

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

Term 5, though short, is a very busy one for staff and pupils, especially in years 2 and 6 with it being 'SATs' term! Our Year 6s completed their tests this week and have been absolutely amazing at focusing on these challenging papers. I think they are the most determined year group in terms of 'doing their best' that I have ever worked with and I am so proud of them. I must give a big thank you to the Year 6 team for their constant and dedicated work with the children and also the adults who have dropped everything to help out with supervision and organisation.

What you may not realise is how complicated the storing and transporting of SATs is and I must give a special mention to Mrs Crawford who oversees their security and makes sure the papers are sent off for marking each day. As with everything in schools, SATs are a true team effort. Next week, year 2 complete

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 2021/22

Term 5

Monday 25th April 2022 -
Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6

Monday 6th June 2022 -
Thursday 21st July 2022

their tests, though, rightly so, they are a less intense affair!

It is lovely to have something to look forward to at the end of term in the shape of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. You should have received a letter about this but just in case you missed it, the date for your diary is Friday 27th May. There will be various learning and celebratory activities during the day, followed by a PTFA barbecue, a School Improvement Ambassador cake sale and a school choir performance after school; you won't want to miss this! I am particularly looking forward to seeing the children dressed in the style of their particular decade.

Whether or not you are a fan of the Royal Family, it cannot be denied that the Queen's 70 year reign is an extraordinary milestone. It is a great opportunity for the children to reflect on the events that have occurred during her time on the throne and I wonder what the Queen thinks of the last three years in particular!

We will send more reminders about the Platinum Jubilee, but for now, enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

With kindest regards

Anna Morris
Headteacher

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

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Inset Day 6

Friday 8th July 2022

-

Inset Day 7

Thursday 21st July 2022

Other Important Dates

-

16th - 20th May

Engineering Week

-

Tuesday 24th May @

3.30pm

Reception stay & play for
parents/carers

-

Wednesday 25th May @

9.00am

Parent/carer Coffee
Morning

-

Thursday 26th May

Class Photos

-

Friday 27th May

Jubilee Celebrations

-

Tuesday 7th June



Year 6 Lifeskills Trip

-

Tuesday 14th June

(Morning)

KS1 Sports Day

-

Wednesday 15th June

(Morning)

KS2 Sports Day

-

Friday 17th June

Year 1 Trip to Aquarium
Year 3 Trip to Bristol Zoo

-

Tuesday 21st June

(Morning)

KS1 Reserve Sports Day

-

Wednesday 22nd June

(Morning)

KS2 Reserve Sports Day

-

27th June to 1st July

Geography Week

-

Tuesday 28th June

Singing Workshop

-

Wednesday 29th June

Year 6 Singing Workop

-

Monday 18th July

Year 6 Event Day with
Progressive Sports

-

Monday 26th September

Whole School Photograph

Portfolio Day

-

Thursday 20th October

Individual School Photos

Bristol Term Dates for

2022/23

-

Term 1

Thursday 1st September

2022 - Friday 21st October

2022

-

Term 2

Monday 31st October

2022 - Friday 16th

December 2022

-

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

- Friday 10th February

2023

-

Term 4

Monday 20th February

2023 - Friday 31st March

2023

-

Term 5

Monday 17th April 2023 -

Friday 26th May 2023

-

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2023 -

Friday 21st July 2023

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS in 22/23**

-

Inset Day 1

Thursday 1st September
2022

-

Inset Day 2

Friday 2nd September
2022

-

Inset Day 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

-

Inset Day 4

Monday 3rd July 2023

-

Inset Day 5

To be confirmed

YEAR GROUP NEWS

EYFS

Our topic in Reception this term is 'Ticket to Ride'. We have been learning all about journeys and different types of transport. We created our own Travel Agents and the children have enjoyed searching for holidays, writing packing lists and booking flights! Outside we created different vehicles from junk modelling and even created a bus and bus stop.





Year 1

Year 1 have loved being scientists this term. We have learnt about the structure of a plant and how plants grow as well as identifying a range of common and wild garden plants. We also explored the school grounds looking for deciduous and evergreen trees and particularly enjoyed examining the leaves to help us name some of the trees that we saw on our hunt.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been participating in African drumming lessons this half term to support our line of enquiry question, "What makes Africa amazing?". We can't wait to perform to parents and carers in term 6!



Year 3

The children in Year 3 were very excited to embark on their new Line of Enquiry, "Why should we care about the environment?". As part of their geographical enquiry, children have posed research questions and begun gathering data. They have located the position of the equator and explored how this affects climate. The

children are now collecting local temperature and rainfall data and comparing this against the weather experienced in the Amazon Rainforest.

Year 3 children have also been engaged in persuasive writing. They have researched facts about one of their favourite South American animals, the iguana, and created a persuasive text which includes a contradictory argument where "no parents/ carers could possibly object to them owning one!"

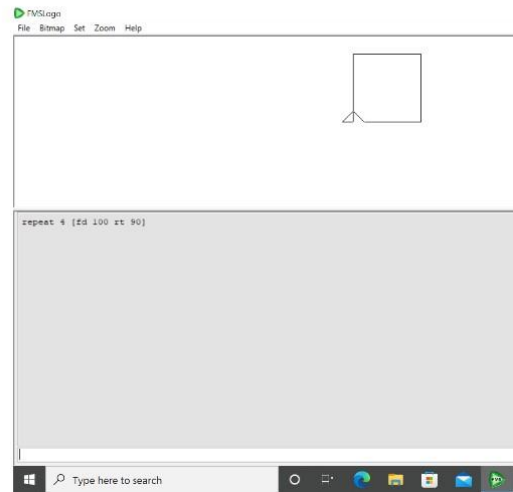
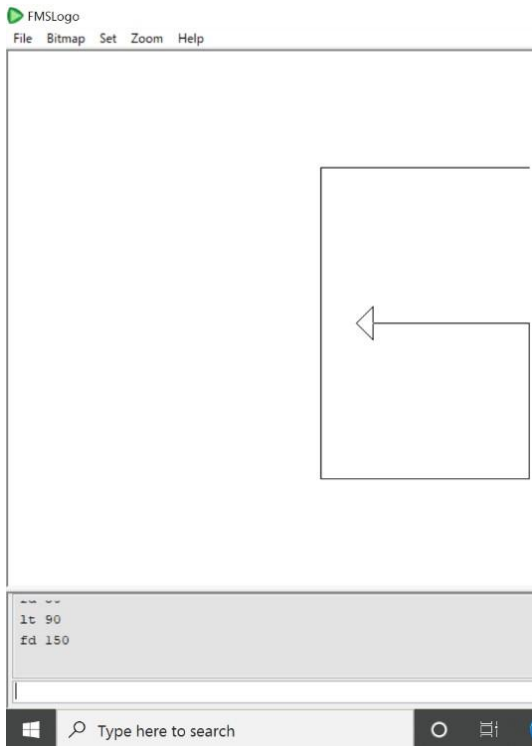
To top off all this excitement, the Year 3 children have begun Orienteering (OAA) as part of the PE curriculum. They are developing problem solving skills through a range of challenges as well as learning to orientate a map, identify key symbols and follow routes.





Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard as digital engineers this term. We have been learning how to input algorithms using a text-based programming app called Logo. So far, the children have written, tested and debugged codes to draw their initials and a square. Keep up the fantastic work year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 are busy being engineers this week. We are creating mechanisms for our Earth in space models. Plus, another fabulous home learning model. The sky's the limit!



Year 6

Our super Year 6 pupils have worked incredibly hard this year. To relax together before SATs week, we enjoyed a visit from a local ice-cream van! The Year 6 team are incredibly proud of everyone; pupils have had a mature, positive attitude and supported each other brilliantly. Bring on AirHop!





MEET THE TEAM



Name: Sam Blake

Role: Learning Support
Assistant

The best part of the role:

The variety in my day, I get to spend time with lots of different children and teachers, which makes me happy. My all-time favourite part is when children make something for me, or give me a big hug.

Hobbies:

I collect plants, as I love nature. I love walking outside in the woods and swimming in the sea, even when it's freezing. Brrrrrr!

Favourite quote:

"Every day is a school day" and "aspire to inspire before we expire"

Experience:

I worked in retail until I had my little boy and then realised that I wanted to work with children. I work as an LSA now so I support lots of children around the school with their learning. I'm also doing a level 3 forest school course. I have worked at Nova for 3 years and loved every minute of it.

SMUDGE



PUPDATE!

On a Thursday evening, I have been going to classes to help me learn how to be a super school dog. I thought I already was but apparently I need these certificate things to prove it. I have worked hard (and earned lots of treats) to complete different challenges and got this which I have shared in Celebration Assembly with the Nova children.



Nova Primary School will be participating in “walk to school week” from Monday 16th May – Friday 20th May.

Children are encouraged to walk to school for five days and record their progress in class. The class with the most children walking to school will earn themselves an extra playtime!

If you live too far away to walk, why not try parking further away from the school and walking a little more each day? Children should be active for at least 60 minutes a day and walking to school is a great way to help reach this target! Children can also cycle or scoot to school as well. We look forward to seeing lots of active families next week!



PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING

We would like to warmly invite you to join us for a **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25th May 9.00am - 10.30am.**

This will be our first Coffee Morning following the COVID pandemics and lockdowns, and we are thoroughly excited to open the school again to parents and carers.

Our first Coffee Morning will be an open forum, hosted by Mrs Morris, Janet and Imogen. It will be an opportunity to meet with other parents, ask questions and gain

support, and share your voice.

Please register your interest in attending the coffee morning here -

<https://forms.office.com/r/WpmtWSiD24>



QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Shirehampton Markets & SCAF
Present



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration



Saturday 21st May 2022
10am until 3pm



At

Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 9TX.

&

**St. Bernard's Catholic Primary School, Station Road,
Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 9TU.**



**Community
Stalls**



**Fancy Dress
Competition**
16 Years & Under



**Avonmouth
Sea Cadets.**

**Quinn School
of Irish Dance
Bristol.**

**Market
Stalls**



**Barbecue
Hot Food**



**Cream Tea
& Scones**



Cake Decorating Competition
For The Adults

**Gospel
Generation
Community
Choir.**



**Make Your Own Crown. Games, Face Painting,
Queen's Portrait Art Display by Twyford Art Group & St. Bernard's School.
Royal Street Parties & Events Photo Display. Jubilee cakes**

For the 4 villages communities & beyond.

Family & Disability Friendly Event – Free Entry.

Tell your family & friends to follow the balloon trail to the celebration.

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Nova Primary PTFA presents.....

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY



Friday 27th May 2022

Celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee
Straight after school until 5pm

Celebrate with the family and school friends, feel free to bring a picnic blanket
Enjoy the atmosphere, food and drinks on sale, the games on offer and the
amazing choir's performance.

Items available are subject to change dependant on weather and helpers.



The PTFA will be selling items during school time
via Yr6 Prefects in honour of.....

The Queens Platinum Jubilee

Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest serving British monarch ever!!!

Pin Badges £1.50

Badges £1.50

Leather bookmarks £1.50

Pens £1



Starting Mon 23rd May whilst stocks last. Any remaining stock will be
sold at the event on Friday after school.

NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Over the past week you will have received information concerning our new
communication, booking and payments system 'Weduc'.

Initially we have just set up the bookings for breakfast club and Nova ASC, and hope
to transfer any existing bookings and payments to the new system shortly, but
please continue to contact the school office to amend existing or make additional

bookings for either of these clubs so that we can iron out any inevitable teething problems.

Please note that, on the Weduc systems, bookings for Nova ASC will not be confirmed without payment, but you can still use childcare vouchers to pay.

By term 6 the Weduc system should be fully operational which will include the ability to book your child's school dinners and (if applicable) make school dinner payments.

You will receive instructions on downloading the Weduc app, and the web address, along with your individual enrol code in a separate email.

Please bear with us as we also get to grips with 'Weduc' and watch out for future information.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £6.50 per session and term 5 is available for you to book online. 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.

To book, just make your payment (using the link below) and in the comment put in the date(s) you need:

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

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.

As mentioned above, we will shortly be launching our new communication/payment/booking system 'Weduc' so look out for your enrolment email. The after school club and breakfast club bookings for term 6 will be available to book via Weduc by the end of this term.

Academic Year 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Superheroes Week 25 th Apr - 29 th Apr	Design A Comic Book Strip	Superheroes Wordsearch	Make A Superhero Float	Superhero Secret Code Activity	Pipe Cleaner Superheroes
Garden Club Week 2 nd May - 6 th May	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	Plant a seed!	Bug Hotels!	Fork Dandelions!	Garden Minion Stone Painting!
Pirates Week 9 th May - 13 th May	Cute Round Pirates	Pirate Hats	Treasure Hunt (inside & outside)	Hook Toss (outside)	Talk Like a Pirate
Wide World Sports Day Week 16 th May - 20 th May	The Hoop Pass Race	Team Relay Race	Egg and Spoon Race	Sack/Skipping Race	Bean Head Race
Craft Club Week 23 rd May - 27 th May	Hama Bead Creations	Windmill Craft Making	Air Dry Clay Modelling	Bubble Wrap Painting	Mini Paper Kites

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 (including coconut) 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



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

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