



# Weekly Bulletin

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly successful and energising start to my first term as Principal. It has been a privilege to get to know our students, staff, and families, and I am incredibly proud of the positivity and dedication that define our school community.

This week has also marked the end of two intensive weeks of mock exams for many of our learners. I want to congratulate them on the maturity, resilience, and focus they have shown throughout this period. Mocks can be challenging, but they are an invaluable opportunity to practise routines, identify strengths, and highlight where further support may be needed ahead of the summer. Our staff will now be working carefully through marking and feedback to ensure every learner gains the most from this experience. Well done to all involved, you have approached the process with real determination.

Alongside this academic focus, we marked Mental Health Week, a reminder of the importance of slowing down, connecting with others, and taking care of our wellbeing. Every learner had the opportunity to choose one activity to support their mental health, and it has been wonderful to see them fully engaged and genuinely enjoying the time and space to recharge.

From our calming classroom spa, to the laughter shared during collaborative games, to the comforting popcorn and movie sessions and the creativity sparked in mindfulness crafts, the atmosphere around school has been warm, relaxed, and joyful. These moments matter, not just for wellbeing today, but for building resilience and healthy habits for the future.

As we head into the break, I want to thank all our staff for their relentless hard work and compassion, and our students for their enthusiasm, kindness, and spirit. I look forward to the term ahead and all that we will continue to achieve together.

Wishing all our families a restful and restorative break.

Warm regards,

**Gwen Bennion**

Principal, Belgrave School

## Key Stage 2

Our KS2 students had a wonderful time on their recent visit to Clevedon. They fully embraced the fresh sea air, exploring the coastline and soaking up the beautiful views. One of the highlights was searching for fossils along the shore, students were completely captivated as they hunted for different shapes and patterns, showing fantastic curiosity and teamwork. They represented our school brilliantly throughout the trip.



Back at school, the excitement continued as KS2 spent time making pancakes in preparation for Pancake Day next Tuesday. The children loved measuring, mixing, flipping, and of course tasting their creations. It was a lovely blend of fun, practical learning, and a celebration of a much-loved tradition.





# Year 8 Science



Year 8 have also been busy this week stepping into the role of volcanologists. As part of their science learning, they have been creating their own volcano models to help them make scientific predictions about how and why eruptions occur. The classrooms have been full of creativity and curiosity as students experimented with structure, materials, and eruption simulations. This hands-on approach has really helped them deepen their understanding of volcanic activity, while building teamwork, problem-solving and scientific thinking.



# Year 11 Artwork



# Staff Spotlight

This week's Staff Spotlight shines on Dylan Lewis, our dedicated PE coach who took over this role at the start of the term. Dylan has made an immediate and positive impact, bringing energy, enthusiasm, and creativity to every session he leads. His passion for promoting physical activity is clear, and learners have thoroughly enjoyed the varied and engaging activities he has introduced.

Beyond PE, Dylan also brings a fantastic enrichment offer to the school by running our popular Dungeons & Dragons club. This club has gone from strength to strength, giving learners a welcoming space to develop strategic thinking, teamwork, storytelling, and confidence, all while having a brilliant time.

Dylan's commitment to supporting both the physical and creative development of our learners has been greatly appreciated, and we are delighted to have him as part of the team.



# Key Dates

- Start of term – 23<sup>rd</sup> February

## 18 things to do with kids in Bristol

# 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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