



Newsletter – 2nd October 2026

TEAM OF THE WEEK:

This week's Team of the Week are:



P16: William, Keira, Francesca, Grace, Antony, Tom

KS4: Haroun, Ceza, Arthur, Ruby

KS3: Zoe, Gracie, Henry, Fatmeh, Jacob

Primary: Poppy H, Ace, George, Alice, Luke, Aden, Nash

Creative Arts: Thomas R

WELL DONE!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:



Tuesday 6th October- P16 PE

Scotch Horn Starts

Tuesday 6th- Friday 9th October- Gold DofE Camp

Wednesday 7th- Thursday 8th October- Bronze DofE Camp

Wednesday 7th- Friday 9th October- Silver DofE Camp

Friday 23rd October- End of Term 1

SIGNS OF THE WEEK:

Keeping safe online - filtering and monitoring

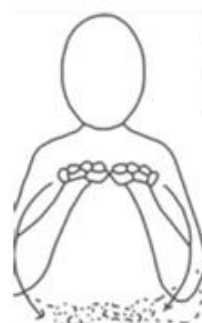
Filtering



Monitoring



Online



Little fingers and thumbs tucked in

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we are a nut-aware school. This includes ALL nuts or peanuts, as some children have a severe allergy and even small traces can be dangerous.

Please do not send any foods containing nuts or peanuts in lunchboxes or snacks, this includes foods such as nut-based spreads.

Please also ensure that all lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name to reduce the risk of a pupil accidentally accessing the wrong foods.





EFL FOR FAMILIES

The school will now be using Evidence for Learning (EFL) to record each pupil's assessment journey at the school. This allows us to capture pupil's learning and progress in all subject areas in a more effective way. We are no longer able to see Seesaw app. If you have not yet returned the permissions form for EFL please do so as soon as possible.

The new app is different from Seesaw and as a result how we communicate with families will change. The EFL for Families app will enable parents to receive and send photos and messages on their child's day and learning journey.

We use the EFL for Families app/ emails to keep parent/carers informed of the following:

- Termly curriculum overview- what your child will be learning this term
- Weekly homework expectations
- Social Communication Classes- daily picture or message for each child
- Formal Classes- daily picture or message updates for the class and weekly individual updates

We encourage parents to use EFL for Families to:

- Communicate any home updates/ key achievements they have done at home
- Ask any questions or seek guidance from the class team
- Send in completed homework/ comments on their learning

As the EFL for Families app does not have a direct messaging function, nor does it send notifications or alerts, any key behaviour incidents, accidents, medical needs or key messages will be sent via email to the primary contact (please let the team know if you need a secondary contact also contacted). Parents may communicate to staff by replying to updates on EFL for Families app or via email. We do ask that parents email the class team (e.g. duckclass@ravenswoodonline.org.uk) rather than just the class teacher to ensure that messages are relayed to all relevant staff. Accident forms will arrive via our Behaviour Watch system automatic emails as they currently do. Please note parents should allow up to 48 hours (within staff's working hours) for staff to respond to any queries.



Family

FOOD BANKS

During the October half term period, parents/ carers of school-aged children and pre-school nursery children who qualify for free school meals or in families you recognise as needing food can collect lunch bag parcels from any of our four foodbank centres listed in the link below. Please be aware that both of our Portishead and Clevedon Foodbank Centres have moved recently.

Foodbank locations: <https://clevedon-district.food-bank.org.uk/locations/>





HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTIONS

School Council are getting ready for our **Harvest Festival collection**, and we would love your support!

From **28th September to 22nd October**, pupils can bring in any **unwanted tins, toiletries, or other non-perishable items** to school. Please remember that we can only accept items that are **not fresh food**.

We would particularly welcome items from **Clevedon Foodbank's shopping list**, including:

- Tinned ham
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned salmon
- Tinned custard
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Long-life fruit juice
- Stuffing
- Chutney



Once our collection is complete, the pupils will have a **special guest in assembly** who will talk to us about the journey of donated food, from where it is stored to how it reaches and supports people who need it.

A huge **thank you** in advance for your generosity and support. Every donation, big or small, can make a difference! ❤️

Thank you so much!



BIRCH CLASS NEWS

Birch Class have been learning about forces in Science and as part of that have been making boats that can hold lots of marbles.

We are also learning to use words to describe our feelings.



PINE CLASS NEWS

Pine Class makes a splash with Victorian art and science experiments!

It has been a wonderfully busy term in Pine Class! Pupils have been diving deep into history by exploring the Victorian era, with a special focus on the renowned designer and artist William Morris. The classroom has been buzzing with creativity as students tried their hand at sketching his intricate patterns and bringing them to life with vibrant watercolour paints. These stunning, colourful masterpieces are now proudly on display for the whole school to admire on the Pine Class wall.



In addition to mastering their paintbrushes, Pine Class has also been channelling their inner engineers in science. The children have been investigating the topic of "forces," discovering the scientific secrets behind why heavy metal boats can actually float. To put their theories to the test, students designed and built their own miniature tin boats, predicting how many "passengers" (Playdough) their vessels could safely carry before sinking. Through these hands-on experiments, the class has developed a fantastic, deep understanding of gravity, buoyancy, and upthrust!





ASH CLASS NEWS

It has been a fantastic start to the term in **Ash Class**, and our learners have thoroughly enjoyed stepping back in time to explore the fascinating world of the **Victorians**!

In English, we have been reading *Oliver Twist* and discovering how life in Victorian times was very different from life today. Through our sensory story sessions, learners have explored key events from the story, identified different characters, and discussed their emotions and experiences. It has been wonderful to see everyone becoming so familiar with the story and engaging so enthusiastically with the characters.



In History, we have had great fun learning about the evolution of trains and railways. Learners even worked together to create their own railway line, bringing history to life through hands-on learning. We have also investigated Victorian schools, clothing, and the ways in which influential Victorian figures helped shape many of the Christmas traditions we still enjoy today.



Our creative side has certainly been shining in Art! We have been studying the work of **William Morris** and exploring his beautiful designs and patterns. Learners used leaves to create prints inspired by his work and experimented with making their own repeating patterns. One of our favourite activities were creating stunning peacock feather prints using polystyrene tiles. The results were fantastic, and everyone was incredibly proud of their artwork.



It has been lovely to see our learners so engaged in lessons and genuinely interested in our Victorian topic. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and creativity have made this term a real success.

Well done, Ash Class! We are very proud of all your hard work and achievements so far this term.



WILLOW CLASS NEWS

This week Willow Class have continued learning about the Victorians in History. We explored our Victorian artefact box and enjoyed trying on the hats and matching the objects to symbols! We have also worked hard as a class to create a Willow Class peacock in art using pipettes and a printing technique! Well Done Willow Class!



ELM CLASS NEWS

Elm Class has had a very good week. We began exploring Beebots in computing, learning what would happen if we told them to go forwards and backwards.

In Outdoor Ed, we practised our aiming skills by rolling and throwing a ball to different targets such as football nets and bowling pins.

Throughout the week, Elm Class have also concentrated very well in their English and maths lessons, especially in maths when we were focussing on counting objects to 20.

Lastly, we have been learning about William Morris in art. This week we painted our own pictures of feathers in response to his wallpaper designs. Well done Elm class!





Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** **online?**



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

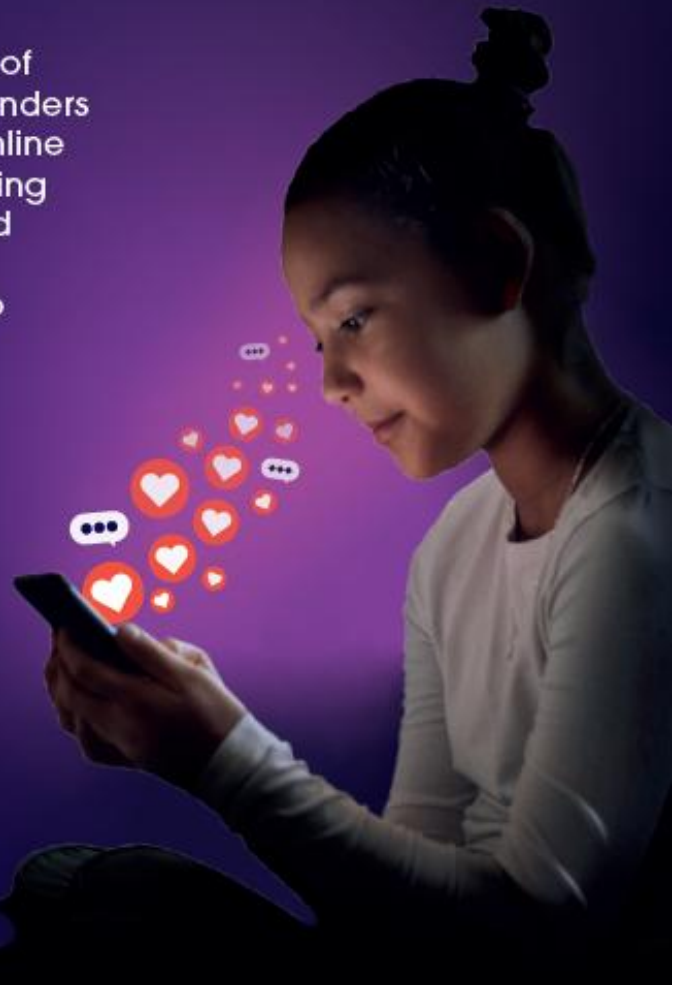
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct





Join us to celebrate Springboard's 40th Anniversary at our

RUBY Charity Ball

*3-Course Dinner, Dancing
and Live Entertainment*

Saturday 14th November

7pm til Midnight

Cadbury House - DoubleTree by Hilton Bristol South

£75



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Information for
families supporting
children 0 - 25 years
with additional needs
and/or disabilities**


**21st
October
2026**


One Event
3 supportive spaces
Connect • Learn • Explore
• The Royal Hotel
• Winter Gardens
• Sovereign Centre



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Including Autism, sensory, masking & eating difficulties sessions



5 Inspiring Keynote speakers

Sharing professional and lived experience perspectives



Local SEND Updates & support information



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Ranging across Health, Educational and Support services



A Welcoming space for families, carers & professionals



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