

An update from Mrs Edwards



As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, it feels appropriate to reflect on all that your wonderful children have achieved. Throughout Term 5, we have been focusing on the value of perseverance — encouraging our children to keep trying their best, challenge themselves and understand that every learning journey is unique. It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many children showing determination, resilience and pride in their progress.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 children, who have been incredibly impressive this term. They approached SATs week with maturity, positivity and determination, and we are extremely proud of all they have accomplished.

With the sun shining and summer beginning to arrive, we would like to wish you all a very happy and restful half term. We hope you enjoy spending time together and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

Super Sanderlings



We are so incredibly proud of our Year 6 team. They have shown resilience, determination and positivity throughout the year and we could not believe how well they approached the week. Even our Chair of Governors sent them a message after her visit to share how impressed she was with the way they supported each other and gave it their absolute best.

To celebrate the end of a challenging week, the team enjoyed a fantastic water fight filled with laughter, smiles and well-deserved fun! It was the perfect way to mark the occasion and celebrate all of their efforts together.

Well done, Year 6 — you have been amazing!



Dates for your diaries:



Term Six

Monday 1st June

Term 6 begins

Fortnight commencing 1st June

Year 4 Times Tables Check

w/c Monday 8th June

Phonics Screening Check

Monday 1st June

Term 6 begins

Monday 15th June

Year 1 Class Assembly

Thursday 19th June

Year 6 Family Coffee Afternoon. See further information below.

w/c Monday 22nd June

Sports Week

Wednesday 24th June

Sports Day – am and weather dependent

Monday 6th July

Reception Class Assembly

6th and 8th July

Parent Evening

Tuesday 7th July

Shuffle Up Afternoon and New Reception 2026 Stay and Play

Thursday 9th July

Year 6 performance – 5pm

Monday 1st June

Term 6 begins

Friday 17th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and End of Year

INSET Days for the next academic year:

1st September

12th October

4th January

12th February

28th May

21st July

Values



As a school team, we have been reviewing our school values so that they are celebrated, shown and heard throughout the halls of Team Gillingstool.

Behind the scenes, the staff team and pupils have collected values that they feel make a good, all-round global citizen. There are fabulous ideas on our shortlist and it has been incredibly hard to narrow this list down.

So now, we would love your help. Towards the end of next term, we will host an open evening after school where families are invited to vote for our values shortlist. Our aim is to launch our new values before the end of the year. We would really love everyone's input and we will therefore invite as many people as possible to join us for the vote.

Celebration of Sport



Our recent Year 4 trip to Ashton Gate was a huge success and the team had an amazing time at Bristol Sports' Celebration of Sport. The class got to take part in a range of different sport activities and I was in the foyer when they returned at lunchtime full of stories to share and smiles on their faces.

Miss Jones and Mr Olver returned and shared their pride in the class' enthusiasm and teamwork! They did Gillingstool proud!



Science Week



We had a fantastic time celebrating Science Week across the school with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to explore, investigate and create!

Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a brilliant workshop with a STEM ambassador, learning all about how we can help to protect our oceans and care for the environment. The session was thoroughly enjoyed and the team proudly came home wearing badges they had designed themselves to help spread the message beyond school too.

Key Stage Two also had an amazing experience during their engineering workshops with BABCOCK. They worked collaboratively to design and build submarines and floating devices, testing their ideas to see if they could land perfectly on a target. There was lots of problem solving and great teamwork shown.

It was a super week filled with curiosity, creativity and hands-on learning. A huge thank you to Mrs Stimpson for all of her hard work in organising such a memorable and inspiring week for Team Gillingstool!

Attendance matters!



Regular school attendance plays a vital role in children's learning, confidence and overall progress. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities for children to build knowledge, develop friendships and take part in important experiences that cannot always be repeated.

We kindly ask families to avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible. Even a few days away from school can mean children miss key learning, classroom discussions and valuable routines, making it more difficult for them to catch up afterwards.

Please also be aware that term time holidays may result in penalty notices being issued by the Local Authority. These fines are issued in line with national attendance guidance and are intended to support the importance of regular school attendance.

We understand that family time is important, and we appreciate your continued support in helping us ensure that all children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day so that they are given the best possible chance to succeed in their learning.



Parent & Carer Coffee Afternoon: Transition to Secondary School

I'm Ella, the Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) at Gillingstool Primary. I'm usually here every Thursday.

I will be running a free parent/carers coffee afternoon on the theme of transition & change. You can expect to:

Join Us

**Thursday 18th June
2pm**

**Please come to the main
office**



Refreshments will be provided!

Learn ways to support & prepare your child for moving to secondary school

Learn about anxiety and its affects

Share and hear tips about children's wellbeing

Meet other parents & carers

Hear about support available from our team



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