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# Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

**NOVA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of the academic year, and it has been a truly successful one. I am proud to say that Nova has exceeded expectations- in so many ways.

Our 'results' are fantastic (see below) and show how far we have come in terms of consistent, fantastic teaching and learning. Yesterday, Mrs Thorpe and I met with our Local Authority Advisor, who agreed that we are a good school in all areas, and she had nothing but praise for the work of the entire team and the efforts of our wonderful children. She also commended our parents and carers, who contribute so much through supporting events, the parent forum and the day to day running of the school. How lovely it is to know that we all play our part in the success of the school!

## 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

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

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

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS 18/19**

The end of the year brings mixed feelings for us all. For me, it is all about saying goodbye to our Year 6s. The fifty or so children, some of whom have been at Nova for seven years, and some who have joined us more recently, are moving on to pastures new. They have shown us repeatedly that they are fine, thoughtful young people who are ready to conquer the challenges ahead, and I can hardly believe that they will not be with us in September. We wish them every success and hope that they stay in touch- we really will miss them.

There have been many highlights this term. Mrs Gordon has ably led a host of events for our 'new starters' in September. The Teddy Bears picnic was a joy and I love the way our existing families in Reception are able to share this event with those that are new. Mrs Gordon will be commencing her maternity leave mid-September, though she is most determined to continue her active role in the Nova community with baby very much on board! I am sure that you will join me in wishing her all the best for next year.

Let us also send Mr Kilcoyne and Miss Tiley our heartfelt wishes; they are both getting married this summer- may your respective weddings be truly magical!

Sports Day was another success (again, see below) and I cannot thank you enough

### **Inset Day 1 & 2**

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th Sept 2018

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### **Inset Day 3**

Monday 7th January 2019

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### **Inset Day 4**

Friday 5th April 2019

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### **Inset Day 5**

Friday 24th May 2019

### **Bristol Term Dates for 2018 – 2019**

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#### **Term 1**

Mon 3rd Sept to Fri 26th Oct 2018

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#### **Term 2**

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec 2018

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#### **Term 3**

Mon 7th Jan to Fri 15th Feb 2019

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#### **Term 4**

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

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#### **Term 5**

Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

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#### **Term 6**

Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July  
2019

for the valuable feedback you provided, which was very useful and generally positive. We changed things and change can be hard, but sometimes this is a good thing. The children (who always say it like it is) were big fans of the new style and loved the pace and energy that Shine brought to the proceedings. I think, because of your feedback, that we can make it even better next year.

Yesterday, Years 5 and 6 gave us a memorable performance of 'Darwin Rocks'. This musical version of the life of Charles Darwin was a real treat, showcasing acting and singing talent and reminding us that, as with the evolution of humans, life will work out if we stick to our beliefs and have faith. Opinionated, outspoken and individual as all our oldest children are, I feel reassured that they are going to continue their journey into education and the world with confidence and big-heartedness. It makes me feel very excited about the future and proud to be part of their education. They are fantastic at 'flossing' too!

The Leadership Team have been working hard, behind the scenes, planning for next year. We are launching a revised curriculum and behaviour policy in September and have many exciting things planned to enable children to 'learn without limits'. Our challenge is to celebrate, but also build on our

#### **Other Useful Dates:**

#### **New Class Moving Up Afternoon**

20th July

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#### **Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

23th July @ 10.00am

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#### **Nova's Got Talent**

23rd July

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#### **Parent Information Session**

3rd September @ 3.00pm

achievements this year and make sure your children receive the best experience of education possible.

Enjoy our final newsletter of the year, and enjoy the summer with your outstanding children. Being a new Headteacher presents many challenges, but our 'Nova Stars' make it a privilege. Thank you to our staff, governors, pupils and their families for the hard work and endless support. We have shown that our school value of 'Success' can be achieved when we work together- there really is 'no star too far'.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris  
Headteacher



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## CURRICULUM AT NOVA

Children have been learning valuable skills this term through their geography themed lines of enquiries.

**Year 2** - in maths lessons, children have been learning about measure. They have been reading scales of different containers and recording in litres and millilitres. Here are some photos of children making their own magic potions!



**Year 3** have been reading and writing about the Iron Man and enjoying the descriptions and excitement of the story. They've been using the length of their feet to learn about how to show data. To finish off our Line of Enquiry, we've been designing buildings in the style of Antoni Gaudi to make in the last few days of term.

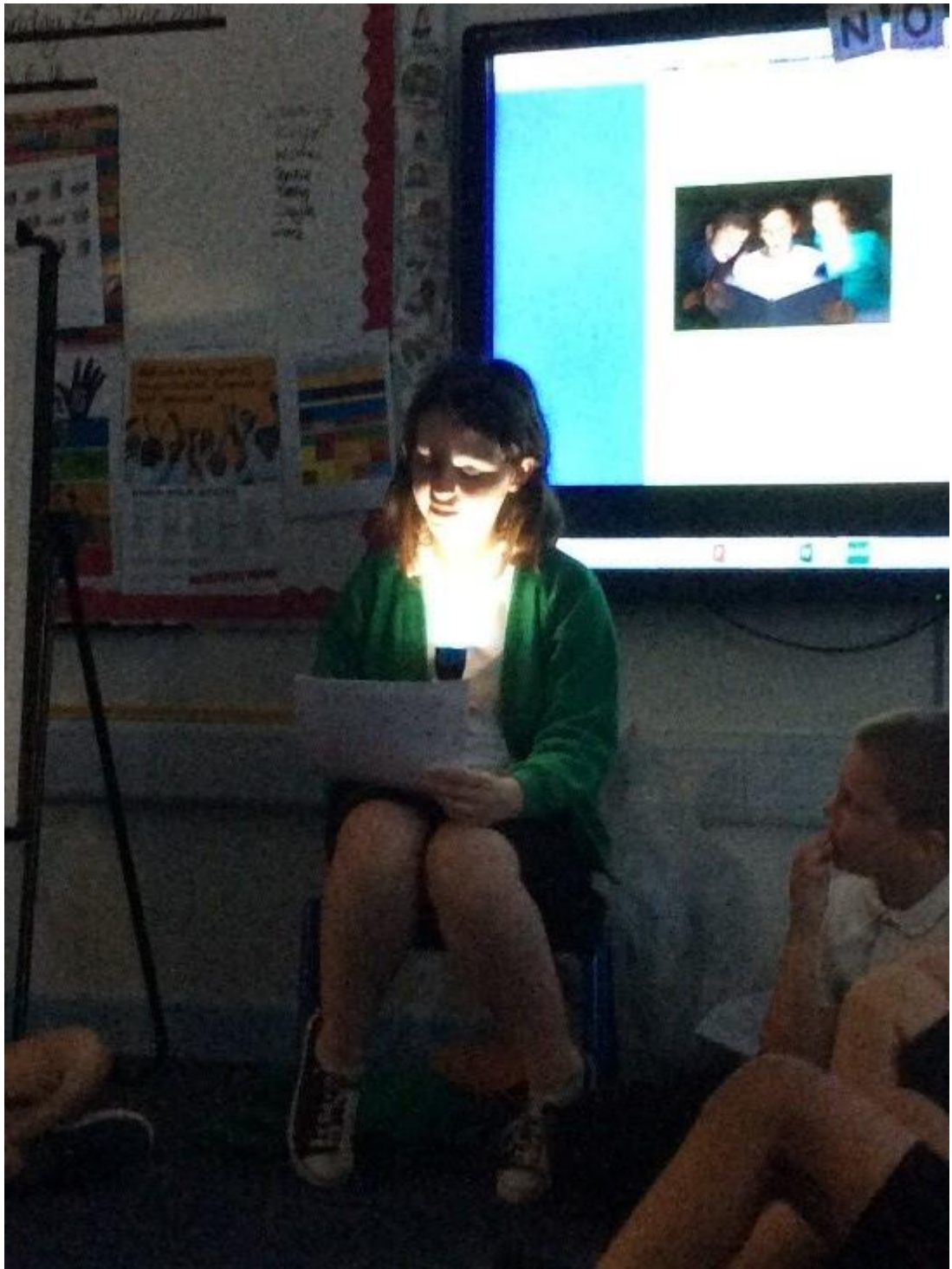




**Year 4** planned a route to take in the sights of North or South America, wrote a daily journal of our visits and have produced the journals complete with passports and travel documents.



**Year 5** have loved creating a flashback inspired by the brilliant animation, Alma. We've read 'spooky stories' to inspire our writing. Oh and how could I forget, the Y5 and 6 production, 'Charles Darwin'. Year 5 have loved learning all of the amazing songs. I'm sure you've heard them humming the tune to 'Tierra del Fuego'. I know I can't get it out of my head!







**Year 6** have had a great final term rehearsing for their end of year play 'Darwin Rocks' and are really proud of what they have achieved. The Year 6 staff are over the moon with how hard the children have worked this year and their results were the icing on the cake. We now look forward to our final treats: hot dogs followed by a water fight and the ever anticipated Leavers' assembly.



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.

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## MEET THE TEAM



**Name:** Jess Gordon

**Role:** EYFS Lead

### **The best part of the role:**

Getting to know families and teaching such wonderful, enthusiastic and individual children! They all have such brilliant personalities and make me smile on an hourly basis!

### **Hobbies:**

I love running and going to classes at the gym, I enjoy watching films and seeing friends and family.

### **Favourite book:**

To Kill A Mockingbird

### **Favourite quote:**

You don't stop playing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop playing.

### Experience:

I have been teaching for 8 years in reception and know the curriculum well. Before I moved to Bristol I taught at a school in Hampshire and trained as a teacher in Wales.

## OTHER NEWS

### Nova Results 2018

As many of you will know, schools have to publish their end of year results for Early Years, the phonic check in Year 1, teacher assessment in Year 2, and the SATs results in Year 6. We have achieved some huge gains this year, thanks to a real team effort. Our children have made huge progress and we are so proud of them. Below are the provisional results and how they compare with the National averages and last year's percentages.

We will always aim to improve, but these results are a fantastic way to end the school year. Thank you to all of the Nova community for making this year a real success!

	<b>Percentage of children achieving age related expectations or above</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017 National</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2018 National</b>
<b>EYFS ELG</b>	57	70.7	63	71
<b>Phonics Check Y1</b>	79	81	92	83
<b>KS1 Reading</b>	57	76	72	76
<b>KS1 Writing</b>	45	68	70	70
<b>KS1 Maths</b>	55	75	79	76
<b>KS1 RWM combined</b>			68	65
<b>KS2 Reading</b>	61	71	76	75
<b>KS2 Writing</b>	93	76	80	78
<b>KS2 Maths</b>	86	75	88	76
<b>KS2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b>	79	77	84	78
<b>KS2 RWM combined</b>	61	61	68	64

## Sports Day 2018

This year, with the organisation of Shine and Miss Menday, our sports days looked rather different. Children competed in houses, participating in a wide range of races and competitions that challenged their speed, accuracy and ability to work as a team.

On both days, the sun shone, and the children excelled themselves, supporting each other and entering into the spirit of the event.

79% of those who responded to the Google survey said they preferred the new style events and many of you provided some tips and suggestions to make it even better next year.

Many thanks to all of you that attended and to Miss Menday for overseeing two fabulous mornings!

Here are the results for each house:

House	KS1 points	KS2 points	Overall Score	Place
Blue	194	285	479	1 <sup>st</sup>
Green	186	261	447	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Yellow	153	262	415	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Red	173	236	409	4 <sup>th</sup>





### **Thank You Nisbets!**

Many thanks to Nisbets, the catering equipment company based in Avonmouth. Mrs Morris, Mrs Ferns and two of our wonderful pupils were able to pick up a cheque for £2500 today, donated towards the construction of our new Year 1 outdoor area.

Nisbets make huge contributions to the community and we are very lucky to have built a strong relationship with them. Keep a look out for the new area- work begins in the Autumn term!



### Fantastic PTFA News

Our wonderful PTFA has blown us away this term. We are pleased to announce that our summer fair, which was such a lovely, relaxed and happy occasion, raised just short of £1000! This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work the committee put into this huge event. In addition, the school discos, which were brilliantly attended and great fun, raised £340.

We are sad to announce that Faye Stone, who has been an able and dedicated treasurer for the PTFA, is standing down from her role. Faye, you have been a joy to work with and we cannot thank you enough. Becki Balsdon will be her successor, and we know she will do a brilliant job.

Thank you to all the PTFA members who have done so much this year. Please get in



touch if you are interested in joining the team. Even a little commitment can make a real difference, and it is a great way to meet other parents, knowing you are helping the school become even better!

### Lost Property

Could we please remind you to ensure that your children's items of clothing and belongings are labelled clearly please? This helps children be independent and responsible with their property. At the end of term lost items will be sorted and anything without a name will be put outside on tables for collection. Anything not collected will be put in our clothing charity bin.



Contact details for Shine are:

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## CLUBS RUNNING AT YOUR SCHOOL

5 SEP, 2018 - 26 OCT, 2018

**MON**

Dance Club / Reception - Year 6

My Time / Reception - Year 6

**TUE**

Archery & Kurling / Reception - Year 6

Cookery Club / Reception - Year 6

**WED**

Gymnastics Club / Reception - Year 6

My Time / Reception - Year 6

**THU**

Lacrosse Club / Year 2 - Year 6

My Time / Reception - Year 6

**FRI**

Olympic Multi Sports / Reception - Year 6

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- HOLIDAY CLUB – BEFORE 08:00 ON THE DAY



### SAFEGUARDING

SHOULD A CHILD ARRIVE FOR AN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY WITHOUT BEING BOOKED, THIS MEANS THEY WILL NOT APPEAR ON OUR REGISTER AND THEREFORE WE CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT CHILD. HENCE, OUR POLICY WILL BE TO RETURN THE CHILD TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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