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# THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



## Message from Interim Headteacher

It's great to be writing to all Bugle readers at the end of a very successful term at Bridge. In particular, we have been working hard to prepare Year 6 and Year 11 students for public exams next term.

An important part of the job of a Headteacher is making strong plans for the future and the Spring Term is a time when we seriously start to prepare for next academic year. I'm pleased to report that next year is going to be a great one for Bridge with very strong staff dedicated to working with our wonderful students.

The end of term is a time to celebrate what students have achieved, and there have been no shortage of rewards trips and assemblies this week with prizes and certificates awarded to the students who have done well. That is as it should be. However, our philosophy at Bridge is not only to praise students at the end of each term. We are also fostering a culture of rewarding the children who are on time, smartly dressed and ready to learn, not only with prizes and reward points, but with what they value the most - our time and attention. This means that staff are going out of their way to say, "Well done" and "thank you" to the great majority of students who are getting it right, rather than giving so much attention to those who are not.

Have a great Easter break with your family. I look forward to a great Summer Term!

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The Bridge Value of the Week is...



RESPECT

What choices will I make today to show respect for my own learning and behaviour?



Mr Butler  
Interim Headteacher

## Trip with South Bristol Youth, Elevating excellence group

We had a trip to Willmott Dixon in Pill, we used their office space to take part in a History workshop day.

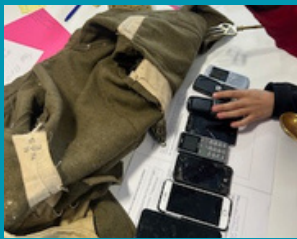
We had a workshop on deciding what is fact or opinion and how both facts and people opinions make up what we learn about History. Each student wrote out facts about themselves and presented it to the group.

Later in the day we then got to look at some artefacts, we had to decide what we thought it was and would it have been used by a rich person or a poor person and why. This included multiple mobile phones, the students enjoyed looking at these and guessing what would have been closet to Miss Smith's first phone, this also presented some questionable guesses about Miss Smith's age!

The students were also able to take a look at a spoon used by Adolf Hitler!

We finished the day with the students discussing what they love and dislike about living in Bristol, using our fact and opinion skills from earlier in the day.

The students were fantastic throughout the day.



A huge shout-out to our SEND team (and to Karly!) who have absolutely smashed their Walk for Autism challenge this month. What started as a small step-count with Vickie, Sarah, Rosie and Jodie grew into a full team effort – and the whole school community has rallied behind them.

Thanks to everyone who supported the chick-naming competition, raffles, treasure map, and sponsorships, the team have already raised an incredible £606, beating their £500 target before the walk is even finished. The chick-naming alone raised £148.20, and the raffles and treasure map are still going strong.

They've also walked an unbelievable 485,160 steps so far – roughly 242 miles – with three days still to go. By the end of the challenge, they'll have clocked up over 600,000 steps, which is basically a stroll to the Lake District!

A massive thank you from the SEND team and Karly for every donation, every raffle ticket bought, and every bit of support. Final totals will be shared after half-term.

And as April marks Autism Awareness Month, we're really pleased to continue raising the profile of autism across our school. Sam and Hannah have put together some fantastic sensory-awareness activities for our drop-down Friday afternoon in the first week back: Year 1 will take part, and Year 2 will be completing theirs during the day too. After Easter, we'll be talking more about autism awareness in assembly.

## **Years 7, 8 , 9 & 10 End of Term Celebration Trip to the Cinema**

Last week, 320 students from Years 7–10 enjoyed a special Cinema Rewards trip to Showcase Cinema in Avonmeads, spread across two days in the final week of term. Students watched Project Hail Mary and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, marking a great end to a successful term.

The trip rewarded students who demonstrated good and improved attendance and behaviour across Terms 3 and 4. Students represented the school brilliantly throughout, and it was fantastic to recognise those who consistently make the right choices and model our BRIDGE values every day.



## **Year 11 Head Students**

Huge congratulations to the following students, who had to go through a tough interview process. Well done!

**Stephanie Oviawe, Layla-Rae Rudge & Sophie Harrison**



Olivia in Year 8 attended Beckingham Training Camp recently, from being chosen for the final 10 picked from 240 girls at the Regional Cadet Tournament to now representing the South West National Football Tournament, which is a huge achievement. Well done Olivia! We are all so proud of you!



## Parent/Carer voice - School Survey

We really value your views and would love to hear from you. Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can continue to improve for all of our pupils. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey – your voice genuinely makes a difference. Please use the QR code or link below:

Link: <https://participate.schoolsurveys.com/06P7gIruawYBknyN>

QR Code:



### FAQs

Parents/carers with more than one child at your school should complete a separate survey for each child. The first question can seem unclear without this context, so please ensure this is included.

If families have difficulty completing multiple surveys, they should open a new browser window for each submission.

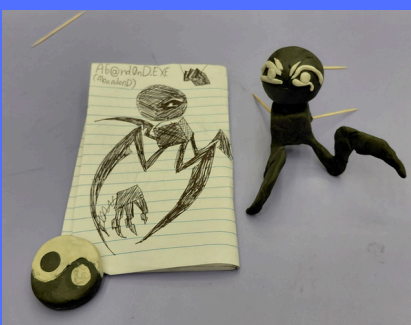
If technical issues persist, you can support them using the attached Word version and input their responses into the platform on their behalf.

For individuals who may want the survey in a different language, the survey is automatically translated when opened to whatever language the user's device is in.

**The survey will close on April 27th**

## Year 10 In House Work Experience

Year 10 students took part in a three day in-house Work Experience (WEX) week, where they engaged in a series of workshops delivered by a wide range of employers. Organisations including AWW, the Royal Navy, Aardman, Atkins, Compass, Everyone Active, Stantec, and Bristol WORKS provided interactive sessions that helped students explore different career paths, gain new skills, and understand the world of work from industry professionals.



# NURSERY PLACES SEPTEMBER 2026



## WE OFFER FAMILIES:

- A nurturing & safe environment for children aged 3+
- Smooth transition to on-site primary and secondary school
- 15 – 30 hours of free childcare

### First Steps To Next Steps

“Children in the early years thrive here”

“All pupils learn a rich diet of vocabulary”

“Children are exceptionally well prepared for Year 1 and beyond”

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Ofsted judged EYFS as 'Strong Standard' in January 2026



## Staff Stars of the week the Week

*Gemma Griffin and Team - I would like to nominate and recognise Gemma and her incredible team, who truly hold everything together. No matter the challenge, they consistently support and help in my experience, resolving around 95% of issues with efficiency and care. What stands out even more is the genuine kindness and empathy they show, not just to me but to so many others, day in and day out. Their support over the years has made a real difference. Thank you, Gemma and your wonderful team, for being consistently awesome, kind, and brilliant.*

*Jo Chambers - This person has worked tirelessly to support Year 10 students with Work Experience. This process starts six months before the students go on placement and is a really hard job, So thank you Jo for making it a smooth process for the students.*



## Important Date or Events

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026- all students return to Term 5 at normal time.**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026- Year 6 SATs exams take place**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026- Year 11 GCSEs start**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 9.00am - SEND Year 7 New Starters Coffee Morning**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 - Last Day of Term 5 (Primary INSET Day)**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 - Start of Term 6**

