

# Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

**NOVA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dear Nova Families,

I don't think any of us have experienced such a busy term. Sometimes it is hard to know where the time goes and how you will ever get everything done! I think the half term break will be welcomed so that we can all take time to pause, regroup and remember what matters.

For me, safeguarding young people is the most important part of my role. It isn't easy as society throws more challenges at young people, but schools play an increasing part in supporting families which means they have to have even bigger safeguarding teams to make a difference.

At Nova, we have five designated safeguarding leads:

### 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 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**



All of us have completed in depth training with the local authority as a minimum, and we meet as a team, twice per week, to review all our safeguarding concerns. Some of us take responsibility for particular families, and this involves going to important meetings with other agencies such as social care and co-ordinating support in general. More and more, schools have become the glue that holds everything together for vulnerable families.

We also try very hard to make sure that any children who have been or are at risk of any harm, are given some additional support in school. This might be just an opportunity to talk, or more specific therapeutic intervention.

If you have any concerns about a young person, please get in touch with one of our designated safeguarding leads.

In assembly on Tuesday, the children reflected on their achievements, this academic year, so far. It was great to hear responses ranging from being a better

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 3**

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

**Inset Day 4**

Friday 28th April 2023

**Inset Day 5**

Monday 3rd July 2023

**Other Important Dates**

**Tuesday 1st November**  
Parent/Carer Consultations

**Wednesday 2nd November**  
Prospective Parents 2023 Tour @

friend to earning the Nova Star award! Children also told us of their goals for next term, with handwriting being a popular choice! We also heard which classes had managed to get every child's name on the recognition board for 'sustaining resources', our whole school challenge for the term. Those who managed this, enjoyed some lovely treats such as doughnuts and extra play! Suggestions for next term's challenge were also given and we have decided that we will all be focusing on 'Acts of Kindness'.

It is not easy for young people to manage all the challenges that life brings - academic work, family issues, friendships and more, but I was struck today by how emotionally intelligent our Nova pupils are and how invested they are in our culture of 'no star too far'. As I told them - they really are priceless.

I hope you have a fantastic half term, whatever you have planned, and I look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for the excitement and sparkle of term 2!

Warmest regards

Anna Morris  
Headteacher

10.00am

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**Wednesday 2nd November**

Y2 Trip to Aerospace

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**Wednesday 2nd November**

Parent/Carer Consultations

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**Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd  
November**

Y5 Jorvik Viking Centre Workshops

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**Friday 11th November**

Y3 Trip to Bristol Museum

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**Friday 18th November**

Dress Up Day for Children In Need

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**Thursday 24th November**

Y2 Trip to Blaise Castle House  
Museum

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**Tuesday 6th December**

Flu Vaccinations

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**Friday 9th December @ 10.00am**

Reception Nativity

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**Tuesday 13th December**

KS1 Christmas Lunch

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**Wednesday 14th December**

KS2 Christmas Lunch

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**Wednesday 14th December @**



**3.15pm**  
Carols by Candlelight

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## YEAR GROUP NEWS

### Reception

Reception have had a very busy time this term!

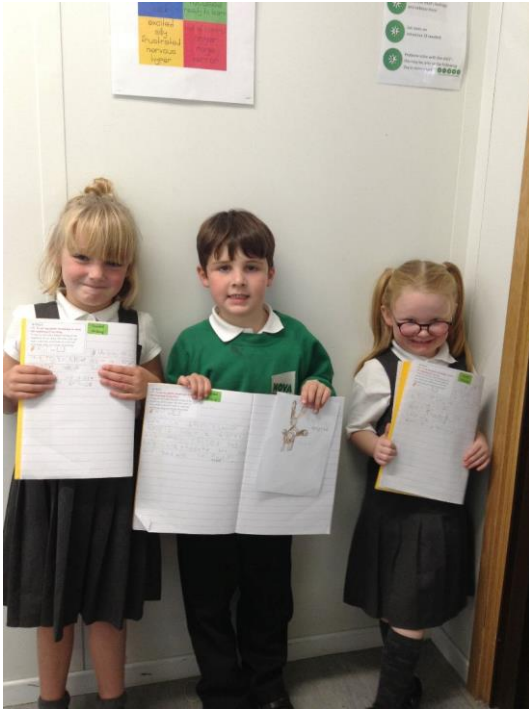
We have settled into full time life at school really well, shared information about our families, our likes and dislikes. We have even been visited by the School dog Smudge, Mrs Morris, Miss Cuthbert and Mr Baxter as well as a surprise note left by Detective dog Nell. Detective dog left a series of tasks that we had to complete to become detectives. After this we decided to learn all about different people who help us and how we can help others. We have learnt the story of goldilocks and had our parents in to do our first school performance!



### Year 1

Year 1 have amazed us this term with their amazing writing. We have learnt the story of Beegu with Talk 4 Writing actions. We then innovated the story by making our own alien characters and described them using adjectives. This week we created new story maps and have written the beginning of our own stories.

Some super hardworking children also went to Mrs Morris for a headteachers award!



## Year 2

Year 2 have been expert Historians in our Line of Enquiry this term through our learning about 'What was life like as a Victorian?'

We have learnt lots of interesting facts about Victorian life which we are excited to share with our families! We also visited Muller Orphanage to find out what Bristol was like in the Victorian times and to see where Victorian orphans lived. It was very interesting to learn about the day-to-day life of a Victorian orphan. We explored and handled real Victorian artefacts, dressed up as Victorians, learnt about George Muller and found out more about Victorian life in the museum!



### Year 3

Year 3 children couldn't believe their eyes! Last Monday, they discovered someone had snuck into the classroom. However, a vital piece of evidence had been left behind... instructions on how to steal Amisi's camels. The children have taken inspiration from this author's toolkit and begun to innovate their own set of instructions. The children particularly enjoyed being imperative (bossy) in their writing.

In maths, the Year 3 children learnt how to add and subtract while crossing the ones, tens and hundreds place value. It's been tricky but we know two different problem-solving strategies to help us. Ask us to show you!

In Line of Enquiry, we have examined artefacts and conducted research to find out what life was like in the Stone Age. This week, we have been designing, making and evaluating our very own Stone Age Fruit Stew!



#### Year 4

Year 4 continue to work enthusiastically as Historians exploring their first Line of Enquiry 'Who were the Romans and what was their legacy on Britain?'

Learning about Roman lives in the local area at Lawrence Weston Roman villa has been a highlight of the term! Our skills as artists have been developing too as we used clay to make Roman style pots. An entire banquet will be complete once we have sculpted Roman delicacies too! These include dormice rolled in honey and seeds and flamingo tongues! Bring on Term 2!





### Year 5

Discussing Black History Month, in the last week of term, Year 5 were inspired to work in the abstract style of Frank Bowling. After studying some of his painting and collage techniques, we created our own 'expressionist' works of art. We're pretty impressed with our creativity!

We also thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Michael Gorley from Historic England into class last Friday. We all had our historian coats on as we studied place names from across the UK, and learnt how to identify if they were: Ancient Briton, Roman, Anglo-Saxon or Viking. We then studied the locations and what we could learn about how these groups settled.



## Year 6

As part of our WW2 focus, Year 6 came into school in their evacuee costumes.

Throughout the day, we experienced what a 1940s classroom would be like (yes,

without technology) and practised air raid siren drills – getting into dark, small shelters (under our tables) with our gas masks.

During the day, we looked at some accounts from children being evacuated and explored what make do and mend is (sewing patches).



## MEET THE TEAM



**Name:** Leah Hopgood

**Role:** Teacher

**The best part of the role:**

I love having the opportunity to work with such a variety of personalities and seeing how they grow and develop into individuals.

**Hobbies:**

I love to spend my time playing board games with friends and you'll often find me in board game cafes around Bristol trying out the latest games.

**Favourite quote:**

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

**Experience:**

I completed one year as a Teaching Assistant before embarking on my teacher training journey where I gained experience in both year 1 and year 3.

# School Improvement Ambassador



**2022-23**

We are pleased to announce the School Improvement Ambassadors for 2022-23! All the children who wrote or filmed a speech were able to become one, so we didn't need a vote, although we would like to thank Eleanor and Mia, who so brilliantly did the role last year, for offering their services once again if we didn't have enough entries - we will keep you in mind if we need your expertise!

<b>Name</b>
<b>Marcie</b>
<b>Harry S</b>
<b>Dylan</b>
<b>Ammony</b>
<b>Felix</b>
<b>Venayah</b>
<b>Evie C</b>
<b>Rory</b>
<b>Charlotte</b>
<b>Chloe</b>
<b>Jazmine</b>

The ambassadors will meet fortnightly from the start of next term and we will keep you up to date with their plans!

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## **SPORTS UPDATE**

WOW, an incredible start to the term from our Nova Athletes, with an almighty run (Race for Life Schools) in aid of Cancer Research UK where, with your support, we managed to raise a phenomenal £1,577.06 - a real achievement!





A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls who attended our first event of the year, at St Bede's where they played in a 7 a-side football match against 8 other local schools. The girls' confidence grew as the matches progressed and they finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place with 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 game lost. Congratulations to our Nova football team and a big shout out to our player of the match, Polly!



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## **SMSA VACANCY**

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to support our lovely children at Nova experience positive, happy and safe play. If any of you, your friends or relatives are interested then please contact the office for an application form.

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## **LETTER FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

Dear Nova families,

Our new OFSTED report is now published and it shows that the school continues to deliver a good standard of education. I am writing to thank you for your role in supporting the school.



Despite the personal and family hardships you have endured in the last two and a half years, not least having to educate your children at home, you provided unwavering support and loyalty to the school and its community.

In the coming year we are all facing further challenge. However, I believe the Nova community: parents, carers, children, staff and governors, will continue to be the key to our success.

I share the view of our OFSTED inspectors when they wrote that pastoral support, respect, trust, pride in the community and realising opportunities for our children are strengths of our school.

The governing body are confident that together, we will build on these strengths. It is our aim, this year, to connect with you more frequently, to hear your views and understand your needs so we can fulfil our roles in school improvement and help Nova be the best school it can possibly be and I am very much looking forward to this.

Thank you, once again for all of your contributions and for sharing in the success of our school.

With best wishes

Laurie Haynes, Chair

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**CLEANING VACANCY**



## CLEANING OPERATIVE



Glen Group are actively recruiting for a **Cleaning operatives**, to work at local schools all over Bristol as well as mobile cleaning operatives.

Hours vary, but are typically available Monday to Friday between the hours of 15:30 – 17:30 and 05:30 – 08:30

This is a hands on cleaning position, Cleaning experience preferred. Working part of a team in the educational service

We are looking for someone with knowledge of cleaning and to be part of the Glen family, as well as the School, you will need to demonstrate diplomacy with fellow staff, customers and your surroundings. You must be trustworthy, well organized flexible, and reliable with a keen eye for attention to detail.

### Key Responsibilities

- Respond to customer comments
- Daily contact with Customer / site team
- Daily rectifying of faults
- Ensure specification is fully compliant
- Follow all COSHH, H/S and colour coding
- Use of Timegate for Actual pay

**Benefits** include free enrolment into Perkbox offering a variety of discount on purchases including those at supermarkets. recognition awards, overtime, progression, Helping Hands Scheme, Actual Monthly Pay  
If you are interested in joining our team please contact us at: [brucedunn@glencleaning.co.uk](mailto:brucedunn@glencleaning.co.uk)



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## PTFA

We are currently in the middle of planning our events for this academic year, and we are excited to try some new things.

If anyone has ideas to contribute or you want to volunteer please don't hesitate to get in touch, either at our next meeting which will take place on 2nd November at 7.30pm at The Lamplighters pub, or by emailing the school, FAO Nova PTFA.

We always welcome new members and helpers; it is a great way to get involved with the school and try to create fun activities for the children. All profits are spent enriching the children's time at school.

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £7.50 per session and term 2 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 2 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.

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### **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!

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