



Weekly Bulletin

27th February 2026

We have had a fantastic start to the new term, and it has been wonderful to see our learners settling back into routines with such enthusiasm.

Next week, we are delighted to welcome the Nicola Gough, from the police, into school to deliver an assembly on online safety. This is an important part of our safeguarding work, helping learners understand how to keep themselves safe in an increasingly digital world.

The School Council will also be launching a school dinners survey. This will give learners a voice in shaping future menus and ensure they feel part of the decision-making process around food choices in school.

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental awareness, we are encouraging learners to remind their teachers to switch off lights and heating at the end of each day. This simple step supports our wider aim of reducing energy use across the school and helps learners take an active role in caring for their environment.

World Book Day – Next Thursday

World Book Day is fast approaching, and we are excited to share that we will be celebrating with a whole-school Book Café. Learners will have the opportunity to enjoy a relaxed reading session with treats and drinks, helping us to promote a love of reading in a fun and inviting way.

If families would like to send in biscuits, cakes, or other simple snacks for learners to share on the day, they would be gratefully received.

All learners will also have the option to dress up, and the KS2 class teacher is welcoming a mystery storyteller into the classroom during the afternoon to add to the excitement of the day.

Warm regards,

Gwen Bennion

Principal, Belgrave School



World Book Day!

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Calling all pupils of
BELGRAVE SCHOOL!
Come to school dressed as
your favourite book character!



Dress up as your
favourite book character!



Climbing at The Church

All classes have now begun their exciting indoor climbing sessions at The Church in St Werburgh's, and the impact is already clear. Even after just the first session, learners are demonstrating growing confidence, teamwork, and resilience as they take on the climbing walls and support one another through new challenges.

Instructors have been impressed with how quickly learners are engaging with the equipment, listening carefully to safety guidance, and pushing themselves to step outside their comfort zones. Many have already overcome initial nerves, showing real determination as they tackle climbs of increasing height and difficulty.

These sessions not only build physical strength and coordination but also help develop communication, trust, and problem-solving skills; qualities that transfer directly into their wider learning. The sense of achievement on learners' faces as they reach the top is wonderful to see.

We are excited to watch their skills and confidence continue to develop over the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating their progress.



Year 7 Geography

In Year 7 Geography, learners have been exploring the physical features of Africa. Over the past few lessons, they examined a range of photographs showing key landscapes such as deserts, mountains, rivers, and rainforests. Using these images for inspiration, they then created their own large-scale maps of Africa using a variety of materials to bring the continent's features to life.

In the following lesson, learners labelled their maps, helping them develop their geographical knowledge and their understanding of how different landforms are distributed across the continent. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and curiosity shine through as they build confidence in their mapping skills.



Year 8 Science Update – Volcano

Creations and Eruptions!

Year 8 have had another exciting week in Science as they stepped fully into the role of volcanologists. Building on last week's work, students have now decorated their volcano models and brought them to life with their very own eruptions! The classrooms have been buzzing with creativity and scientific curiosity. Students experimented with different structures, materials, and eruption techniques, using their models to make predictions about how and why real volcanic eruptions occur. Watching their volcanoes erupt gave them a vivid, hands-on understanding



of volcanic activity and the science behind it. This practical approach has not only strengthened their scientific knowledge but also developed key skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and investigative thinking. It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and the pride they've taken in their creations.

Year 9 Master Lifesaving Skills in CPR Workshop

Our Year 9 learners took an important step in building lifesaving confidence this week as they completed a hands-on CPR training session. Using specialist CPR dummies, learners practised key skills including chest compressions, assessing responsiveness, and understanding the importance of fast action in an emergency.

The session gave learners the chance to learn at their own pace, work collaboratively, and develop practical knowledge that could one day help save a life. Their enthusiasm, focus, and determination were fantastic to see, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity they showed throughout the workshop.

Well done to all our Year 9 learners for engaging so positively in this vital aspect of personal safety education.



Staff Spotlight

This week's Staff Spotlight shines on Matt Allen, our dedicated Occupational Therapist (OT) who has been here at Belgrave School for just over a year. Matt has made great strides with his work with the learners here. He supports the learners in 2 different ways. Matt supports with staff training and through this the staff are upskilled with the delivery of OT focused activities which might include movement breaks or spotting potential sensory based issues within the classroom or learning session. His passion for supporting people



with neurodiversities stems from his own experience of being dyslexic. Before Matt started working with us here at Belgrave School, he spent 3 years working at Venturers' Academy and the autistic learners there. Matt also has experience working with adults in the community who have learning disabilities, as well as working in 3 different schools with learners who were classified as Sensory, Emotional, and Mental Health (SEMH), and another school for children and young people with complex issues around trauma. Outside of work Matt enjoys activities within nature to include climbing, paddle boarding, snorkelling and photography.

Key Dates

- **World Book Day – 5th March**
- **Red Nose Day – 20th March**
- **World Maths Day – 26th March**
- **End of term – 27th March**

18 things to do with families 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>

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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