

15th May 2026



THE BLC BUGLE

The Voice of BLC fortnightly Newsletter



Message from Interim Headteacher

**INSIDE,
WE ALSO
TALK
ABOUT:**

Message from Interim Headteacher - Page 1

Year 5 Harbour Visit and Families First Info - Page 2

Year 10 Court Visit, Turquoise Class and Year 4 Science - Page 3

Year 9 SBY Science Creates Visit - Page 4

EYFS and 15% off Uniform - Page 5

Staff Star of the Week, SEN Coffee Morning and Dates - Page 6

I hope all members of the Bridge community are enjoying Term 5, even though the weather has been somewhat mixed and we are still stuck with spring showers!

This week, Year 6 students took their KS2 SATs exams in literacy and numeracy. Well done to all students who took their tests and a massive thanks to primary staff who have been working so hard to prepare them for these important exams. Thanks also to all Year 6 parents and carers who have supported your children so well during their time at Bridge. It is so important for children that their school works in partnership with their family to help them succeed.

SATs week is an excellent opportunity to mention again that, last year, Bridge primary was in the top 10 of Bristol schools for Year 6 students meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and numeracy. This was an outstanding achievement for a school with almost 60% of students classified as disadvantaged.

Also this week, Year 11 students have been taking GCSE exams in the school hall. So far the exams have gone well, so fingers crossed that our oldest students leave Bridge with all the qualifications they need to access their courses of choice in college or sixth form.

Next week is the last week of Term 5 which has been a really positive one for the school. A reminder that primary school students have an INSET day on Friday 22nd May, so no primary students are in school that day.

Have a great half term holiday when it comes!

The Bridge Value of the Week is...**Dare!**



What does it mean to dare?

Daring means having the courage to try something new, challenging, or a bit outside your comfort zone — even when you feel unsure.

Questions to take into your week...

- How can I speak up, share an idea, or ask a question that helps me learn, even if it feels a bit scary?
- Where could I push myself to join in, help someone, or take part in something new today?



Mr Butler
Interim Headteacher

South Bristol Youth Year 5 Harbour Visit

At the risk of sounding gushing... that was the best parent harbour trip I have ever done! I cannot tell you how heart warming it was seeing parents engaging with their children whilst sitting together on the boat – they were all chatting away and making the most of the opportunity.

I had numerous parents thanking me for the opportunity, saying how special it was and commenting on how Learning to Lead is helping their child.

Many commented on increasing confidence, feeling happier, making new friends, better mental health and the amount they talk about each trip sharing new learning at home. Then to top it all off the students did a spontaneous conga around the boat – it was so lovely to see them coming together as a team like that and the skipper said it was a first ever conga on a Bristol ferry boat.

The afternoon was just perfect ! Christine Purnell SBY



Family Help South Bulletin – Part 1
Information & Support for Families,
Parent/Carers and Young People

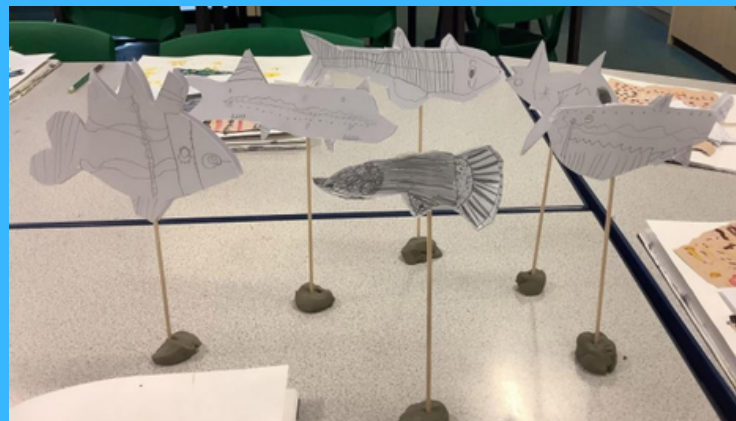
Please [click here](#) to see what's on for Families First

This week, five Year 10 students were given a fantastic opportunity to visit Bristol Magistrates' Court as part of a two-day programme with Getting Court. During the visit, students gained first-hand insight into how the courts operate and how the law is applied in real cases.

They met a range of professionals, including judges, barristers, court clerks and specialist police officers, who shared their experiences and spoke about the many different pathways into careers in law. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and found it both interesting and inspiring.



Turquoise Class were inspired by Irish sculptor John Kindness, (known for creating a giant fish sculpture to tell the story of the 'Salmon of Knowledge'). They connected this artwork to their knowledge of indigenous Australian artwork and created their own Maquettes to help them plan and design their own fish sculptures, with excellent attention to detail.



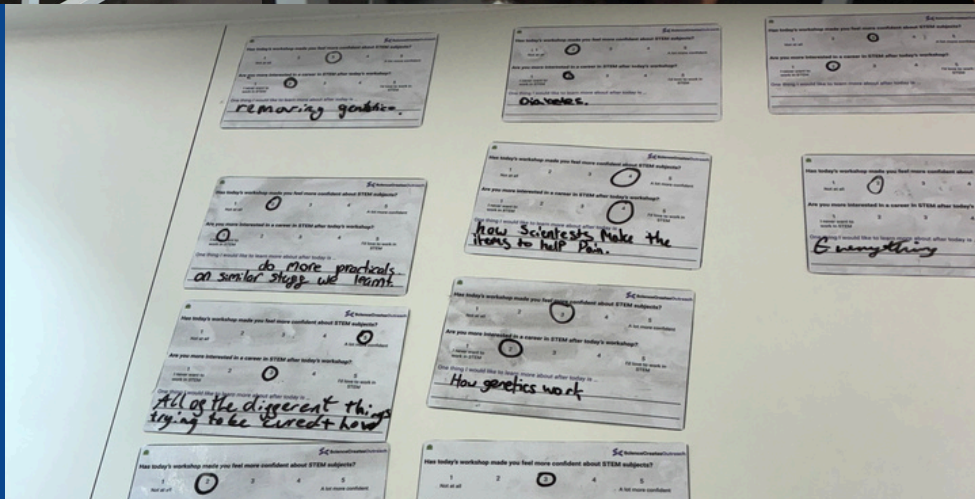
In Science, Year 4 explored electrical circuits by using different components to build and test closed circuits. They investigated how electricity flows through a complete circuit and discovered what happens when the circuit is broken!



Year 9 Future Quest Science Creates Visit

During their day at Science Creates, students had the exciting opportunity to experience working in a real laboratory environment. Wearing lab coats and safety goggles, they carried out hands-on experiments. They learned how to use specialist equipment, follow safety procedures, and record their findings carefully. The session was engaging and practical, helping students to build confidence, curiosity, and a better understanding of how science is used in real-world careers.

Jo Chambers, Careers Lead



EYFS

Each week the focus on the group learning time changes and this week's focus was on maths in YN. They have revisited the concepts of full and empty... then half full. The children have also been measuring and comparing.



In YR the children have been learning about food and made smoothies last week. This week it was pitta pizzas!! They have also been learning about staying healthy and what healthy choices are regarding foods. Some children have tried foods they have never had before which has been brilliant.



Monkhouse our Uniform Suppliers are delighted to announce

15% Off All Orders – Limited Time Only!

Starting Monday, 18th May, we're offering a 15% discount on all uniform orders, a perfect opportunity for parents/carers to get ahead on back-to-school shopping and save big. But don't wait – this offer won't be around for long!

Offer ends: Tuesday 26th May

Extended Returns Period: To make things even easier, we're also extending our returns period until 11th September, giving parents/carers extra flexibility.

 monkhouse

Ready, Set, Save!

15% off

Everything!

Use Code: **SAVE15** at checkout.

monkhouse.com

18th - 26th May

We're making back-to-school easier (and cheaper!) for you.

Promo starts Monday 18th May until 26th May, enjoy **15% off everything!**

Whether you're stocking up or prepping ahead, this is the perfect time to grab everything you need.

 **Shop early** and avoid the summer rush.

 **Built to last** – sustainable and high-quality products.

 Worried about growth spurts? Don't be – we've got **extended returns**.

 **One-stop shop:** All your school essentials in one place.

Shop online today and start saving!

Use Code: **SAVE15** at checkout.

monkhouse.com



Transition SEN COFFEE Morning

If your child is starting BLC in Year 7 in September. Just a reminder to come and join us on Wednesday 20th May between 9.00-10.00am to meet our SEN/SEMH Team.

It is a relaxed time to get to see the base and ask any questions.

Please [**click here**](#) on the link to register your interest.



Staff Stars of the week the Week

I am nominating this person because they work tirelessly across the whole camps, supporting both staff and students. She is always ready to support the team, when she can, my nomination is for our first aid officer Rachel Brown.

I nominate this person as they do everything including feeding loads of students in the morning for breakfast club. They have a tag line of 'no stress.' The person I nominate for star of the week is cover supervisor Callum Wright.



Important Dates or Events

Year 11 GCSEs continue

Wednesday 20th May 2026 - 9.00am - SEND Year 7 New Starters Coffee Morning

Thursday 21st May 2026 - Primary Last day of Term 5

Friday 22nd May 2026 - Secondary Last day of Term 5 (Primary INSET Day)

