

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

It seemed, for a long time, that Nova had the secret to keeping COVID at bay so it feels even more cruel that we should be struck down with a handful of cases so close to the end of the school year and just as we face restrictions being lifted. Thank you to those of you, whom there are many, who have empathised with this, noting how well we did to make it so far without sending bubbles home for prolonged periods. Nevertheless, we find ourselves with a very quiet school at a time which is usually the liveliest; I am sure you will share my relief that our Year 6s get to return to school for their last day today, which will provide them with a chance to say goodbye as they embark on their next adventure. They have certainly enjoyed their pizzas and water fight!

Year 6 haven't had the chance to show off

Dates for your diary

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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 2020-21

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Term 6
Mon 7th June 2021 -
Weds 21st July 2021

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS 20/21**

this year and be the 'big fish' in our little pond- many of the traditions (the most popular is being allowed to sit on the benches in assembly) have not happened but I hope they feel that we have valued and cared for them to the best of our abilities. They are a wonderful, unique and inspiring bunch of young people, with so much opinion and passion for what they believe in. They will always occupy a special place in my heart as they were the first reception class when I joined as a wide-eyed Deputy Headteacher seven years ago. They have certainly left their mark on Nova and their new schools are very lucky indeed.

As a staff, we are busy planning for the next academic year. We have plenty of exciting events and initiatives in the pipeline. It is really important that we give the children as many immersive and communal experiences as we can so they can make up for lost time and be as engaged with learning as possible!

The majority of this newsletter is filled by words of thanks and appreciation from our wonderful teachers. Having read them all, I was struck by the genuine love and pride shown towards our Nova stars. I have never known a team care so much and I think COVID has taught us all to look outwards and be thankful for each other. Relationships have been everything over the last eighteen months and we ensured that we have made the best of a really challenging situation. I

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Inset Day 7

Wednesday 21st July
2021

**Bristol Term Dates for
2021/22**

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Term 1

Thurs 2nd September
2021 - Friday 22nd
October 2021

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Term 2

Monday 1st November
2021 - Friday 17th
December 2021

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Term 3

Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Friday 18th February
2022

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Term 4

Monday 28th February
2022 - Friday 8th April
2022

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Term 5

Monday 25th April 2022 -
Friday 27th May 2022

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Term 6

hope you enjoy the words and pictures below- if you are anything like me you will have a few tears as well.

I am not going to bombard you with operational changes for September, but there will still be some measures in place and a few changes to the structure of the school day based on what we have learnt during the pandemic. Rest assured that the children are at the heart of every decision we make and I will be in touch before the new term begins.

Whatever your plans are over the summer, I hope that you are happy, safe and healthy- you deserve better times. Good luck to Year 6 and their families- we will miss you very much.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher

Monday 6th June 2022 -
Friday 22nd July 2022

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS in 21/22**

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Inset Day 1

Thursday 2nd September
2021

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Inset Day 2

Friday 3rd September
2021

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Inset Day 3

Friday 8th October 2021

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Inset Day 4

Tuesday 4th January 2022

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Inset Day 5

Friday 8th April 2022

-

Inset Day 6

Friday 8th July 2022

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Inset Day 7

Friday 22nd July 2022



Other Important Dates

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Tuesday 7th September

@ 3.30pm

Meet the Teacher
Parent/carer evening in
classrooms

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Tuesday 28th September

@ 3.30pm

Parent/carer phonics and
reading information
evening

-

Thursday 30th September

@ 3.30pm

Parent/carer maths
information evening

-

Friday 1st October

Whole School Race for
Life event

-

2nd & 3rd November

Parent Consultations

THANK YOU FROM YEAR 6

Year 6 would like to say a great big thank you to our PTFA who funded their wonderful leavers' gift this year: You are a Champion by Marcus Rashford, known not only for his incredible football skills, but also securing countless meals for disadvantaged children during the pandemic. He is a great role-model and his book

will really help them on their way.

Thank you also to Progressive Sports who have donated the paint for year 6s 'colour run' today. It sounds messy but very fun indeed!



REFLECTIONS FROM THIS YEAR

EYFS

Wow, what a year we have had! The children in Wallace and Gromit have had quite the first year of school. It has been filled with countless ups and some (obvious) downs! Our children are so full of resilience and determination that despite lockdowns and lots of changes, they have carried on learning, developing and playing with smiles on their faces!

Each of us have loved being part of the first step of the children's journey at Nova, and have been so impressed with everything that they have achieved. They are all so fantastic and have made us so proud.

Our EYFS team has been pretty big this year, and all of us want to say WELL DONE and good luck - we love you and will miss you all so much – we will be sure to check in next year and find out what everyone is up to!

Lots of love Miss Winter, Miss Orchard, Mrs Harris, Miss Parslow, Miss Payne, Mrs Bacon, Mrs Reid, Mrs Hill, Mrs Hale and many more of us! x





SSGB

I have truly had the most amazing year with SSGB, a VERY special class indeed!

These superstars have achieved so much and I am beyond proud of them all. They have developed their resilience and independence and have shown such determination and maturity throughout another extremely tricky year. We have enjoyed lots of giggles, fun and most importantly built a super bond, we refer to ourselves as 'one big team'. Making strong relationships has helped us to learn, succeed and reach our dreams.

We have spent the last few weeks as 'year 2's in training' and I know that my lovely

SSGB champions are going to spread their wings and fly into year 2 with all of the skills that they have learnt over the last year - you are so ready to show your new teachers what you can do. Always remember to 'Reach for the Stars'! I will miss you.

Miss Lewis 😊



The Matthew

Matthew class, what a year it has been!

Despite a few challenges along the way, we have shared some wonderful experiences together. This term alone, we have learnt so much about 'Why is water precious?'. As historians, we found out about ships from the past and created interesting fact files. As scientists, we carried out experiments to test the properties of different materials, then worked as designers to create and build boats that would float. We learnt lots of interesting facts about different ocean creatures and loved our virtual visit to the aquarium, I'm sure you all remember how lobsters say hello!?

I feel very lucky to have been your teacher this year, it has been a pleasure to watch you grow into such confident learners. You are all different and special in your own ways and together make a wonderful team! You have amazed me with your resilience and positivity this year. I have no doubt that you will continue to support one another as you move through your Nova journey together. I am so proud of each and every one of you, as you should be!

Miss Owen



Rolls Royce

Rolls Royce class, what can I say!

We have had such a brilliant year together and we have shared so many great

experiences. Thank you for all working so hard this year. I am so proud of each and every one of you for the resilience you have shown when adjusting to remote learning and some of the challenges 2021 has presented us with.

My favourite memory of this year was our Victorian dress up day. You all looked fantastic in your outfits and there was so much wonderful learning produced that day.

Enjoy the summer holidays Rolls Royce class and I look forward to seeing you working hard in Year 3. I know you are all going to have such a super year! Remember, if you put your mind to it, you are capable of achieving anything! Take care.

Miss Pinnell



Concorde

As this academic year draws to a close, children in Concorde class were asked to

reflect and describe some of their most memorable moments. This is what they said:

"When Simo read aloud to the class really well and we all clapped." Sienna

"When we made maps of the school using sticks." Evie

"When Vinnie told the class how to solve an addition problem [using flexible partitioning] and we all gave him a high-five!" Max

"I loved the African drums!" Dooley

"When I showed my writing to Ms Morris." Codie

Throughout the year, all children in Concorde class demonstrated their kindness and warmth by giving sincere appreciations to each other daily. For example, "I appreciate Phoebe for helping me when I fell over" and "I appreciate Charlie for asking me to play with him".

Additionally, the children have shown their desire to learn and made outstanding progress in all curriculum areas while maintaining resilience in the face of these unprecedented times. The children in Concorde class truly are a special team and an asset to Nova Primary School.

Mrs Clarke



Goram

What an amazing year we have had in Year 3 Goram class!

We have been on so many adventures together through our books of 'Stig of the Dump', 'The Explorer', 'The Iron Man' and 'The Wild Robot' and have learnt new and exciting things along the way!

Although there have been many challenges this year, we haven't let this hold us back! Goram class showed that they were enthusiastic about their learning whether at home or in school. I know it has been a difficult end to the year, but I know that everyone in Goram will bring back their sunny and positive attitudes to Year 4 Cabot!

Miss Wiltshire



Vincent

What a wild and wondrous year we have had in Year 3!

We travelled from the Stone Age to Ancient Egypt, explored the wonders of The Amazon Rainforest and discovered the joy of invention in Science and D&T. This year's Vincent Class have enthusiastically embraced each and every learning opportunity and have developed an incredible attitude towards their learning; they are bold, inquisitive and excited to explore!

They have relished every opportunity to be creative, from creating tie-dye handkerchiefs to abstract self-portraits and engaging in drama at every opportunity.

We know they will continue to excel in Year 4 😊

Miss Wheatley & Mrs Broster



Cabot

From training in our Roman legion whilst learning to follow Latin commands (Silentium!) to becoming master chocolatiers producing tasty treats!

Cabot class you have involved yourselves in all activities with enthusiasm and great big smiles on your faces. Learning has been such fun with you all and I hope you have enjoyed the year as much as I have!

Miss Foote



Brunel

Brunel class – what a year you have all had!

We started back in September having never met each other, thrown right back into the deep end of learning and school. I think it would be fair to say it was a tricky start adjusting back to school life and getting used to the expectations again, but each and every one of you has worked so hard all the way through and it is a real testament to your resilience. I have loved the way so many of you have developed into much more

mature young people.

You have shown such kindness to your friends, teamwork skills which were hard to see at some points early on really do now shine through at this point in the year, and above all the motivation you all developed to be true Nova Stars! I am so proud at how you have all developed this year, and I will be checking in with Mrs Leonard next year to check you are still working hard. Have a great summer!

Mr Deeney



Blaise Castle

Well it's been quite a year in Blaise Castle class!

We've had many ups and downs with children working in school and at home, but we've come out on top and have shown what a resilient bunch we are. Creative, hardworking and most of all fun to be with! In the last few days of term, we even

created 'Welcome' messages in a bottle to let the current Y4 know what to expect next year.

I will miss you all, Blaise, but I'm just next door so will be checking what you are up to with the lovely Miss Munday. Have an incredible break.

Mrs Leonard.



Kingsweston

Though our time together has only been short I have felt so welcome at Nova.

It has been a pleasure working with each of you in Kingsweston class and I am excited to see what the future holds for you. I just know that you will all continue to be fantastic learners when in year 6.

I have enjoyed the enthusiasm that you all have, and the way in which we are all so keen to share ideas (especially in guided reading). I am going to miss how you are not afraid to be yourselves. Good luck in year 6.

Mr Beech



Banksy

Banksy Class- you have been amazing.

We've had a great year and I am so proud of you all. Keep 'shining bright' and you will thrive in Year 7.

Here are a few of my favourite pictures from this year. Good luck in Year 7! You will be missed.

Miss Menday





Morph

Throughout their last year at Nova Primary, Morph class have shown both their dedication and determination towards their education.

They have faced any hurdle with style...and humour! I am incredibly proud of the whole class – they took this year in their stride and always could see the positives in tricky situations. No matter what, we always came together to show our teamwork.

There is no other class quite like Morph class! We are a unique team, full of personality and diverse skills.

From achievement in PE to intonation in drama lessons, we have all grown and reached our goals. This year, it has been an absolute pleasure to see the support for one another grow; Morph class have made friendships in Nova Primary that that they will cherish forever! Each and every member of our class should feel proud of themselves for their time at Nova Primary. We are all (and always will be) Nova stars! I will remember our last two years together fondly - we have made lasting memories and had many hilarious conversations!

Miss Cuthbert



MEET THE TEAM



Name: Chris Beech

Role: Teacher

The best part of the role:

Seeing the 'lightbulb' moment when children understand something that they might have been struggling with. I love it when the 'lightbulb' clicks on.

Hobbies:

I like to get out as much as possible on my motorbike - I am hoping to pass my motorbike test soon so that I can get a bigger motorbike. I also really like watching the grand prix, the rugby and spending time with friends.

Favourite quote:

"Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light"

Experience:

I have been teaching for 3 years, and have taught in every age range in Key Stage 2. Prior to becoming a qualified teacher I was also working as a teaching assistant, working with children in different schools from year 1 right through to the end of year 11.



at Nova Primary School for healthy wellbeing

What a strange and busy year it has been!

We all need to make sure we take extra care of our mental health and wellbeing this

summer; allow quality time with family and friends, and ensure you make space to rest and re-charge.

The Mentally Healthy Schools website, in conjunction with the Anna Freud Centre, launched a #selfcaresummer campaign last year, designed to support children aged 4-11 with their mental health over the summer holidays. The campaign highlights some of the 90 strategies children have said help them if they're feeling low, as well as hosting Challenge Tuesdays; this will give young people a chance to share their artwork, crafts, poems or any other activities they're doing to help themselves stay mentally well over the summer.

The downloadable #selfcaresummer pack also signposts children and families towards sources of support, should they feel they need it. Check out the website, linked below!

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/self-care-summer-activity-pack/>

NOVA ORCHESTRA

Nova Primary Orchestra were fantastic in the Bristol Plays Music event 'Stop Everything and Sing!' in June. They had been practising very hard in their instrumental lessons and orchestra practices. We joined other Bristol Schools to play and sing together via Zoom. I was very impressed with the standard of playing and hardworking attitude from our Nova children who are in Y2 - Y4.

If you would like your child to participate in instrumental lessons, we currently have violin lessons for children in Y1 and above; drum and guitar lessons for Y2 and above; flute lessons for Y4 and above. You will have received an email from the office regarding this.

Mrs Young



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £6.50 per session and term 1 will be available for you to book online at the end of the summer. Please note that only children who have booked into after school club can attend. Please see details below on how to book and pay for places at the club. Please also make yourself aware of our cancellation policy.

Booking Procedure

To enrol for Nova's After School Club, please complete and return a registration form which can be obtained from the School Office.

Bookings can be made using the same link as we use for parent's evenings and breakfast club:

<https://nova.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Alternatively, if you require a space at short notice, please call the office and we will be able to book you in, subject to availability.

As spaces are limited, you must book in advance and we ask that you notify us by 3pm if your child is not able to attend that day, although refunds will only be given if we receive 2 working days' notice of cancellation.

Payment MUST be made in advance using school gateway which is the same link as for dinner money and trip payments:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

NUTS REMINDER

Please remember that we are strictly a no nut school! We take nut allergies extremely seriously and would like to remind you that not only should your children not bring any products with nuts in at all to school, it is not safe for them to eat them just outside either. Traces of nuts can remain on skin and clothing and it can take just the tiniest trace to trigger a serious reaction in someone with an allergy. Thank you!

PLEASE



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