

# St. John's CE Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin - 20 September 2024



### Coming up

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Wed 25 Sep 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	<b>Ducklings</b> Forest School
Thu 26 Sep 2024	9.30 - 11.30	University Pool	<b>Malago</b> Swim Assessment Session
Wed 02 Oct 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	<b>Ducklings</b> Forest School
Thu 03 Oct 2024	9.00 - 9.45	LRR	<b>EYFS</b> Parent/Carer Phonics Session
Thu 03 Oct 2024	9.30 - 11.30	University Pool	<b>Avon</b> Swim Assessment Session
Thu 03 Oct 2024	19.30 - 21.30	WR	<b>Whole School</b> PTA AGM
Fri 04 Oct 2024	7.50 - 12.00	Both Sites	<b>Whole School</b> Individual and Sibling Photos
Fri 04 Oct 2024	15.30 - 16.30	LRR	<b>EYFS</b> Stay and Play
Tue 08 Oct 2024	15.30 - 18.45	Both Sites	<b>Whole School</b> Parent/Carer Consultations
Thu 10 Oct 2024	15.30 - 18.45	Both Sites	<b>Whole School</b> Parent/Carer Consultations

### INSET Days 2024-2025    Fri 25 Oct    Mon 4 Nov    Mon 6 Jan    Fri 4 April



### For Action

<u>Who?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>
<b>Whole School</b>		<b>Reception places for September 2025:</b> Applications are now open, we are holding tours throughout the Autumn, follow this <a href="#">link</a> for further information and to book onto one.
<b>Whole School</b>	Fri 04 Oct	<b>Individual Photos</b> – If your child has PE on Friday 4th October they will need to come into school in their school uniform ready for the school photo. If you have children on both sites click on this <a href="#">link</a> for information about how they will be able to get a sibling photo.
<b>Ducklings</b>	Wed 25 Sep & 02 Oct	Children to come to school in base layers for forest school afternoon, bring wellies and water proofs. Please sign up if you are able to help: <a href="#">Ducklings Forest School Sign Up</a>
<b>Falcons</b>	Thursdays	Volunteers are required for <b>Forest School</b> on Thursday afternoons, please sign up if you are able to help: <a href="#">Falcons Forest School sign up</a>
<b>Y3&amp;4</b>	by Fri 27 Sep	<b>Year 3&amp;4 Worrall Road Eco Team Applications</b> are now open for the new Eco Team. If your Y3&4 child would like to apply, they should write a letter or create a poster, poem, model, song or video saying why they want to be a member of this year's Eco Team. Please email the application (including NAME & CLASS) to: <a href="mailto:ecoteam@stjohnsprimary.org.uk">ecoteam@stjohnsprimary.org.uk</a> or hand it in to Ms Allenby in Harbour Class by Friday 27th September.
<b>Malago</b>	Thu 26 Sep	<b>Swim Assessment Session</b> - children will need to come into school wearing their swimming kit. They will also need their water bottle and a coat suitable for the weather of the day. Please inform your class teacher if you are able to walk with us to and from the pool. Click <a href="#">here</a> for the letter sent previously.
<b>Avon</b>	Thu 03 Oct	<b>Swim Assessment Session</b> - children will need to come into school wearing their swimming kit. They will also need their water bottle and a coat suitable for the weather of the day. Please inform your class teacher if you are able to walk with us to and from the pool. Click <a href="#">here</a> for the letter sent previously.
<b>Y5&amp;6</b>		Year 5&6 weekly <b>maths homework</b> has started this week.
<b>Y6</b>	by 31 Oct	<b>Apply for a secondary school place</b> for the school year 2025 - 2026, applications close at midnight on 31st October 2024. See flyer at the end of the bulletin. Also below, an invitation to a <b>Montpellier High open evening</b> for parents and carers of girls in Year 6 (and Year 5's thinking about next year).



## Online Safety

### Year Groups



[New House Captains](#)

[National Fitness Day](#)

[Avon Class Maths](#)

[EYFS week 3](#)

### Service Questions



In services this week, we have been helping ourselves and others to 'fly high like an eagle' by reflecting on these questions: What are you thankful for? Why is it important to be thankful? What are 'Thankful Stars'?

### Hawks Class Staff News

As you will already be aware, Mrs Pickles will be starting her maternity leave next term and we wish her all the very best. I am sad to say that Mrs West will also be leaving St. John's next term to relocate to Exeter. I know that, like us, you and your child will be sad to see them both leave. We will be advertising for a full time teacher to start on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and we will build in some handover time to aid continuity. We will keep you up to date with this recruitment over the coming weeks. In the meantime, I am sure you will want to join me in wishing both Mrs West and Mrs Pickles all the very best for the future.

### Shine October Half Term

Early booking discount for Shine during October half term, see flyer at the end of the bulletin.

### St Mary Redcliffe New Chorister Group

On September 26th, St Mary Redcliffe will be launching a new chorister group for youngsters called Sing Start! Sing Start will be open to children aged 5-7 years old and free for all to attend. It will be an informal and fun group that will learn through musical games, call and response and begin to read sheet music. Rehearsals will be on a Thursday from 5:30-6:30 (including a squash and biscuit break!) starting on Sept 26th. You can sign up now via [www.tinyurl.com/singstartsignup](http://www.tinyurl.com/singstartsignup). Flyer at the end of the bulletin.

### Leave of Absence

[Leave of Absence Request Form](#) Please note this needs to be completed 2 weeks before your leave. Absence due to visiting a new school should be reported on Parentmail not on this form.

### Parentmail

Please report pupil absence due to illness or medical appointment on Parentmail, follow the [link](#) for more information and help downloading the App.

### Name Tags

For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, [My Nametags](#) will contribute 20% to the school. Every order placed when clicking on this link and using the School ID of 21484 will be counted in the fundraising total for our school. Follow this link or go to the school website, quick links page and click on the My Nametags link.

### Give as you Live online

Support the PTA by using Give as you Live Online, it is a free way to raise money for charity when you shop online. Shop at over 6,000 leading stores via our website, Donation Reminder or App and you'll raise free funds for our school. Go to [www.giveasyoulive.com/](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/). Sign up on the top right of the website and enter St John's School PTA (Clifton) when selecting the charity of choice.

For more information click [here](#). Ask friends, family members, and even any businesses you are involved with to shop this way too. We recommend popping a Bookmark on your Bookmarks Bar, or setting Give as You Live as your default homepage so that you don't forget.

# apply for a **secondary school** place for the school year **2025-2026**

If your child was born between **1 September 2013** and **31 August 2014** you will need to apply for a school place by **31 October 2024**.



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## What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check out the guidance on applying to schools – available at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community secondaries the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. School websites provide details of open evenings and other events.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 31 October 2024.

**School Admissions (CH)**  
 Bristol City Council  
 PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE  
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 e [school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk)  
 t 0117 903 7694



## Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 31 October 2024.

Apply online [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Why choose Montpelier High School?

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**Year 7**  
**Open**  
**Evening**

**Thursday 26 September**  
**6:30 - 8:30pm**

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**Book a**  
**Place**



**Looking for a school place for**  
**September 2025?**  
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**Sing Start!** will be open to children aged 5-7 years old. It will be an informal and fun group that will sing in services when the older choristers are on holiday. We will learn through musical games, call and response and begin to read sheet music.

Rehearsals will be on a Thursday from 5:30pm – 6:30pm (including a squash and biscuit break!) starting at the end of September.

Please contact St Mary Redcliffe's Director of Music Joe Cryan for further information:  
[joe.cryan@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk](mailto:joe.cryan@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk)  
07565 597 978

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