

# Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

**NOVA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dear Nova Families,

I hope you enjoyed the Jubilee barbecue and the sports days we held on site this week. It has been lovely to see so many of you in person, all at the same time! I am so glad we have made the decision to plough ahead with events such as these as the positive effects have far outweighed any of the minimal risks presented by Covid over the last few months. We do not have a total from the PTFA as yet but we did make £70.60 from our cake sale which will go to the Dogs' Trust who are visiting each class this term!

Term 6 is the busiest of all for school: reports, transitions, special events and assessments all seem to be happening simultaneously, and we all have our eye on September, to make it the very best start to the new school year. I think it is the same for families as you juggle so many roles and responsibilities- we are all just 'spinning plates' in the hope that we won't

### 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 2021/22

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**Term 6**  
Monday 6th June 2022 - Thursday  
21st July 2022

### 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  
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There are, as expected several changes ahead regarding staffing at Nova. I will send a separate communication soon regarding classes at the start of next week, but as you are no doubt aware, Mrs Thorpe, our amazing Deputy Headteacher, will be taking maternity leave in the summer. Though we will miss her terribly, the equally amazing Miss Cuthbert, currently teacher in Morph class, is stepping up to cover the role for the next few months. She cannot wait to get her teeth into further curriculum enhancements and to get to know families across the school.

In other news, Miss Menday, who teaches Banksy Class will be taking over from Mrs Leonard (she will still be teaching here!) as English lead and she will have responsibility for reading, writing and phonics. Sadly, we will be losing Miss Owen at the end of term, and will be welcoming Miss Rhiannon Everson to the team. She is an experienced early years teacher and those of you that have siblings joining Nova in September will be meeting her soon! She also plans to do as many nursery visits as she can so she can get to know her new class before the summer. Miss Catchpole is also taking maternity leave during term 1 and we have appointed a new cover teacher, Mrs Rachel Harris, to take on her role, as well as to provide some

### **Inset Day 7**

Thursday 21st July 2022

### **Other Important Dates**

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#### **Friday 24th June**

Year 1 Trip to SSGB

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#### **27th June to 1st July**

Geography Week

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#### **Thursday 30th June**

Year 1 Trip to St. Bernard's Church

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#### **Tuesday 28th June**

Whole School Singing Workshop

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#### **Wednesday 29th June**

Year 6 Singing Workshop

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#### **4th - 8th July**

Dogs Trust Workshops

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#### **6th to 8th July**

Year 6 Camp

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#### **Wednesday 13th July**

8.45am - 10.00am

Parent/carer Coffee Morning

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#### **Friday 15th July**

Year 6 Leaver Assembly

PTFA Disco

additional cover.

I am conscious of overloading you with information, so please look out for an email, early next week, detailing arrangements for every class in the school in September.

On the subject of communication, it was interesting to hear at the recent coffee morning how families sometimes struggle to keep in the loop with what is happening at Nova, despite emails, texts and newsletters. We endeavour to give notice for dates as soon as we can in **this newsletter** so please make a note of them in your diaries. If you hear of any family who is not receiving the newsletter, please direct them to our website where they can sign up simply and easily.

Just a reminder to direct ALL correspondence to **[admin@novaprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@novaprimaryschool.co.uk)**.

There having been several changes in addresses over the years which can get confusing and using older ones may risk your email not being responded to as quickly as you would like or possibly not at all.

Have a great weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

With warmest regards

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### **Monday 18th July**

Year 6 Event Day with Progressive Sports

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### **Monday 26th September**

Whole School Photograph Portfolio Day

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### **Thursday 20th October**

Individual School Photos

### **Bristol Term Dates for 2022/23**

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#### **Term 1**

Thursday 1st September 2022 -  
Friday 21st October 2022

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#### **Term 2**

Monday 31st October 2022 - Friday  
16th December 2022

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#### **Term 3**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Friday  
10th February 2023

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#### **Term 4**

Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday  
31st March 2023

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#### **Term 5**

Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday  
26th May 2023

Anna  
Headteacher

Morris



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**Term 6**

Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st  
July 2023

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CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING  
INSET DAYS in 22/23**

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**Inset Day 1**

Thursday 1st September 2022

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**Inset Day 2**

Friday 2nd September 2022

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**Inset Day 3**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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**Inset Day 4**

Monday 3rd July 2023

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**Inset Day 5**

To be confirmed

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## YEAR GROUP NEWS

### EYFS

This term in Wallace and Gromit class our Topic is 'Fantastic Food'. We have been learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have enjoyed making puppets and acting out the story, writing from the perspectives of different characters

and using porridge to learn about capacity in Maths!

The children loved taking part in their first Sports Day - the scooter race was a particular favourite!

During the summer term, we like to spend lots of time outside so please make sure you send your child in with a hat and wearing sun cream.

It's hard to believe the end of year is fast approaching! The children in Wallace and Gromit class have come so far and are looking forward to their new adventure in Year 1!





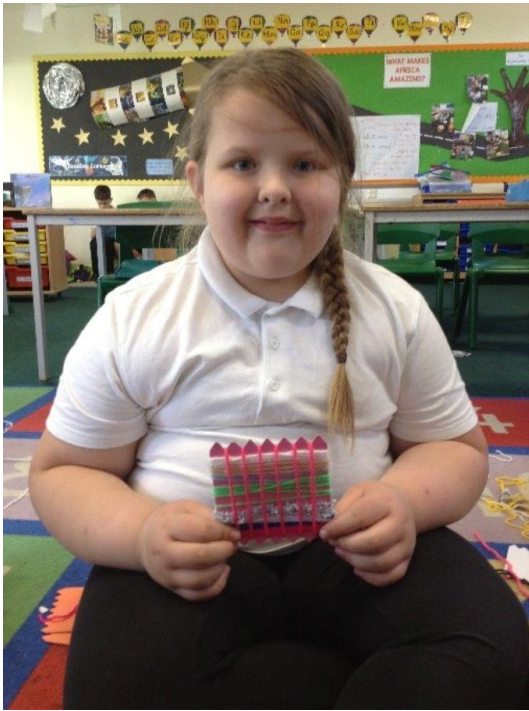
### Year 1

This term we have really enjoyed being mathematicians where we have been learning about volume and capacity. It has been great fun exploring these topics through practical lessons and we do love to learn outdoors!



## Year 2

Year 2 have been busy working on their African textile skills and tried out weaving for themselves.



### Year 3

The children in Year 3 have settled into term 6 with gusto! In English, the children were dazzled by giants and devised their very own questions for a 'world-renowned giant expert'. They collaborated to establish a writer's toolkit and are now working to innovate a non-fiction report on giants.

In Maths, children are learning to tell the time to the minute on an analogue clock as well as to calculate duration. You may like to create a daily or weekly timetable with your child showing what activities they complete at what times and how long each takes.

As part of their curriculum studies, children have also learned about an important artist named Jane Perkins who creates collages using found materials. The children were inspired to make their own found material collages of an animal found in the Amazon rainforest. The children are also very excited to attend a rainforest workshop at Bristol Zoo today.



### Year 4

Mr Deeney and Miss Foote would like to say a huge well done to all of the Year 4 pupils for their hard work and determination in the recent Multiplication Tables Check. We have been incredibly proud of the commitment the children have shown towards developing their times tables fluency, as well as their calm and positive approach to completing the check. Looking forward, Year 4 have been learning about the Ancient Mayan way of life and how important the cacao bean was to them. We now look forward to becoming master chocolatiers and inviting parents in for a



taste test that will inform the evaluation stage of our D&T food project and allow us to refine our recipes.



## Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed a busy start to our final term of the school year: team building in PE, sketching skills in Art and making a water cycle in a box in our Geography lessons. We really loved our ExplorerDome event yesterday - it was a wonderful opportunity to review what we learned in Science last term.

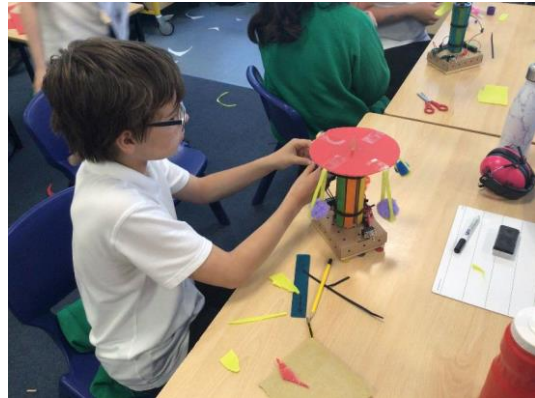


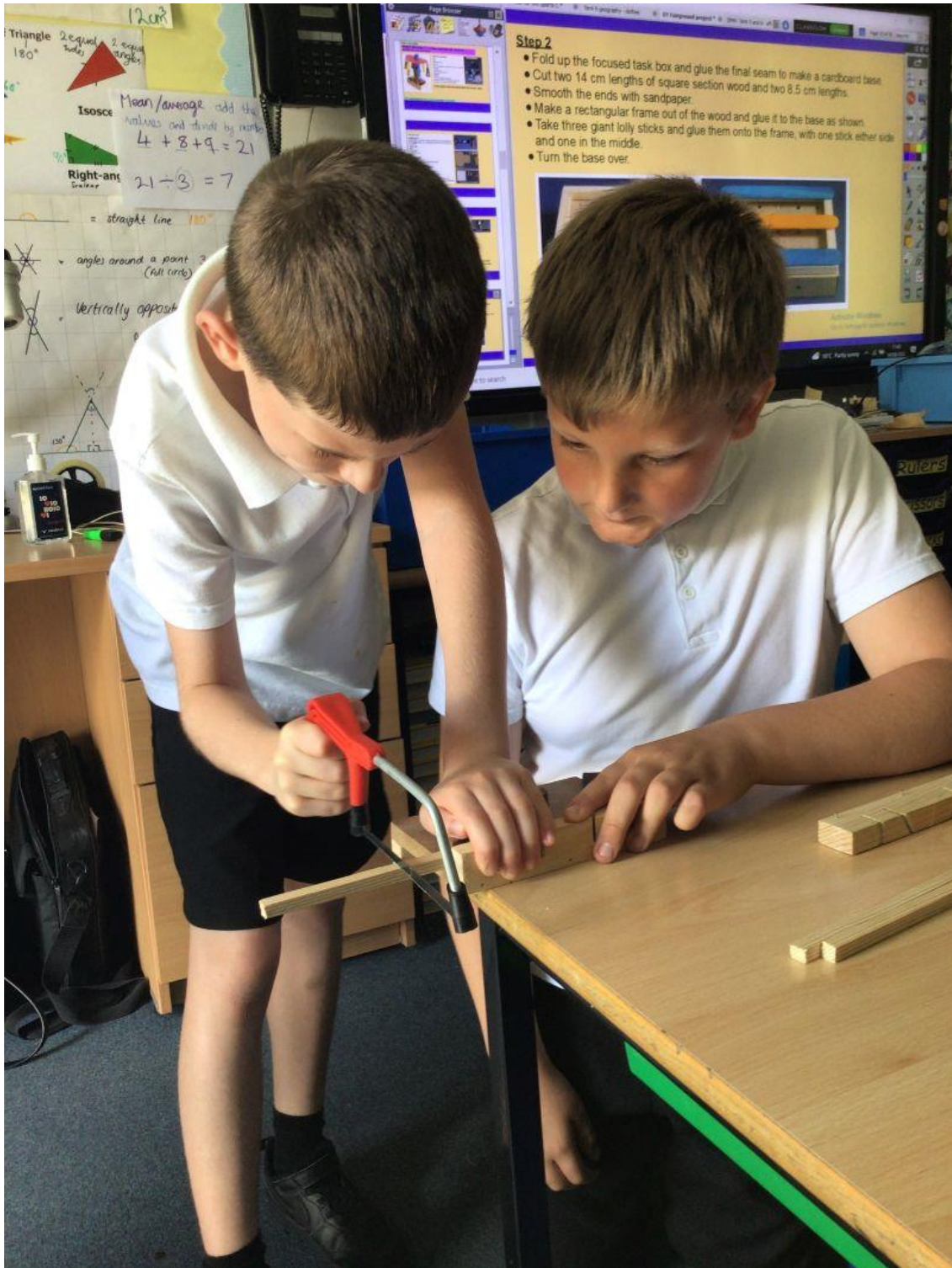


## Year 6

Year 6 have been applying their maths skills to engineer moving fairground rides. They have estimated, measured and most importantly problem-solved! Next week,

they begin to create animations to celebrate their time at Nova - artists and computer engineers incoming!





MEET THE TEAM



**Name:** Faye Sage

**Role:** Teaching Assistant

**The best part of the role:**

That light bulb moment when you are teaching a child something and it just clicks. That and how much the children make me laugh very day!

**Hobbies:**

I am part of the Nova PTFA and I love reading if I have any spare time.

**Favourite quote:**

"You'll never be bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do", Dr Seuss

**Experience:**

I have 3 children of my own who all enjoy keeping me on my toes and I volunteered at Nova before I started working here. That's when I realised I would love this role.

## ATTENDANCE

We are working hard to improve attendance at Nova which is still below the average across the city - we are thoroughly reviewing our attendance policy for September and there will be more information to follow.

Our current percentage since September is 93%, though this does rise to 94% if you exclude cases of covid this academic year. We really want to aim for **AT LEAST 95%** and as the year progresses, this is less and less likely, especially with the influx of holiday requests. Please remember that we cannot authorise them, unless there are truly extenuating circumstances. This does not include rescheduled holidays from lockdown or not having had a holiday since before Covid.

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## GEOGRAPHY POSTER COMPETITION



# Geography Poster Competition



*Geography shapes our children's understanding of the world and empowers them to make positive changes for a brighter future.*

During Geography week, commencing the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022, children will participate in a series of geography activities to further accelerate their geographical enquiry skills.

We invite all children to create a poster that describes a place that is special to them. **Where is that one special place that touched your heart and left you with lifelong memories?** This place can be anywhere, near or far.

We wish everyone could be a winner but, there's only a limited number of prizes. The judges will be looking for:

- ✓ Description of human features e.g. rivers, mountains
- ✓ Description of physical features e.g. roads, buildings
- ✓ Creativity

This is a great opportunity for you to support your child's learning at home.

There will be a prize for the most creative and informative poster from EYFS/KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

**All entries must be submitted to Ms Clarke by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

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**PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May we were happy to welcome parent/carers again to our school for a coffee morning!

This was a great opportunity for everyone to share a cuppa and a biscuit (or two) in a relaxed atmosphere.

Feedback we received was that the timing would be better if it was directly after the school run and a couple of parents kindly volunteered to greet and settle everyone in the hall until any staff could join you following their morning duties.

The overwhelming opinion was that future gatherings should not be formal but more a chance for everyone to meet and chat. We felt this would be a particularly useful thing to signpost to any new parents joining Nova in the future.

Our next date is booked for **Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> from 8.45am until 10am** so please come along and join in!



# Nova Primary School

warmly invites parents and  
carers to join us for a



When: *Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 8.45-10am*

Where: *School Hall*

A chance to relax and recover from  
the school run, meet with other  
parents, and share your voice.

*Everyone welcome!*

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## FOOD PARCELS & VOUCHERS

With the cost of living going up more and more, we know many families are finding it increasingly difficult to provide basic essentials for the family. At Nova we may be

able to provide some small assistance with a food parcel or foodbank vouchers.  
Please call the office if you feel we can help.

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## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

The cost of the club is £6.50 per session and term 6 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 go to the payments area of Weduc and click on 'bookings available', Nova ASC Term 6 and then select the dates required and add to your basket and then checkout.

You will have been sent your login details for Weduc in a separate email and you will need to have added funds to your 'purse' before being able to book ASC.

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.

Academic Year 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer Craft! 6 <sup>th</sup> June - 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Friendship Bracelet Making	Learn To Fold Origami	Clay Starfish	Pineapple Finger Painting	Handprint Flamingo Craft
Summer Sun! 13 <sup>th</sup> June - 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Pebble Rock Painting	Circle Games (inside or outside)	Follow the Leader Game	Paper Airplane	Marbles
Life's a Beach! 20 <sup>th</sup> June - 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Paper Boats	DIY Spinners	Chalk Pavement Drawing	Making Flags	Paper Plate Ice Cream Cones
Summer Fruits! 27 <sup>th</sup> June - 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer Fruit Dream Catcher	Fruit Quiz	Paper Fruit Mobile	Make Rice Krispie Cakes	Fruit Kebabs
Summer Rocks! 4 <sup>th</sup> July - 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Mosaic Cactus Craft	Parachute Games (inside or outside)	Obstacle Course (inside or outside)	Hide & Seek (KSI Playground)	Inset Day (School Closed)
Fun in the Sun! 11 <sup>th</sup> July - 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Bug Hunt/Trail	Make home-made bubbles	Messy Sensory Play	Play Frisbee (school field)	Water Fun (outside)
Summer Sports 18 <sup>th</sup> July - 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Outdoors -weather permitting)	Ball in a Bucket!	Summer Themed Relay Game	Play Tag	Inset Day (School Closed)	School Closed

## 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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