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# THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



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I hope all Bugle readers have enjoyed the first two weeks of Term 2. The highlight in secondary has definitely been our victory over Merchants in the Varsity sports tournament. Well done to all students and staff who took part in the competition!

Exams season has already begun in primary and secondary. Year 6 students are making last minute preparations for their SATs exams next week and Year 11 students took their languages speaking and listening exams this week. I wish all students taking public exams the very best of luck!

Also, this week we have been celebrating our diverse community with cultural activities in both phases. Primary students very much enjoyed an African Dance workshop this week and Secondary students enjoyed a visit from organisers of the St Paul's Carnival. There is a lot of talk in the media about people becoming more divided in our country, but that is certainly not the case at Bridge where everyone is welcome and we celebrate everyone's cultural heritage: an important part of who we are.

This will be my final full term at Bridge as I will be making way for substantive headteacher Danny McGilloway in the summer. I've very much enjoyed my time leading the Bridge community so far this academic year and I'm looking forward to a very successful term ahead. I also know that I'll be leaving the school in very safe hands with a bright future ahead of it!

I hope you and your family enjoy the long weekend!

The Bridge Value of the Week is...

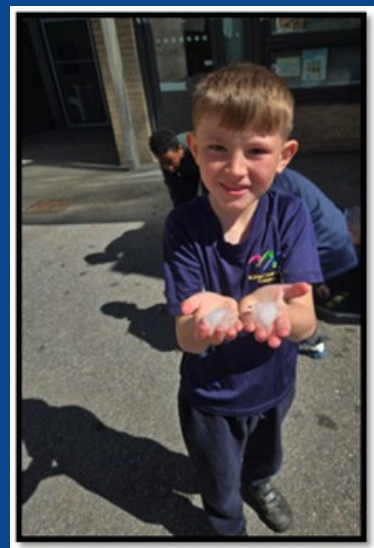
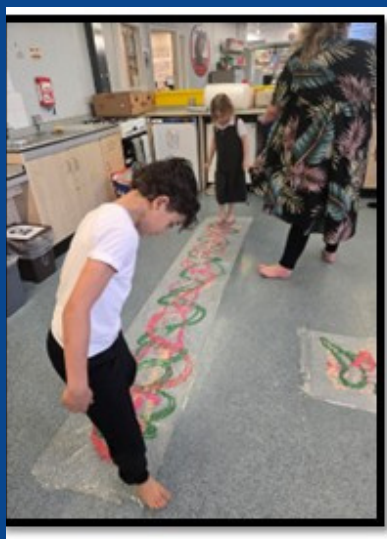


Mr Butler  
Interim Headteacher

## *Primary SALT team and the Primary SEND team for organised a lovely Key Stage 1 day to mark Autism Awareness Month*

*The children really enjoyed the range of sensory and creative activities, from making calming sensory bottles and decorating autism awareness ribbons, to exploring the sensory pathway barefoot across different textures. It was great to see how calm, engaged and focused the children were, with activities that allowed everyone to take part in their own way.*

*A really thoughtful, inclusive day – thank you to everyone involved!*



# YEAR 11 VARSITY

Our Year 11 students had their Varsity against Merchants at home.

All students were amazing and we are really proud of them.

We won the Trophy with the following results:

Football Merchants 4 to BLC 0

Netball - BLC 25 to Merchants 0

Rounders - BLC 18 1/2 to Merchants 12

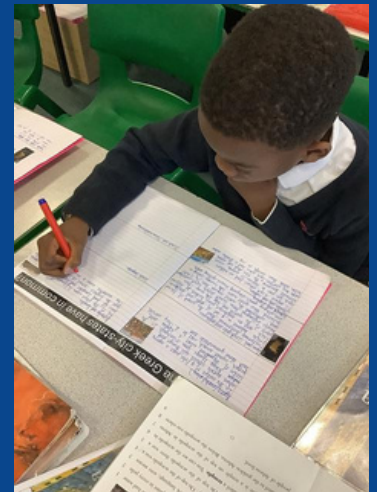
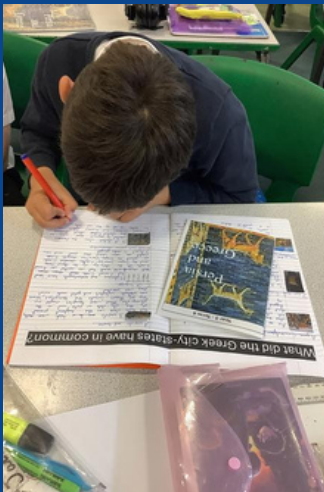
Tug of War - BLC 2 - Merchants 1



*A fantastic workshop of African Dance for Y3 and Y4... so much dancing and so much fun!!*

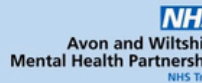


*Everyone is working incredibly hard, here are Year 5 working on their synoptic tasks in History all about Persians and the Ancient Greeks - they have remembered so much knowledge from last term!!*



# YEAR 8 TYNTESFIELD TRIP

Last Wednesday and Friday 2 groups from Year 8 attended a visit to Tyntesfield national trust property. The aim of the visit was to give the students an insight into what different materials are used to make every day items, and why. The students had a tour of several rooms of the manor house and got to carry out several scientific experiments to enhance their understanding. The day was really informative and we were blessed on both days with lovely weather. All students that attended were a credit to themselves and to the school, so well done to all of them! Nick Trudgen



## Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) work as part of the MHST in your **selected schools**, either **1:1** or **in groups**. We are trained to provide **early intervention**, Low Intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LI-CBT), which is a type of brief talking therapy to help with **anxiety, low mood**, and other **wellbeing** struggles. It does take work so you need to **want to work** with us. **\*We do not offer a crisis service.**

### Get in Contact



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### How can you access us?

Speak to a trusted member of staff in school who will work with the school **Mental Health Lead (MHL)** to make a referral to us.

OR

If you would prefer **not** to speak to a member of staff directly and think we are the right service for you, then complete a **self-referral** form by scanning the QR code or going to our website.



We will then meet with your MHL or review your online referral. Even if we are not the right service for you, we will still help your school to think about what options may be helpful.



If LI-CBT is suitable for you, then you will start meeting with your EMHP.

The MHST is a partnership between Off the Record (OTR) and CAMHS. We are working with **selected schools** across Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos. To find out where we work, check out our webpage: <https://www.awp.nhs.uk/camhs/camhs-services/mh-schools/mental-health-support-team-mhst-2>

This leaflet is also available in other languages. Please contact us for more information.



## Drama Props

A request for drama props. Please can you help Louise Saunders build up the supply of props/costumes students can use in lessons. Anything you do not use and could donate would be amazing.

We are looking for:

- Plastic cutlery, bowls, cups
- Wooden spoons and frying pans
- Aprons
- Tea towels
- Police hats/high vis
- Blazers any colour
- Ties
- Any hats



Please bring any items to Secondary reception.

# STAY AND PLAY

A free space  
of play, stories,  
songs and  
refreshments for  
little ones aged 0-4  
and their adults!

THURSDAYS  
10 - 11:30am

(Term time  
only)

[standrewshartcliffe.org  
/stayandplay](http://standrewshartcliffe.org/stayandplay)

 **St Andrews  
Hartcliffe**



## Staff Stars of the week the Week

*Claire Harrisson and Laura Crispin - this nomination goes to two absolute legends who, over the past couple of years supported me. These two people have been patient and kind. Nothing is too much trouble. I think they do an amazing job supporting their year group.*

*Alex McAfee - in recognition of the outstanding support she has provided with the Year 11 Prom, school trips, and the upcoming transition. Her commitment and reliability have made a real difference, and we truly appreciate her support.*



## Important Dates or Events

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Y11 GCSEs begin**

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

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 - Primary Last day of Term 5**

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

