

# Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

**NOVA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Let me open this edition of 'Nova News' with the highest praise possible for those children who completed their SATs. I never had any doubt about their ability to reach their potential, but there are often some nervous faces and even a few tears - not this year!

I couldn't have asked more of them. Of course, behind the scenes, a huge amount of work goes on. Learning, as always has been focused and well targeted to individual needs. Every child has been encouraged and supported to succeed without limits. The pastoral care has been excellent- the breakfast club for year 6's was a pleasure to attend and children have wanted for nothing.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking the staff, who do everything they can for our children (often outside of school hours) and ask for nothing of the children -

## Dates for your diary

We know how important it is to be able to plan in advance. We will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with school events.

## Bristol Term Dates for 2017 – 2018

### Term 5

Mon 9th April to Fri 25th May 2018

### Term 6

Mon 4th June to Tues 24th July 2018\*

\*School will be open for children on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

just that they do the best they can. May I also pass on my thanks to the CO-OP in Shirehampton and to Hovis Bakery who donated the breakfast supplies this year.

On another positive note, we had more parents than ever (10) attend our Parent/Carer Forum this month. It was a packed agenda. A brief summary of the discussions and next steps are detailed further down. The next Parent/Carer Forum will take place on 12th July at 9.15am. We will be reviewing the School Improvement Plan and talking about anti-bullying initiatives for Nova, as well as feeding back about the behaviour audit (see below). As always, there are refreshments and toys for little ones.

It has been a long and busy term. I am encouraging all staff to take a well-earned break and feel proud of what they have achieved. I encourage you to do the same and look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th June for the final term of the academic year.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris  
Headteacher

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE  
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING  
INSET DAYS**

--

**Inset Day 5**

Friday 25 May 2018

**Bristol Term Dates for 2018 –  
2019**

-

**Term 1**

Mon 3rd Sept to Fri 26th Oct 2018

-

**Term 2**

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec 2018

-

**Term 3**

Mon 7th Jan to Fri 15th Feb 2019

-

**Term 4**

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

-

**Term 5**

Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

-

**Term 6**

Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July  
2019

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE  
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING**



**INSET DAYS 18/19**

--

**Inset Day 1 & 2**

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th Sept 2018

-

**Inset Day 3**

Monday 7th January 2019

-

**Inset Day 4**

Friday 5th April 2019

-

**Inset Day 5**

Friday 24th May 2019

**Other Useful Dates:**

**Year 6 Theatre Trip**

14th June

-

**PTFA Summer Fayre**

23rd June

-

**KS1 Sports Day**

26th June

-

**KS2 Sports Day**

29th June

-

**New Reception 2018 Entrants**

**Teddy Bear's Picnic**

6th July

-

**KS1 Reserve Sports Day**

10th July

-

**Parent/Carer Forum**

12th July @ 9.15am

-

**KS2 Reserve Sports Day**

13th July

-

**PTFA Summer Disco**

13th July

-

**Reading Celebration**

16th July @ 2.30pm

-

**Year 5 & 6 Performance**

19th July 2.00pm & 6.00pm

-

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

23th July @ 10.00am

-

**Nova's Got Talent**

23rd July

---

## CURRICULUM AT NOVA

Lots of interesting, fun and memorable learning has taken place this term. Lines of enquiries have focused on plants, animals and the environment and children have produced wonderful work across the curriculum. Many children have enjoyed school trips and visits from experts which have broadened their experiences and brought learning to life. Read on for exciting learning news.

Classes aim to tweet photos and information so keep your eyes peeled to find out what's happening in class.

**Year R** a wonderful visit to Puxton Park this term. We learnt all about how their dairy farm works, spent time with lots of animals, and we even got to ride on a tractor!





**Year 3** have been outside in the garden looking at all the flowers. We have learnt about the parts of a flower so we examined them carefully. We noticed the flowers on the strawberry plants which we know will become strawberries later in the summer.



**Year 5** visited Mojo Active as part of our Line of Enquiry. We studied and identified different trees, plants and vegetation as well as building on important teamwork skills. We loved each activity and had a lot of fun. Here are just a few pics from the morning.









**Year 6** to round off their WWII Line of Enquiry, have been researching German and British artists who worked in the 1930s and 1940s - Paul Klee and Clarice Cliff. They chose motifs from famous paintings and ceramics, made sketches and created truly amazing works of art of their own. A fab ending to a very busy term!





Of course, we always welcome parent/carer helpers - you may have a skill or interest that could really enhance the children's learning and we would love to see you.

---

## MEET THE TEAM



**Name:** Sam Walker

**Role:** Year 5 Teacher & Science Lead

**The best part of the role:**

Being surprised every day and watching how much children grow over a year.

**Hobbies:**

Watching football (Arsenal) and attempting to go to the gym

**Favourite book:**

Shiverton Hall by Emerald Fennell

**Favourite quote:**

"Education is not the learning of facts, but training the mind to think" - Albert Einstein

**Experience:**

I began my career when I was 18, working in a nursery in Worthing with children aged 3 and 4 years old. I then did my teacher training at the University of the West of England (UWE) for three years before moving back home and becoming a classroom teacher at Thomas a Becket Middle School. I moved to Nova Primary (and Bristol) in 2016 and have been teaching here ever since!

---

**OTHER NEWS**

**Line of Enquiry Dress Up Day**

The School Council were able to raise almost £200 this month with our dress-up day.

As always, children made a spectacular effort and there were so many smiles throughout the day, particularly when the children arrived at Celebration Assembly at the end of the day. The proceeds will go to the World Wildlife Fund - so many of our children show concern for endangered animals and this makes it the perfect charity.

Here are some of the most amazing costumes of all!







### What Would You Do?

Pupils in Blaise Castle and Kingsweston classes have had the opportunity to work with Unique Voice (a drama company) and Crimestoppers during Terms 4 and 5.

Through weekly workshops, pupils have explored themes such as healthy relationships, controlling behaviour and gang culture, developing a greater awareness of what constitutes unsafe behaviour within their local community and how to report concerns anonymously.

11 pupils were subsequently selected to participate in a performance at the Colston Hall in front of an audience of several hundred, including many of our own families and staff. Given how little time they had to rehearse, and how daunting a performance of this nature was, the year 5s from Nova were incredible (especially since we were given the most lines of any school, including some at the very last minute).

We also won the first prize to design the programme cover, along with several runners up awards.

All pupils who participated in the event were presented with medals at Celebration Assembly. A big well done to both classes and their teachers for all of the additional work that this entailed.



Family Fridays in KS1

It has been wonderful to hear from parents, carers and staff how our new morning routine in EY and KS1 this term has helped children settle into their school learning each day.

Many families have fed back that they have enjoyed the range of activities on offer on Family Fridays. In particular arts and crafts, board games and maths activities have been well-received. Staff have met this week to share activities that have worked well and are committed to trying new activities that will offer children and families the opportunity to learn and have fun together in the classroom.

The majority of you fed back that Friday is the best day for a family morning activity, so for the time being we will keep this event on this day. However we have reflected that having one day makes it difficult for those parents and carers with children in multiple classes and so we will look at reviewing this in the future.

On a safety note, can we please remind you to leave buggies outside of classrooms during Family Fridays to ensure fire exits remain clear.

### Parent/Carer Forum Discussion and Next Steps

Item	Points raised	Next steps
Behaviour update	The school have consulted with school councils, Parent/Carer forum and staff on behaviour. There will be an audit in June, by an external company who will look at our policy and advise. Training on new policy for all staff in September.	The Parent/Carer Forum would like feedback from the audit.
Communication	All members feel communication is good and staff approachable and accommodating.	The Forum felt some parents wouldn't know that they can text the school if they have the 'Gateway' app.
Family Fridays in KS1	All members felt that the start to the day was now calmer and	The Forum felt the best activities for the Friday were



	that children had quickly become more independent.	practical, creative ones, with clear instructions. They liked tables to be arranged so they are accessible. They politely requested that buggies were left outside the main classrooms. Friday remains the best day for most.
Transport	Mr Bacon asked for volunteers to join a working group about travel to school.	If any Parents/Carers are interested in joining this, please contact Mr Bacon.
Curriculum and Homework	Mrs Thorpe gave an overview of the curriculum, an updated version of the current one, to be launched in September. Lines of Enquiry will span two terms and are designed to give children more ownership of the learning.	The Forum liked the changes very much. Watch out for future newsletters for further information! The homework menus remain popular overall so will continue.

### Goodbye Governors

Children and staff said farewell to two key members of Governing Body today in our Celebration assembly. Mrs Rikki Lannigan, our Vice-Chair and Mr Andy Hamilton, our Chair are both leaving this week. Andy will be relocating to Scotland and Rikki is expanding her career. They have both given years of support to the school, attending Governors meetings, staff interviews and other important events. We will miss their wisdom and support immensely and wish them all the very best in the future!

### General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

As you may be aware the new General Data Protection Regulations come into force on 25th May.

GDPR is a piece of EU-wide legislation which will determine how people's personal

data is processed and kept safe, and the legal rights individuals have in relation to their own data.

As you can imagine we hold a lot of data within school and so we have been doing a lot of work to ensure that all the data we hold is legal, that we have the correct consent and we process data in the correct way. There are statutory reasons for a lot of the data we hold.

As part of this new legislation we have undertaken a review of our relevant policies and adopted new ones, please refer to the policies section on our website. We will also be publishing a new privacy notice on our website which outlines how we use the data that we hold.

Under the new regulations we will not be able to send our newsletter 'Nova News' to our list of contacts without gaining your permission first. Today you will receive an email asking you to subscribe to Nova News. If you don't subscribe then we're afraid we will no longer be able to send you the newsletter. Please check your junk mail if you don't appear to have received a subscription request.



Hiba would like to thank everyone at Nova Primary for making this term such a big hit! We have welcomed James as a regular member; leading many of our sports sessions as well as CPD for teachers during PE lessons.

Contact details for Shine are:

Hiba - 07932 873476

[info@myshine.co.uk](mailto:info@myshine.co.uk)



Cookery has been a highlight, having teamed up with @TheFussFreeFoodie who has provided us with many yummy recipes. The introduction of My Time has been a



favourite. Tasty Flapjacks was just one of the recipes that kids got a chance to make this term.



We're looking forward to Term 6 and we are excited to announce that our new website is now live. You can book and find out everything we have on offer @ [MyShine.co.uk](http://MyShine.co.uk)

	15:15-16:45	15:15-16:45	16:45-17:55
MONDAY	Gymnastics	My Time	Snack & Chill
TUESDAY	Cookery	Cricket	Snack & Chill
WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball	My Time	Snack & Chill
THURSDAY	My Time	Ball Skills	Snack & Chill
FRIDAY	Olympic Multi-Sports	-	Snack & Chill











# MAY HALF TERM

Elmlea in B59, Christ Church in B58  
Shine Community Sports Hall in B59



## ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 12

MULTI-SPORTS  GYMNASTICS  STREET DANCE  
NETBALL  DODGEBALL  TRI-GOLF  
FOOTBALL ACADEMY  MINI-SPORTS  
SHINE CREATIVE  CRICKET  MARTIAL ARTS  
MINI-STEPPERS DANCE  FOREST ADVENTURE

## BOOK ONLINE AT



[shinesportscoaching.com](http://shinesportscoaching.com)



Follow Us on Twitter and Facebook



## New to the School and Would like a Prospectus?

[Click Here](#)



[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Website](#)

[Email](#)

[Share on Facebook](#)

[Share on Twitter](#)

[Forward via Email](#)

*Copyright © 2018 All rights reserved.*

You are receiving this email because your child is registered at our school or you have opted in via our website

**Our mailing address is:**

Nova Primary School  
Nova Primary School  
Barracks Lane  
Shirehampton, Bristol BS11 9NG  
United Kingdom

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).