



Weekly Bulletin

6th February 2026

As we move further into the term, I want to begin by recognising the tremendous hard work, resilience, and determination shown by our Year 11 students, who are now officially halfway through their mock examinations. This period can be challenging, but I have been genuinely impressed by how confidently and maturely they are handling the demands of each paper.

What makes me most proud is the way they are balancing their academic efforts with their wellbeing. I've noticed students taking sensible breaks, asking for help when needed, and maintaining perspective during this intense period. Their growing ability to manage their own wellbeing shows real emotional maturity. I encourage families to continue helping them strike that healthy balance between revision and rest at home.

I was also delighted with the turnout for our Year 10 and Year 11 Parents' Afternoon. It was a genuinely successful event, and it was lovely to meet so many parents in person. I always appreciate the opportunity to share successes, discuss next steps, and celebrate the progress our learners are making. Strong home-school partnerships make such a difference, and I'm grateful to everyone who attended.

Looking ahead, next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week, which is always a meaningful moment in our school calendar. Each class has selected an activity designed to promote relaxation, creativity, positivity, and a sense of calm.

It has also been a wonderfully busy period for enrichment across the school. Our learners continue to enjoy exciting visits to Hartcliffe City Farm, Forest School, and Square Food Foundation, giving them valuable hands-on experiences with nature, animals, and practical food skills.

Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 learners had a fantastic time exploring the Clifton Observatory and taking part in the Giant's Cave tour. Watching their curiosity about Bristol's history and geographical features come to life has been a real pleasure.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege for me to see our students grow academically, socially, and emotionally through the rich and varied experiences that help make our school such a vibrant and nurturing community.

Warm regards,

Gwen Bennion

Principal, Belgrave School

Year 7 - Spotlight on Artist

Mechelle Bounpraseuth

Mechelle Bounpraseuth is a Sydney-based artist whose work celebrates her Laotian heritage and the foods that shaped her childhood. She often speaks about the strong memories connected to everyday kitchen items, saying that “every bottle, every jar reminds me of them.” Through her art, she honours her culture, her family, and the dishes they enjoyed together while she was growing up.

Our Year 7 learners explored Bounpraseuth’s playful and meaningful style by creating their own food-inspired models. They took inspiration from the foods they enjoy at home and the ingredients that hold personal significance in their families. The photo shows some of their wonderful creations, each one reflecting a unique story and connection to food.



Key Stage 2 – Science

The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

This term, Key Stage 2 have been exploring the fascinating life cycle of a butterfly. Learners have studied each stage - from tiny eggs, to crawling caterpillars, to chrysalis transformation, and finally the emergence of a beautiful butterfly. To showcase their understanding, the children have created their own illustrated books, carefully explaining what happens at each stage. We are incredibly proud of the creativity and scientific knowledge they have shown!



Farewell and Good Luck, Luther



This week we say a very fond farewell to Luther as he begins an exciting new adventure at another school. Luther is a much-loved member of our community, and we will miss his enthusiasm, kindness, and brilliant imagination. We have so many wonderful memories of his time with us - from rearing chicks in Key Stage 2 to leading epic Dungeons & Dragons battles in lunchtime club!

We are incredibly proud of everything he has achieved, and we wish him all the very best as he continues to learn, grow, and shine.

Good luck, Luther - you will always be part of our school family.



Key Dates

- **Children's Mental Health Week – 9th-13th February**
- **Year 11 Mocks – 2nd-13th February (more information to follow)**
- **End of term – 13th February**

5 Wonderful Things To Do In Bristol

This Weekend (February 6-8)

Upcoming Inclusion & SEN Friendly Events in Bristol



Together for SEND 2026 –

Bristol's Annual SEND

Event Monday 16 March 2026, 9:30am–

4:00pm

We The Curious, Millennium Square, Bristol

A major annual event bringing together families, schools, SEND professionals and community organisations. Families can attend **30+ talks and workshops**, meet **50+ exhibitors**, and access practical support in education, health and care. A brilliant day for parents who want to browse services, build connections and learn more about

support routes in Bristol.

Website / Tickets: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/bristolparentcarers/2013650>

Celebrating Growing Together: Embedding Inclusion & Collaboration

Thursday 19 March 2026, 1:30pm–4:30pm

M Shed, Princes Wharf

A warm, reflective celebration of three years of inclusive museum-development work in the South-West. Featuring presentations from participating museums, EDI champions and steering group members. Includes tea, cake, and accessible booking options.

A lovely event for families and staff passionate about inclusion and community partnership.

Event info:

<https://allevents.in/bristol/celebrating-growing-together-embedding-inclusion-and-collaboration/100001977271427065>

Neurodivergence Inclusion Training (Community Sport)

Wednesday 25 February 2026, 6:00pm–9:00pm

Hengrove Park Leisure Centre, Bristol

A practical, in person workshop for anyone supporting neurodivergent young people in community or school sport. Covers autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, barriers to participation, and how to create neuroinclusive sporting environments.

Event page / tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-neurodivergence-inclusion-in-community-sport-training-tickets-1980377437225>

Bristol Parent Carers – SEND Coffee Mornings & Workshops



Various locations across Bristol

Free events for parents & carers

Bristol Parent Carers run a wide range of inclusive, low pressure events including:

- SEND coffee mornings in North, South and Central Bristol
- Workshops on sensory processing, anxiety, additional needs and more

These sessions help families meet others, understand local services and access nonjudgemental support.

Event listings:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/bristol-parent-carers-7809612275>

Organisation website:

<https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk>

Bristol SEND Events Calendar (Ongoing Inclusive Sessions)

A continually updated calendar of inclusive events, activities, support sessions and workshops for children and young people with additional needs, curated by Bristol Parent Carers and local SEND organisations.

Calendar:

<https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/events/>

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