



Sea Mills Primary Newsletter

6th October 2025



Dear Families

It was fantastic to see so many of you join us for our Harvest celebrations at St Edyths last week. The children showed such confidence when reading to an audience and I have never heard Cauliflowers Fluffy sounding so good!

This week also saw us awarded the Wire Award for our Religious Education, for widening inclusivity in RE following our greater inclusion of all religions in visits and visitors to the school. Thanks to Mrs Stafford all her hard work in making this happen.

Wishing you all a good week in the blowy weather!

Warmest best wishes

Andrew Kinnear

A message from Mrs Wimpenney:

Phonics Meeting - Today and Wednesday

There will be two phonic meetings taking place in October. The first is today at 9am and the second on Wednesday 8th October at 2.45pm. Please come and join the reading team in the hall for an informal session about phonics and early reading. This short session will inform families how phonics is taught here at Sea Mills and how to support early reading at home. There is no need to sign up for a session, just attend the session that is most convenient for your family.

Key Dates

Calendar dates for the year ahead can be found here:

[Diary - Sea Mills Primary School](#)

October	October - Black History Month 6th - Phonics Workshop 9am SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) workshop with year 5 & 6 7th - Prospective Parent Reception Tour 10-11am 8th - Phonics Workshop 2:45pm 13th - 17th Cycle to School Week 15th - Individual Photos 16th - Reception Tour 4-5pm 22nd - Year 6 Class Assembly 9am 23rd - EYFS Diwali event 24th - INSET day - school closed to children 27th - 31st Half term (Back to school Monday 3rd November) 29th - Holiday Family Breakfast 10-12
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Notices

Tours for Reception 2026

We are booking in tours for prospective parents for Reception 2026. If you know any families that are interested then please tell them to contact us by phone (0117 903 0088) or email us (seamillsprimary@seamillsprimary.co.uk) to book a space. Dates and further information available here: [Reception Tours 2026 & Nursery Places - Sea Mills Primary School](#)

Leaf Trust update

We have been working closely with The Leaf Trust ahead of joining in January. We have already benefitted from extensive professional development for all teachers as well as taking part in exciting music and literacy projects with the children.

'A Smartphone gives the internet unlimited access to your child'

Papaya - parents against phone addiction in young adults - came to speak to years 3 to 6 last week about keeping yourself safe online and particularly the addictive nature of phone use. It prompted some great discussion and their website also has thought provoking resources for parents. I would certainly recommend watching the video on this page if you are thinking of buying your child a smartphone:

[About — Papaya Talks](#)

Bye bye Sumdog, Welcome TT Rockstars

We have replaced Sumdog, our previous online homework maths platform, with TT Rockstars. This was in a response to a drop in use of Sumdog and because TT Rockstars is more targeted on areas of maths that we want to focus on. Watch this space for 'Rockstar battles' coming soon!

Scooters & Helmets

Scooters and trikes are available on the playground on Monday and Friday for the children to ride. As previously communicated, helmets are not provided following the advice of the Children's Play Advisory Service. If you would like your child to wear their helmet on 'scooter days' then please let their class teacher know and bring in their helmet for those days.

No Mobile phone use on site

An increasing number of parents are using their mobile phones on site despite numerous signs. For safeguarding reasons, this is not permitted. Please respect this rule.

October - Black History Month

This month is Black History Month and this year we are celebrating the contributions that notable Black Bristolians have made to both the city and wider. Ask your child to tell you more!

Healthy Snacks & Water

A reminder to only give your child a healthy snack - fruit or a cereal bar - if you want them to have something at breaktime. We also request that children only have water in their bottles. This is in line with our 'Health Schools' policy.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Wednesday 29th October



*10am - 12 noon
at Sea Mills Primary School
Riverleaze - BS92HU*

Come grab a **free breakfast!**
For any families who want it.
A place to relax with some craft activities for
children.





FREE
10 Week
Group



The Nurturing Programme

A FREE parenting group for parents of children aged 2 - 8 years old, run by qualified facilitators.

This group is for adults only.

What you'll learn:

- Understand why children behave as they do
- Recognise the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Explore different approaches to discipline
- Find ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learn the importance of looking after ourselves

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Sea Mills
Children's Centre
BS9 2HL

Every Monday
9.30am - 11.30am
3rd Nov - 26th Jan

(Term Time Only)

If you would like further information or to register your interest directly then please call us on:
07721311497 or email: psso@bristol.gov.uk

Once you have registered your interest, a member of the team will be in touch to find the best course location for you (in person or virtual options available).



Looking for healthy after-school snack ideas?

We've got you covered!

Our free, Beezee Families healthy lifestyle programme can help your family make healthy habits.

Tuck into these healthy snacks:

- Two wholegrain crackers and tzatsiki
- Rice cakes or corn cakes
- Two crackers with a spread of low-fat cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs

- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Ayran (yoghurt-based drink)
- Baked plantain
- Sebze kebab (grilled vegetable skewers)
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Apple slices with peanut butter.



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



bri.maximusuk.co.uk

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up



Bristol Autism Parent/Carer support in Primary – Post 16

The Bristol Autism Team (BAT) support children and young people who have an autism diagnosis, who are on the autism pathway to diagnosis and those with Social Communication and Interaction Needs but who are not on the Autism Pathway.

Each Bristol Mainstream educational setting has a named Bristol Autism Team specialist who works with the educational setting. As part of the work we do, we also offer advice to parents/carers

If you require support or advice around your child/young person's educational needs, then please scan the QR code or click on the link below to complete a parent/carers referral form to our service. Once received the BAT link will respond to your request at their earliest convenience.

<https://forms.office.com/e/G24cnAZYC2>



To find out more please visit the local offer page:

[Autism support - Bristol's SEND Local Offer - bristol.gov.uk](#)