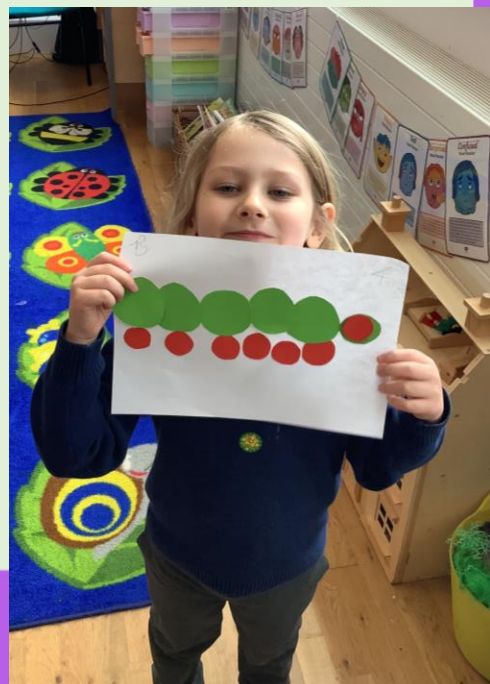
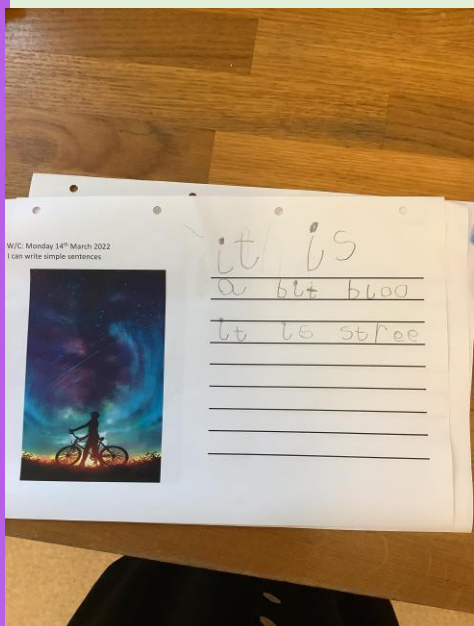
This week in Literacy we have been thinking about describing words and what we use them for. The children have loved looking at different pictures and thinking of describing words to describe what they could see.

In Maths we have moved from counting in 2s to counting in 5s! The children have really applied themselves to this, making links to their learning from last week.

On Wednesday we went on our first walk to Oldbury Court. The children were so excited and wowed me with how sensible and safe they were. We had some wonderful discussions about the signs of spring we could spot, with the children using some fantastic vocabulary!

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Miss Smith*





**Hello Daffodil Families,**

**It has been a great week in Daffodil class!**

**In our Maths lessons we have been beginning to look at fractions. The children have been learning to split shapes and numbers into halves and quarters.**

**In Writing this week we have been learning about acrostic poems. We have read lots of different acrostic poems to get some inspiration and then they have all written their own poem about spring. They have been making sure to include some interesting adjectives.**

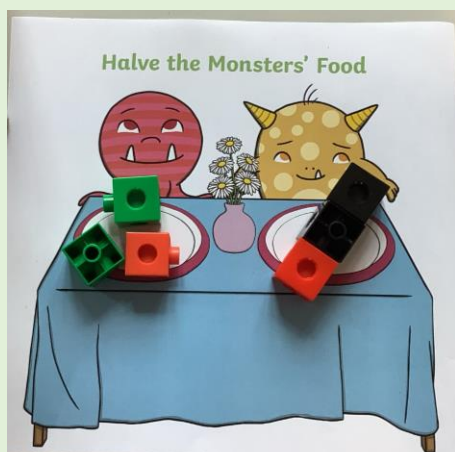
**We created some more Banksy inspired art this week. The children created their own stencil and used a toothbrush to flick paint onto it to create a spray-paint effect. They also practised creating their own street art tag of their name.**

**Our bean plants that we have been looking after for science this term have started to grow quite a lot! We have enjoyed making sure they have enough water and sunlight every day.**

**Keep up the great reading at home!**

**Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.**

*Mrs Connelly*



**Hello Sunflower families,**



**In English we began innovating a fictional story called 'How The World Was Made' using verbs to describe how musical instruments are played and writing in the past tense.**

**In Maths we revisited addition & subtraction to consolidate our learning. We were able to move on to using larger numbers quickly thanks to our amazing knowledge of number bonds to 20.**

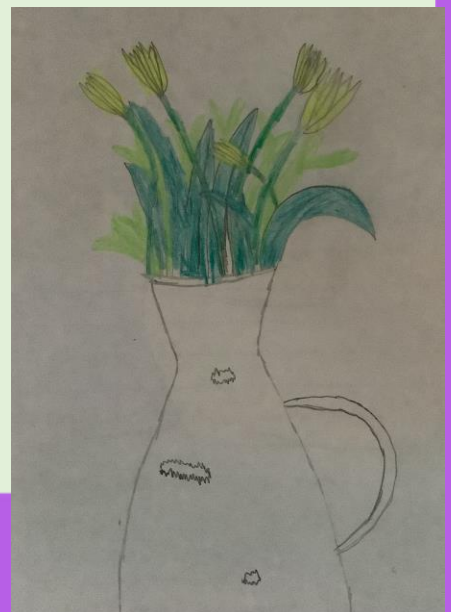
**In Phonics we've been using sounds to spell new and ambitious words - thank you so much for supporting practise at home.**

**In our 'City Farms' Topic learning we learned about food provenance and were able to sort produce into categories based on whether they came from plant or animal.**

**In Art we were Inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflowers to draw our own still life flowers in a vase.**

**Over the coming days and weeks, you may find extra sheets in your child's bag. These activities can be used for practise at home, if time and energy allows, and are specific to your child's current stage of learning. Please do speak to us if you have any questions at all. We hugely appreciate your support with this!**

**Miss Roberts and Miss Lollover**





Dear Iris families,



We have had another fantastic week this week.

In Maths, we have been mentally adding and subtracting multiples of tens and hundreds from three-digit numbers. Any practise of this at home would be great.

In English, we have identified features in a newspaper report and have been learning about subordinate clauses and formal/informal language. We will be using these to write our own newspaper reports next week.

We have completed an investigation in Science, we made predictions and then investigated which objects/materials are magnetic.

The children really enjoyed outdoor learning this week where we did some team building games to improve our teamwork and communication.

We have designed our houses, ready to start making next week. Please bring your collected resources in ready for Monday, when we will start building.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Dark



17/03/22  
LO: to investigate magnets  
what you need:  
magnet  
lots of objects  
prediction:  
I predict the door handle is magnetic because its metal

Object	outcome
door	attracted
board legs	attracted
whitboard	attracted
water bottle	repelled
pencil, pen	attracted
table leg	attracted

17/03/22  
L.O. to add and subtract 100s from 3 digit numbers

Fast 5

1) $1558 + 400 = 1958$	✓
2) $2558 - 500 = 2058$	✓
3) $3558 + 100 = 3658$	✓
4) $4649 + 300 = 4949$	✓
5) $5649 - 400 = 5249$	✓
6) $6649 + 200 = 6849$	✓
7) $7807 + 300 = 8107$	✓
8) $8287 + 300 = 8587$	✓
9) $9619 + 200 = 9819$	✓
10) $10777 - 300 = 10477$	✓
11) $112 + 300 = 412$	✓
12) $12995 - 900 = 12095$	✓
13) $13274 + 600 = 13874$	✓
14) $14398 - 300 = 14098$	✓
15) $15157 + 500 = 15657$	✓
16) $16401 - 400 = 16001$	✓
17) $17275 + 600 = 17875$	✓

**Dear Foxglove families,**

**We have had a great week in year 4!**



**In Maths this week, we have been working on increasing our place value confidence. This included partitioning numbers, addition and subtraction and we also had a look at rounding numbers. A busy week for our mathematicians.**

**In Reading, we have looked at a new text called Rock Star Detectives by Adam Hills. The children have also been working hard on improving their dictionary skills.**

**In Writing, we have been writing persuasive letters. We have been writing as Little Red Riding Hood trying to persuade the council of Grimheart forest that the wolf is a bully and needs banishing. They also wrote a persuasive letter to Miss Kitchen to ask for extra play!**

**In ICT, we continued to work on writing a newspaper article using an online template. This week they wrote an article about their marathon fundraiser for Ukraine and had to make sure they chose a suitable title and pictures to go alongside their articles.**

**In Geography, we continue with our water cycle topic. The class are very knowledgeable about this cycle!**

**Hope you have a relaxing weekend,**

**Miss Kitchen and Miss Forde**





**Dear Snapdragon Families,**

**It has been a busy time in class this week.**

**In English, Year 5 have been writing their own versions of the fable 'The Tortoise and the Hare'. The children have thought carefully of their moral and had some wonderful ideas to create their own focusing upon their use of speech. In Year 6 we have been creating our own information texts on an animal of our choice. We have thought about the type of language that needs to be used and how we should lay it out. It has been very informative for me to find out so much about the different animals!**

**In Maths, we have been finding fractions and percentages of amounts. The children have been using their knowledge of equivalence to help them find a range of percentages to solve some tricky real-life problems.**

**In Outdoor Learning we have been looking at designing our own trim trail. Of course, the best way to evaluate one is to try it out! We made a list of the pros and cons of our current one before thinking about what we would like in our own.**

**In Science we have looked at how our knowledge of the universe has changed over time. We compared the Geocentric model to the Heliocentric and why beliefs have changed over the last 12,000 years.**

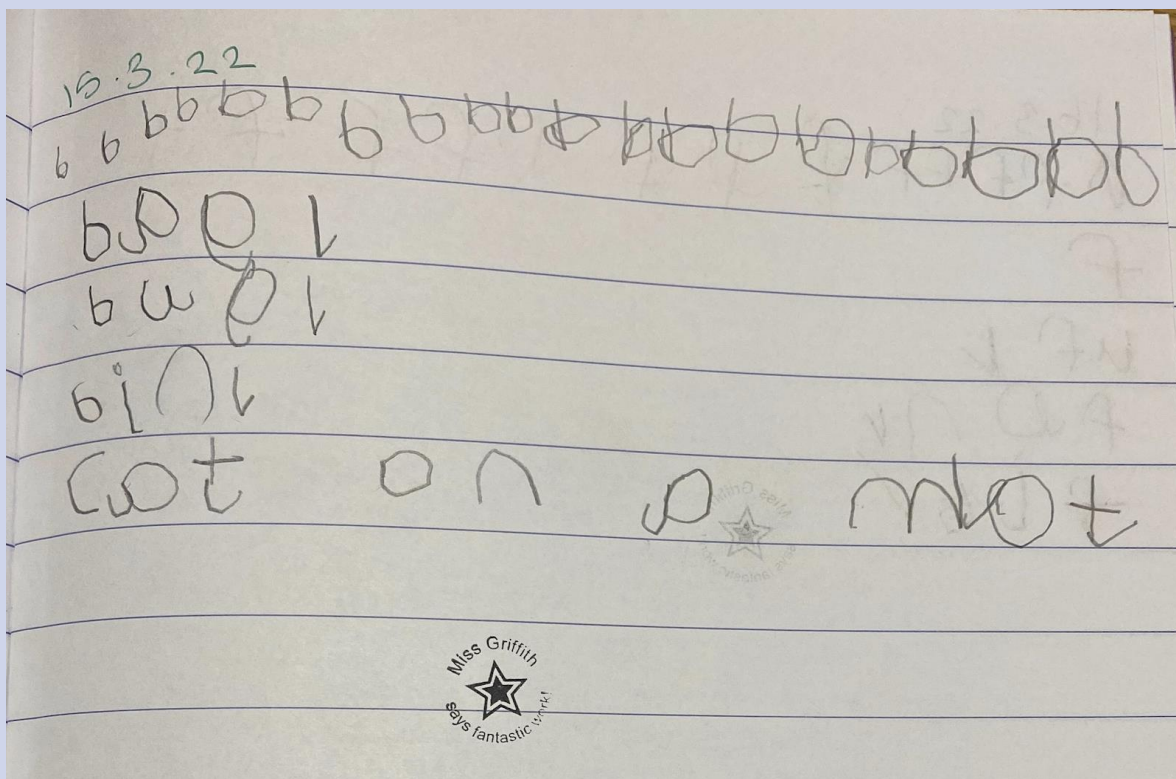
**Have a lovely weekend,**

***Mr Newman & Miss Lollover***

# STAR OF THE WEEK

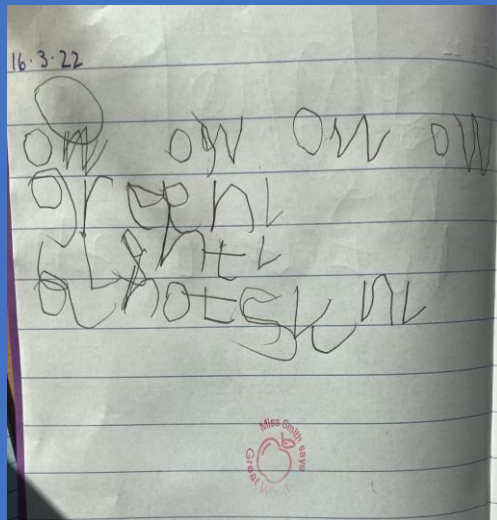
**EYFS:**

**Orchid: This week's star of the week is Hector. Hector has been putting so much effort into his phonics this week and his efforts have really paid off. He has been writing his own sentences! The focus he shows is truly amazing. Well done, Hector.**



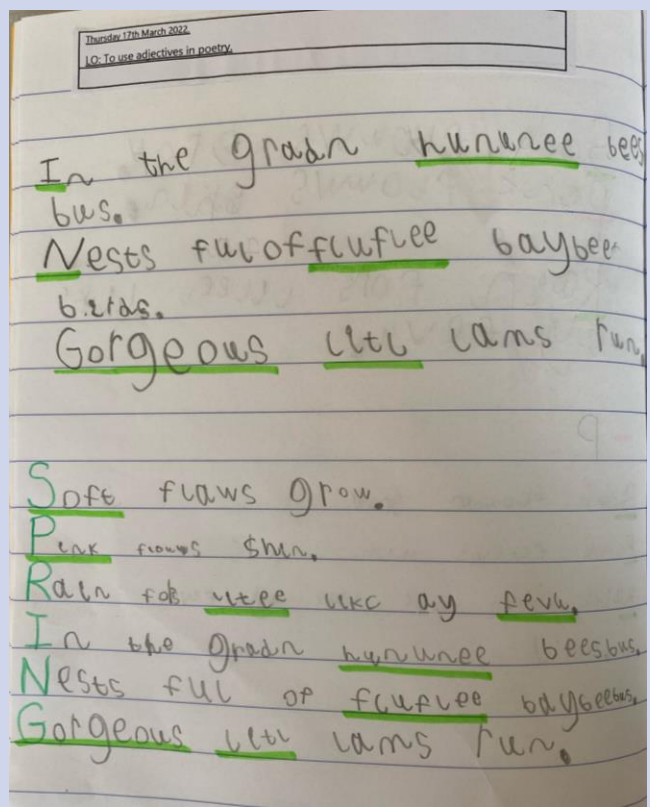
Lavender:

Our star of the week this week is Logan. Logan has been working really hard in phonics and is now able to write sentences independently. Well done Logan!



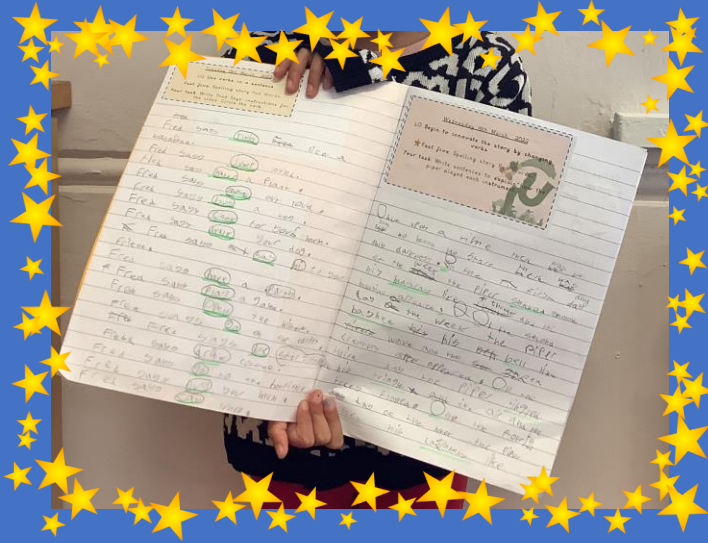
Year 1

Ruby is our star of the week! She has written a brilliant acrostic poem all about spring where she worked hard on her handwriting.





Year 2: Aani is our star of the week for her outstanding effort across all subjects. Not only is she super helpful around the classroom but she has really worked hard and challenged herself this week. Huge well done!



Year 3: Our star of the week this week is Dexter. He has been working very hard in all lessons this week and his brilliant efforts have been noticed. Keep up the good work Dexter!



Year 4:

**Our star of the week is La'Mya! She has been super helpful this week and encouraging her peers to make good choices!**

**Year 5/6:**

**Alessia for her superb effort in finding percentages of amounts this week.**

# **Sporting Chance**

Happy Friday everyone! We hope you all have had a good week. We have been working hard to secure new skills throughout our PE and the children are enjoying this terms' topics. We've had some excellent performances this week from yr 5/6 in dance and fantastic routines in gym from yr 3. Well done!

**Year 2 (Monday)** - Yr 2 were extremely focused today on their gymnastics. The children were showing good commitment to learning the various techniques for dish, arch, front support and back support. We put these together as part of a routine.

**Year 5/6 (Tuesday)** - The children continued to work on their routines...we had a good session with the key focus being on mirroring and cannon today. We had a group of PE Champions today - Vanessa, Tashi, Ava P, Olivia.

**Year 3 (Wednesday)** - Yr 3 are progressing well in gymnastics moving into various balances using the equipment and assembling routines using our floor shapes / movements and adding balances. PE Champion was Nell and Yoga Master was Liam.

**Year 4 (Wednesday)** - Yr 4 worked well today to practice striking a ball from a static and moving position. We used cricket as our focus for striking and fielding today. Luna was our PE Champion today.

**Year R (Thursday)** - Reception classes were fantastic at working on their yoga today - some wonderful examples of mountain pose from Aya and Wren. In PE the children focused on some sliding, rolling, and throwing skills working independently and together as pairs. Theo and Tess were our PE Champions.

**Year 1 (Friday)** - We spent time listening to an emotional song and then deciding movements to match the music as part of our dance routine. The children worked in pairs to plan a simple routine in unison. PE Champion was Thomas and Luke was our Yoga Master.



# Notices

## WRAP AROUND CARE

The final touches to the Oldbury Court Out of Schools Club provision on site are being completed. We hope this provision will be available after Easter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In order to align our term dates with the rest of the Avanti Schools Trust, from September 2022, there will be an additional week's holiday in October half term and an additional week after Christmas. The changes to the term dates from 2022 is designed to bring the school in line with the other schools in the MAT. This will help our school to align our curriculum and assessment planning with other Avanti schools as well as CPD provision and deployment of staff. It will also provide equity in terms of contractual arrangements for all AST school-based staff.

**For questions regarding this change, please email [info@avanti.org.uk](mailto:info@avanti.org.uk)**

## **Term Dates 2022-2023**

	Start	Finish	Inset days
Term 1	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Autumn Half Term 2022	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	
Term 2	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	
Christmas Break 2022	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	
Term 3	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	
Spring Half Term 2023	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	
Term 4	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	
Easter Break 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	
Term 5	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	
Summer Half Term 2023	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	
Term 6	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Friday 25th March – Inset Day**

**BOOK ONLINE NOW**

## [Easter Holidays Sports Camps in Emersons Green and Kingswood](#)

FREE FSM PLACES AVAILABLE (Kingswood)

11 - 14 & 19 - 22 April

### **KINGSWOOD AREA**

★ [St Stephens Juniors School, BS15 1XD](#)

★ Paid and FREE places available ([HAF provider 2022](#))

### **EMERSONS GREEN AREA**

★ [Mangotsfield Primary School, BS16 7EY](#)

★ Paid places only

Football Frenzy   Survival Skills   Multisports  
Mayhem   Mini Olympics    Dodgeball  
Divas   Tag Rugby Showdown  

★ Holiday Sports Camps for children aged 5-11 (Yr 1-6)

★ Open every day 830/10am to 330pm

★ Ofsted registered childcare from £16.00 per day



Community Children's  
Health Partnership



## School Health Nurses Free webinars for parents and carers

### Schedule for March 2022

These sessions are suitable for carers of children and young people of all ages.  
Click the links for full details.



Contenance in children and  
young people [bit.ly/3J22f09](https://bit.ly/3J22f09)



Eating disorder awareness  
[bit.ly/3hU8Qha](https://bit.ly/3hU8Qha)



Healthy eating and physical  
activity [bit.ly/3MFoSJN](https://bit.ly/3MFoSJN)



Dental health  
[bit.ly/3MED0b8](https://bit.ly/3MED0b8)



Keeping your child happy  
and healthy [bit.ly/35Np9Kg](https://bit.ly/35Np9Kg)



Understanding your child's  
wellbeing [bit.ly/3MEDPMe](https://bit.ly/3MEDPMe)



Helping your child with sleep  
[bit.ly/34uVIBo](https://bit.ly/34uVIBo)

Service provided by



Find out more about School Health Nurses at [cchp.nhs.uk](https://cchp.nhs.uk)





New campaign helps mums get more active

Looking after yourself and getting some regular exercise is tough when the kids are small. If you do get a few spare minutes, it's hard to know where to start.

If that sounds like you, check out our website encouraging and supporting Mums to take small steps to becoming more active. Whether it's a walk round the block, 10 minutes hula hooping, or a kitchen disco while cooking the tea – it all counts.

Meet the inspiring Bristol Mums taking their own small steps and find an activity to suit you at the [Bristol Girls Can website](https://www.bristolgirlscan.co.uk) and [Facebook community group](#).





HILLFIELDS  
COMMUNITY GARDEN

# Spring Fair!

**SATURDAY APRIL 2ND**

**12PM TO 3PM**

**HILLFIELDS PARK, THICKET AVE BS16 4EH**



STORYTELLING  
MUSIC

KIDS ACTIVITIES  
EVERYONE WELCOME



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# Hillfields Community Garden

## EVENTS:

**SPRING FAIR** - 12-3pm April 2nd

**SUMMER PICNIC** - 12-3pm June 25th

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## REGULAR GROUPS:

(EVERYONE WELCOME, NO NEED TO PRE-BOOK)

### VOLUNTEER GROUP

Every third **SATURDAY 10.30-12pm**

A social group for all ages. Help to look after the garden, meet new people and connect with your community.

### GARDENING FOR WELLBEING

Every second **FRIDAY 10.30-12pm**

(Term time only)

Gardening | stories | activities | crafts  
A drop-in group providing gardening, nature based art activities and guided relaxation to support mental wellbeing.

### WILD WOMEN

Monthly on **MONDAY** evenings

Mutual support group for women who are experiencing menopause or perimenopause.

### MINI EXPLORERS

Every last **MONDAY 10-11am**

Songs | stories | activities | crafts | gardening  
Aimed at 3-5 year olds and their parents, siblings welcome too.

**E:** [hillfieldscommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:hillfieldscommunitygarden@gmail.com)

**W:** [www.hillfieldspark.fishpondsbristol.uk](http://www.hillfieldspark.fishpondsbristol.uk)

**FB:** [facebook.com/hillfieldscommunitygarden](https://facebook.com/hillfieldscommunitygarden)





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Green Pesto pasta Lentil Soup & bread Jacket Potato & Cheese	Enchiladas & salsa Cheese Pasty Jacket Potato & Cheese	Veggie Hot Dog Thai Coconut Curry & Rice Jacket Potato & Cheese	Lasagna Ratatouille Jacket Potato & Cheese	Pizza & Wedges Yellow Dahl & Naan Jacket Potato & Cheese
Salad Bar, Fruits & bread Fruit Yoghurt	Salad Bar, Fruits & bread Apple Crumble & Custard	Salad Bar, Fruits & bread Seeded Flapjacks	Salad Bar, Fruits & bread Chocolate Cake	Salad Bar, Fruits & bread Ice Cream



## IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

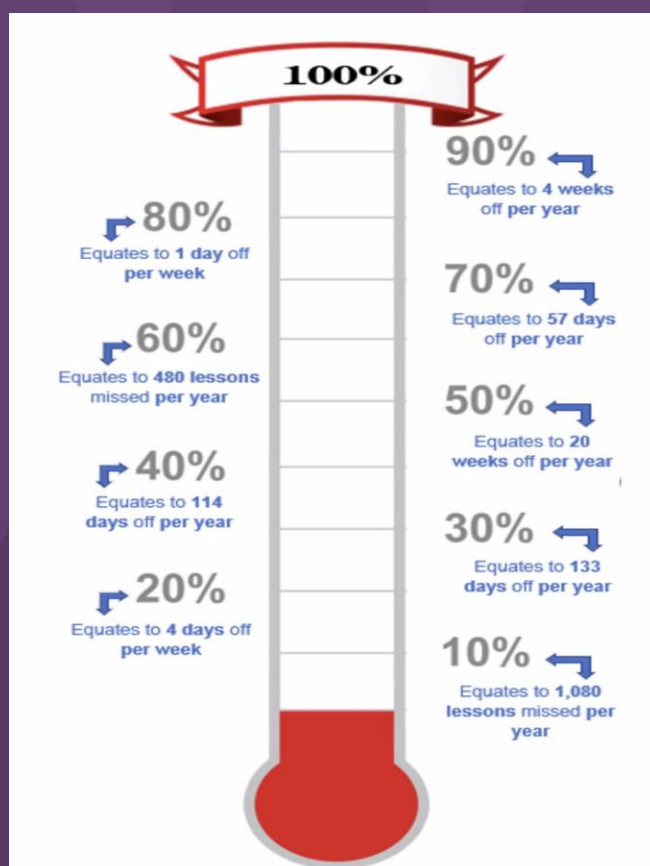
Please click on the link below for useful advice from the NHS as to whether your child may attend school if suffering from a variety of illnesses.

## IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

### 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 180 days of Education	19 days of absence 171 days of Education	29 days of absence 161 days of Education	38 days of absence 152 days of Education	47 days of absence 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 03.22	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
83.9 %	82.6 %	84.9 %	84 %	85.2 %	82.7 %





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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**

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.

### 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)



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

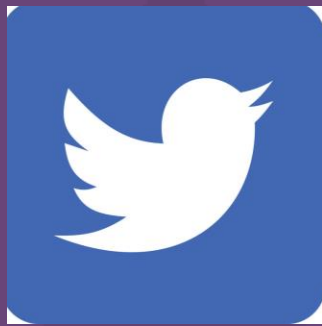


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