

## Upcoming events & celebrations

### Term 1 starts: September 5

Thursday September 5 is the first day of term for all students. The first three days of term are INSET and school will be closed to all students.

### Roald Dahl Day: September 13

Classes will celebrate the life and works of Roald Dahl, the renowned children's author.

### International Day of Democracy: September 16

This year's theme is "Empowering the next generation", focusing on young people's essential role in ensuring their voices are included in the decisions that have a profound impact on their world.

### MacMillan's World Biggest Coffee morning: September 27

A wonderful opportunity for our community to come together to raise money in support of people facing cancer.

### Harvest Festival Week: September 30 – October 4

A time for celebrating the successful gathering of the year's crops and for giving thanks and supporting within the community.

### Black History Month: October

This year's theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives', shining a light on the stories and histories of our communities.

### Family Link Events

Please look out for additional dates that will be shared during the term.

### Term 1 ends: October 25

This is the final day of term for all students. Tuesday July 23 is a staff INSET day, meaning school will be closed.

## Term Dates

### Term 1

Monday September 2 – Friday  
October 25, 2024

### Term 2

Monday November 4 – Friday  
December 20, 2024

### Term 3

Monday January 6 – Friday  
February 14, 2025

### Term 4

Monday February 24 – Friday April  
4, 2025

### Term 5

Tuesday April 22 – Friday May 23,  
2025

### Term 6

Monday June 2 – Tuesday July 22,  
2024

## Inset Days

### Term 1

Monday September 2, 2024  
Tuesday September 3, 2024  
Wednesday September 4, 2024  
Friday October 4, 2024

### Term 3

Monday January 6, 2025

### Term 6

Tuesday July 22, 2025

## Headteacher's Reflections

It's been another wonderful year working with the most amazing children and young people! There have been so many achievements and successes across the school. The events and fun times have continued across the course of the year and we can safely say that everyone has enjoyed, engaged and learnt! Special mention has to go to the incredible Sixth Formers who took part in the Calvert Trust trip and to the staff who supported this endeavour. We're also incredibly proud of our Infants who have been the first Bristol school to achieve the Bristol Standard. Congratulations must also go to three of our Early Careers Teachers who graduated this year. We hope that you have a wonderful and restful summer vacation and look forward to welcoming your child/young person back in September. To our leavers, we wish them the best of luck.

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## Things to note

We are in the process of bringing a new school uniform provider on board. Please look out for further details around this at the start of next academic year.

## Free School Meals & Pupil Premium funding

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals they will get a free, healthy lunch provided in school each day. You may also be eligible for support via the Bristol City Council voucher scheme during school holidays. If your child has a packed lunch or is fed via a tube or other means, it is still important that you apply as the school receives additional funding for these pupils. Pupil Premium funding is around £1,455 per primary school child and around £1,035 per secondary school child. This money makes a big difference to our school and the eligible pupils. We report on how we spend this money, which can be found on our website.

To get an instant decision about eligibility, please visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/travel-and-free-school-meals/free-school-meals>

## Attendance snippets

Thank you to all parents and students who have worked hard to improve their attendance in school. We know that good attendance supports pupils with their academic achievement, helps to foster positive emotional wellbeing and ensures access to additional therapies such as physiotherapy or speech and language support.

However, we have noticed an increase in pupils arriving late to school. Please can you ensure that your child or young person arrives at school by 9:00am each day. If you would like support or advice with this, or help with completing a home to school transport application, please reach out to our Family Link team: [familylink.briarwood@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:familylink.briarwood@bristol-schools.uk)

100%	0 days Missed
95%	9 days of Absence. 1 week and 4 days of learning missed
90%	19 days of Absence. 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed
85%	28 days of Absence. 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed
80%	38 days of Absence. 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed
75%	46 days of Absence. 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed

## Duke of Edinburgh

The students successfully arrived in Paris this term! Over twenty students contributed to essential fundraising for their Calvert Trust visit by cycling 575km miles from London to Paris. What an incredible achievement and dedication!

This term also saw the highly anticipated Calvert Trust trip for some of our young people. It was an

incredible experience with students taking part in activities such as abseiling and horse riding to name but a few! They also enjoyed a trip to the beach. A huge thank you must go to the staff who made this trip possible. It is their dedication and hard work that made such a wonderful opportunity a reality for our students.



Thank you also to all those families who kindly supported this extremely worthy cause. The whole experience was absolutely incredible for both the students and staff who were involved.



## News & achievements

### Infants

Infants have had a wonderful term reaping the rewards of our Children's Kitchen project in the garden. Look how everything's grown! The students loved sharing this with their families at our End of Year Celebration.

They also shared pictures of themselves holding minibeasts with Zoolab and performing some amazing African drumming. The students cooked healthy snacks which were enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to those who came to celebrate with us and helped make the day so special for our students.



Everyone had a lovely time saying goodbye to our Infants graduates this term. Although we will miss you and your families, we know you will all have a fantastic time at Juniors next year.

Have a wonderful, well-earned summer break! We look forward to welcoming back those returning in September for another fun filled year!

### Juniors

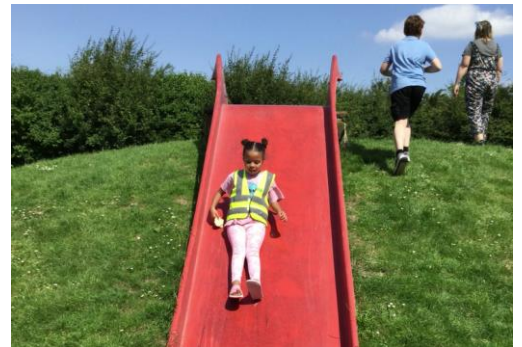
It has certainly been a hugely positive end to the year for our Juniors students, reflected in the fantastic Art



Show that we put on at the end of Sky Arts Week and our Celebration of Achievement. Thanks to all the parents and carers

who were able to join these events and support our students. The hard work that everyone has put in can also be seen in the Progress Reports that went home this week.

In amongst all the hard work, we've also been able to fit in some down time with classes taking trips to the park, as well as plenty of water play in the hot weather! We look forward to seeing everyone back at the



start of the new academic year and wish those moving up to Secondary the best of luck!

### Secondary & Nexus

And just like that we are at the end of Term 6 and another year has gone by – time flies when you're having fun! The students have been working hard this year towards their targets and have been making some fabulous progress. They've also had some exciting opportunities to showcase and share their achievements and creativity. We took part in Sky Arts Week this term, culminating in an exhibition of the students work.



The students also enjoyed our fun filled Carnival afternoon, which gave everyone an opportunity to celebrate their differences.

We have spent the term getting ready for students transitioning to new sites and I know the entire department would like to wish all our Secondary & Nexus leavers the best of luck in their new ventures! We are also looking forward to welcoming those joining us from Juniors in September. I'm sure it will be another busy year for our entire cohort!



Hope that everyone has a wonderful summer break – we look forward to seeing you all in September.

## Sixth Form

It's the end of a packed year for the Briarwood Sixth Form! Term 6 saw a trip to The Calvert Trust for some of our young people where we took part in activities



such as abseiling, zip wiring, horse riding and canoeing! It was a wonderful week for all who took part, with lots of opportunities for

independence and social skills. Some students also achieved their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award as part of this trip, which is a fantastic achievement!

completion this term, with students successfully cycling 575km over the course of the year!

IKEA came in and helped us to build lots of furniture they had kindly donated to us for our outdoor space. It is now looking fantastic and we've all enjoyed using it in the better weather.



We also held the Sixth Form Prom last week to celebrate our leavers. We have seven young people leaving us this year and we wish them the best of luck. Most are moving on to college to continue their education, with some looking forward to developing their independence in the community. All seven achieved ASDAN qualifications – congratulations to them all!

We wish everyone a restful summer and look forward to the start of another busy year in September!

The Bristol to Paris virtual bike ride also came to