



#### A small school, dreaming big Thursday 17th July 2025

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

This is always a crazy time of year. There are lots of endings and good byes but also lots of new beginnings. It can be unsettling but it is also exciting. The long summer beckons and everyone is looking forward to time with their friends and families-staff included! Yesterday was wonderful. Everyone had a **Move up day** to be in their new class, with their new teacher, in their new year group, with their new classmates. This is one of the fantastic aspects of mixed age classes, that each year children get a refresh, socially and academically. Next year's Reception had time with their buddies. It's like a "dress rehearsal" for September.

Please could you send in plastic bags so that pupils can bring home school books and empty lockers. Also please hand in school badges and reading books! Don't forget the **READING CHALLENGE** at local libraries- details included in this newsletter plus lots of info about summer fun locally to keep the children happy. On Friday, we will say good bye and good luck to the Year 6s. Please come to the hall for 1.15pm if you would like to be part of this. It's a big moment in their lives and can be emotional for everyone. But full of HOPE for the future. If I don't see you, have a wonderful summer!

Anna-Mai Armstrong Headteacher

#### SCHOOL VALUES End of School Year Church Service

At the end of every school year, we identify pupils in each class who have lived and breathed our school values. They are awarded a prestigious certificate and given the recognition they deserve during our final church service of the year.

> 2025 Value Awards HOPE- Marnie, Ellis, Liz RESPECT- Olive, Sidney, Reuben KINDNESS- Jané, Billy, Drizzt FRIENDSHIP- Hattie, Leah, Xanth

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# **Class News**



### **CHESTNUTS**

The last few weeks of term have been busy - last Thursday was Graduation for those that are starting school in September. The ceremony took place in the Forest School area. Everyone's parents and Carers turned up to see their child receive their certificates and gifts. Lots of photos were taken and fun was had. This week they also attended 'Move up day' to sample what it will be like in Reception when they start. For those that are staying in Chestnuts it has been carrying on as normal! Sports Day was a success, with the majority of Chestnuts taking part. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all in September either in Chestnuts or starting in Reception.



#### WILLOW

What a lovely last few weeks in Willow Class. The children thoroughly enjoyed Dream Big Active Week and showed amazing enthusiasm, teamwork and determination across all the activities. The climbing wall was definitely a favourite, and it was fantastic to see

everyone giving it a go. We have also been exploring the work of the artist Mark Rothko. The children have learnt how to mix secondary colours using primary colours, and have been experimenting with warm and cool tones to create their own Rothko inspired masterpieces. We've had such a fantastic year in Willow Class. Wishing you all a happy Summer and a relaxing break!



#### **SYCAMORE**

It's been lovely getting to know Sycamore Class these past two weeks. We have finished off our History topic of the Great Fire of London and the children wrote information leaflets all about the event. We had lots of fun in Maths learning about capacity and getting wet in the process! I hope all the children have a great summer and enjoy the break.



#### ΟΑΚ

What a wonderful year we've had in Oak class! We've learnt all about space and the wonderful people who've helped to explore it. We've found out about our local past,

used our map reading skills, and learnt why Westbury is such a wonderful place - steeped in history. We've taken to the stage and learnt all about the Ancient Greeks and the impact they had on our world today. We've laughed, we've worked hard, we've tried our best, made mistakes (and learnt from them) and I can't wait to see what we get up to next year!

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# **Celebration Awards**

Every *Friday* we celebrate pupils' achievements during our Celebration Assembly. *If your child achieves something spectacular out of school, they are welcome to bring in medals, trophies or certificates on a Friday and we will share their success with the whole school.* 

> Willow Class Academic Excellence Award: Millie Sycamore Class Academic Excellence Award: Ihan Oak Class Academic Excellence Award: Violet

**Purple learners this term: Jané, Reuben and Poppy** This term's Westbury Way Award- **Olive Henry** 

#### **Attendance update**

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 = 96.4%

The National Average for Primary Attendance across UK= 94.8% We are in the top 10% of primary schools in the UK for our attendance – Dreaming BIG!

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# Dates for your diary

**18<sup>th</sup> July**- Farewell assembly for Y6 at *1.15* in the hall. All parents, carers and family members of Y6 pupils are very welcome to attend. We will be doing the big good bye clap just before 2pm- do come along and give them a happy send off!
 Please note the School day ends at 2pm. The school bus has been informed.

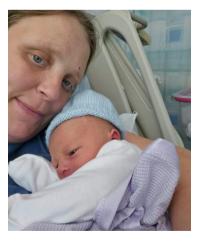
School's out for Summer!

3<sup>rd</sup> September- Term 1 begins for pupils.
30<sup>th</sup> September- Nasal flu vaccine for pupils.
2<sup>nd</sup> October- National Poetry Day
3<sup>rd</sup> October- Individual pupil photographs.
2<sup>nd</sup> October- Oak Class trip to Cadbury's World
23<sup>rd</sup> October- Term ends
24<sup>th</sup> October -INSET day
3<sup>rd</sup> November- Term 2 begins

From bumps to births!







If you follow us on social media you will already know about the two babies born to our teachers Miss Wills and Mrs Walls. Miss Wills gave birth on 26<sup>th</sup> June to George and Mrs Walls gave birth on 10<sup>th</sup> July to Albert. Both babies and mums are doing well. We can't wait for them to visit us when they are out and about. Such lovely news for the end of term.





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#### **Dream Big Active Week**

Despite the heatwave, we had a fantastic week and the children experienced all sorts of varying activities throughout the week, with extra PE lessons too! Unfortunately, the archery was cancelled at the last minute but this gave the children the chance to practice Sports day races on the field and have a bit of rest before the Sports morning, which was brilliant. Thanks to everyone who came and cheered on the children, there was a great atmosphere. The climbing wall was a big hit too on the Monday- we



will rebook for next year.









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Join Us for an Unforgettable Summer of Football Fun!

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District children Discount!!

Our football camp is making its return for our BIGGEST SUMMER YET! With the Women's Euros right around the corner, Street Soccer, Fantasy Football, Ballers League "Pre-Season" and so much more! We've got every week packed with new themes, challenges, booklets, medals. book now to secure your place in the County's biggest football camp

Who Can Join? Boys & Girts Ages 5-13

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All skill levels are welcome!

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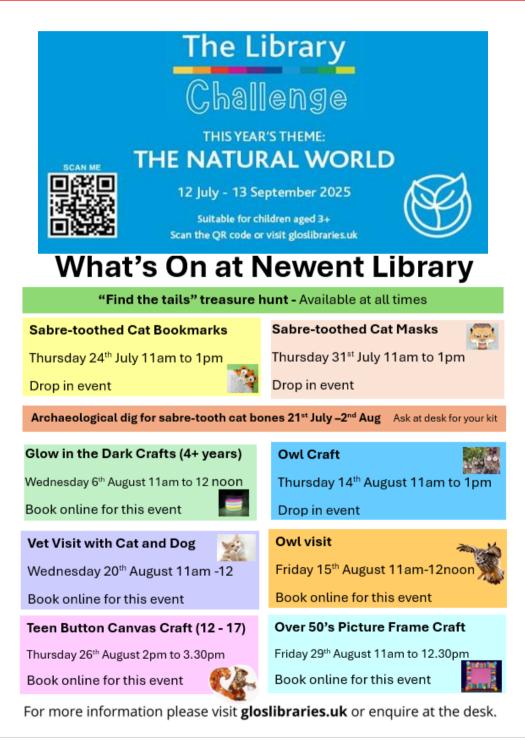
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# Childrens Poetry Writing Competition

# Bream Book Fair

### Theme : Nature

Write your poem about trees, plants, wildlife, The Forest, The Seaside, whichever is your favourite!!

# who can Enter:

There are two categories: 5 -7 year olds and 8 - 11 year olds. They will be judged by Cheryl Burnam, and a prize of a £10 book voucher will be awarded to the winner of each age group category.

#### winners Announced

Winners will be announced at Bream Book Fair on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at Bream Sports Club GL15 6JF - where all poems will be displayed.

#### How to Enter:

Be sure to title your poem and hand it into Bream Community Library by <u>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August.</u> Remember to add your age and name.





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# Bikeability in the holidays



Gloucestershire County Council is running Bikeability courses at SkillZONE (Tuffley Lane, Gloucester, GL4 0AS) during the Summer Holiday 2025. The courses are designed for children aged 9 to 14 and delivered by fully qualified, Enhanced DBS-checked and First Aid trained instructors in small groups (1 instructor to 3 children). The cost is just £8 per participant.

To complete the course, children need to attend two 2-hour sessions on consecutive days, with course dates available from **Wednesday 6th to Thursday 14th August 2025.** Sign-up link: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/SKbQ5NU8hq</u>



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