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From Mr Chappell *Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve* – What a First Term!

What a fantastic first term we have had! There has been so much to celebrate across our school, from the wonderful progress children are making in their learning to the music, clubs, sporting events and opportunities taking place beyond the classroom. One of the highlights for me has been the number of children coming to proudly show me their work and share their achievements. I have been so impressed by their enthusiasm, effort and growing confidence. In fact, I've had to order more stickers to keep up with all the fantastic work being shared! Our vision of *Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve* is at the heart of everything we do, and it is lovely to see this coming to life in so many ways.

We have achieved a great deal already, and there is much to be proud of. Of course, there is still more to do! We are ambitious for our children and our school, and we will continue to build on these successes, always looking for ways to improve, provide more opportunities and help every child flourish. Thank you to our staff, children and families for the part you play in making our school such a special place to be. We have made a brilliant start, and I'm excited about what we can achieve together next and to get your thoughts! Have a great weekend and see you Sunday for our Colour Run. Have a lovely weekend.

Celebrating our learning: Flourishing at Box

It was wonderful to welcome everyone into school to share and celebrate the fantastic learning taking place across our school last Friday. The event was a great success, providing an opportunity for you to see the children's work, recognise their progress and celebrate their achievements. It was particularly lovely to showcase the progress being made in all subjects and to share the pride we feel in all that our children are accomplishing. The visit was a wonderful reflection of our school vision: *Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve* — as we shared in the subjects that children are flourishing in.

We are planning to run this as a regular event at least once a term — so that you can see some of the great things going on — within school. Hopefully you would have seen a lot of the changes we have put in place in the displays around school and in the classrooms.



Parent Survey – Your Views Matter!

A big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete our parent survey so far. We have received 30 responses, with lots of really positive feedback about the changes we have introduced and the impact our school vision of *Plant, Nurture, Flourish, Serve* is having on our children and their experiences in school. It is lovely to hear that these changes are being noticed and making a positive difference. We have also received some helpful feedback highlighting areas for us to reflect on and consider further. As with any school, there will be things we can address quickly and others that will take more time, planning and a consistent approach. For example, behaviour was an area I identified before starting in September and we have already started reviewing our approach, including developing a new behaviour policy and ensuring that positive behaviour and achievements are recognised and rewarded more regularly. (This will be shared as soon as we can.)

We want our school to be a place where children feel happy, safe, supported and able to flourish. Your feedback is an important part of helping us continue to move forward, celebrate what is working well and identify where we can make further improvements.

The survey closes on Wednesday, so if you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, please do take a few minutes to share your views. We have had 30 responses so far, and I would love to see this reach more than 50% of our school families, if not even higher! Once the survey closes, we will review the responses carefully and share an update with parents, outlining the key findings and the next steps we plan to take.

Thank you for your continued support, honesty and partnership. Those of you that attended my Meet the Heads meeting know that open and honest communication is essential, as we work together to make our school the very best it can be for every child. Thank you for your continued support.



Keeping Connected with ClassDojo

One of our priorities is to strengthen communication with home and help you feel more connected to the wonderful things happening in school. (Something I said we would do and something highlighted by a few people in the survey.)

We're delighted that you should now have received your ClassDojo login today! This will give you access to your child's class and our whole-school story, keeping you up to date with learning, celebrations and school life.

Please take a few minutes over the next few days to log in and connect with your child's class. Our first class posts will be shared on Wednesday, so make sure you're connected and keep an eye out for our updates!

We're looking forward to using ClassDojo to share more of the fantastic things happening across our school.



House Names

We have our House Captains – now all we need is our House Names- remember the deadline for children to submit responses is the end of term.

FOBS Colour Run

Don't forget to get your tickets for Sundays Colour Run- I am looking forward to it!

Attendance – Helping Every Child Flourish

Good attendance is an important part of helping every child flourish. Being in school regularly gives children the best opportunity to learn, build friendships, take part in exciting activities and celebrate their progress. We understand that there are times when children are unwell or when families face challenges, and we want to work in partnership with you to support good attendance. As part of this, we will be sending attendance monitoring letters to families where attendance is lower, helping us to identify any concerns early and offer support where needed.

Our approach is a supportive one, focused on working together to understand any barriers and help every child make the most of their time in school. Every day matters, and together we can give our children the best opportunity to Plant, Nurture, Flourish and Serve.

Parent Volunteers

A reminder that we are still looking for parent volunteers to support children in school with reading activities and times tables games. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the school office with the days and times you would be available to come into school.

All volunteers will need to have a DBS check in place. Some parents may already have completed a DBS check through previous school trips or volunteering opportunities, and the school holds a record of these.

We are very grateful for any time you can offer and know the children will benefit greatly from your support. Thank you to everyone who has already expressed an interest. We look forward to hearing from more volunteers.

Harvest Festival Donations

We would like to share a heartfelt thank you from the Community of the Sisters of the Church (Loaves and Fishes Ministry) in Bristol for the generous harvest donations contributed by our school community. They have expressed how deeply valued these donations are and explained that they make an immediate and tangible difference to the lives of people who visit their community centre in genuine need. Thank you to all our families for your kindness and generosity in supporting this year's Harvest Appeal. Your contributions have helped make a real difference to others in our local community.



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Key Dates: Term 1 and 2

Week Beginning Tuesday 10 th November and Thursday 12 th November	Parents evenings number 1 – Please look out for a letter next week.
Key Statutory Dates 2027	
Monday 10 May to Thursday 13 May 2027:	Year 6 SATs assessments week
Monday 14 June 2027 to Friday 18 th June	Year 1 Phonics Tests and Year 2 Phonics Re-tests
Monday 7 June 2027 to Friday 18 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Be Your Best Certificate winners: Congratulations to the children below!

Friday 9th October Winners

Ash Class – Veselina & Molly
 Oak Class – Mabel & Laith
 Beech Class – Zelalem & Lily
 Chestnut Class – Tallulah & Mia
 Sycamore Class – Matilda & Cataleya

Friday 16th October Winners

Ash Class – Jack & Reggie
 Oak Class – Lily & Leo
 Beech Class – Matilda R & Jaxon
 Chestnut Class – George & Aurelia
 Sycamore Class – Julian & Lucas

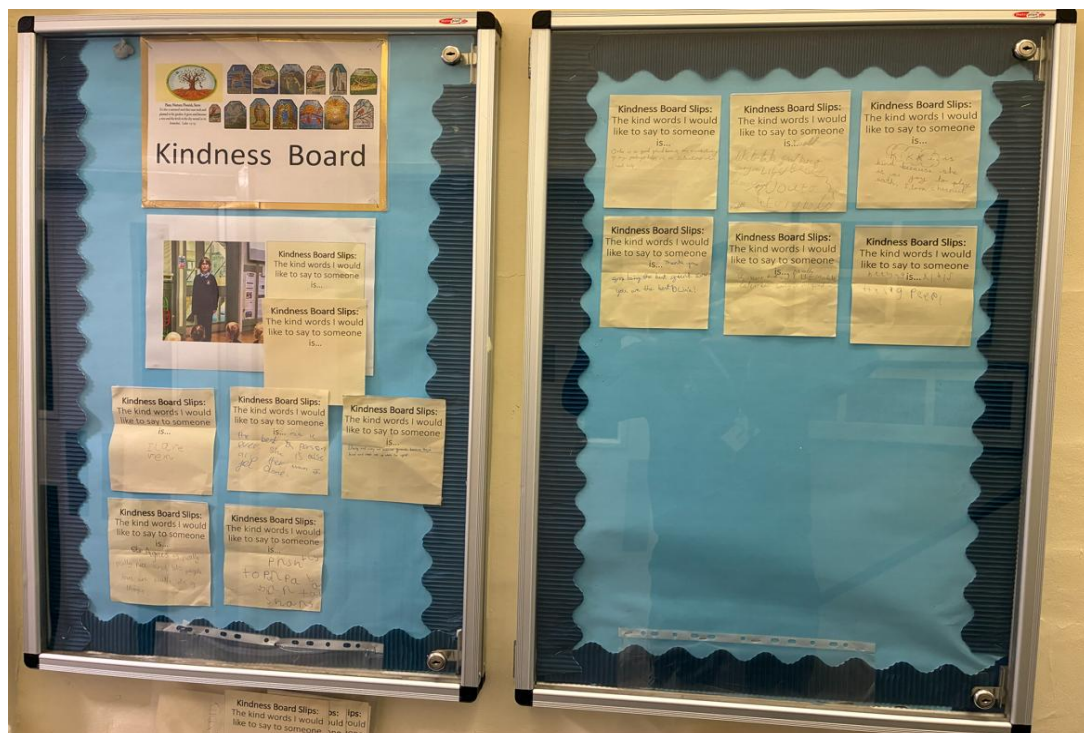
Some of the great things around school to celebrate learning that you may have not seen during last weeks Parent's session.



Be Your Best Certificate Winners Display



Year 6 Values Display



Kindness Board introduced by Fox Year 6



Clubs and Enrichment across the school.



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Weekly Maths and Writers Certificate winners, work that then is presented in our Be Your Best Books.

