

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 5 Federation Value – Confidence & Self-Esteem

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Important Dates - Term 4

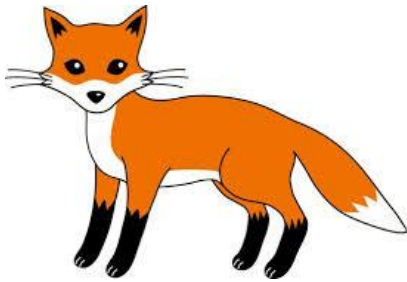
- Thursday 9th May – BJS 3W Class Assembly
- Friday 10th May – BJS 6S Cake Sale
- Friday 10th May – Reception trip to Lowerstock Farm
- Monday 13th May – WL Class Photos / YR2 Leavers photos
- Monday 13th May – BJS Y3 Church Day
- Monday 13th May – BJS Start of SATS week
- Friday 17th May – BJS Non School Uniform Day
- Monday 20th May – BJS Start of Sports Week
- Tuesday 21st May – Enrichment morning 4
- Wed 22nd May – Fri 24th May – WL Sports Week
- Wednesday 22nd May – BJS Pentecost Service
- Friday 24th May – BJS Sports Day
- Friday 24th May – Last day of Term 5
- Monday 3rd June – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 4th June – Start of Term 6
- Thursday 20th June – WL Sports Day @ 9.15am
- Saturday 22nd June – Joint PTA Summer Fair

Our last inset day will be on Monday 3rd
June so both schools will be closed to
pupils – Term 6 starts on Tuesday 4th
June

Please note!



In Science this term, our topic has been 'Plants'. We have been learning all about where plants grow, what they need to grow and how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. As part of this, we have been on a plant hunt around school, planted cress under different conditions and looked closely at seeds and bulbs. We have been fantastic scientists!



As well as this, just before Easter, we ended our 'Great Fire of London' topic by designing and making fire engines. We had to consider our chassis, axle and wheel design and think carefully about how we wanted to construct the main body. Look at our brilliant fire engines!



Westfield Drive and Parking



As you all know Westfield Drive is a permanent School Street. We have noticed an increase in parents driving up to the top car park to drop off for breakfast club sometimes blocking the school bus from arriving. Please can we ask that, unless you have permission, during the hours specified on the sign, that parents **do not** drive up Westfield drive to drop off/pick up children. Dropping off/collecting your child at the normal school times is not considered access and therefore you will need to park and walk from a nearby street.

Also please note that the staff car park is for staff/visitors and again not to be used for drop off/pick up.

WL Talent Show

A great time was had by all at the West Leigh Talent Show. Who knew we had such a talented school?

The show featured many different talents including, dancers busting out their best moves, singers hitting all the high notes, mathematicians showing off their number skills, and gymnasts impressing us with their rolls and jumps. We would like to say a big well done and thank you to all of the children who took part in the show and a special thanks to our judges who had very difficult decisions to make on the day.



**TALENT
SHOW**





Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 21st March

Year 1 – Alastair, Sienna

Year 2 – Alex, Cole

Thursday 21st April

Reception – Felicity, Max

Year 1 – Charlie, Lucas, Arthur

Year 2 – Nina, Allegra

Thursday 2nd May

Reception – Anna, Arwen

Year 1 – Saskia, Maxi

Year 2 – Raffle, Tessa



Many thanks to all the support that the PTA had already received this year, our most recent event, the Big Quiz, raised an amazing £700 for us to spend to support the school. The cake sales have also been brilliant and have been raising between £80-£100 for each class to spend as they wish. We have a number of events coming up and some exciting news of other things we are working on, so please read on.....



Summer Fair – 22nd June, 11.30am – 3pm

In happy anticipation of better weather to come we are busy planning the PTA Summer Fair which run jointly with BJS. The fair is held at BJS in the school classrooms and playing fields, and there are going to be lots of new and fun activities this year, but keeping some of the old favourites such as soak the teacher, kids tombola and a BBQ! More details will follow, but please SAVE THE DATE!!!

For the kids tombola stall we will be running a Friday dress down day in return donations to the tombola and a date for this will be announced soon.

Wall Art

The PTA made a successful application to the Stancombe Quarry fund and have been awarded £3,000 for the school to spend on wall vinyls to be installed at the school reception, hall and corridors of the school. The wall coverings will provide a great boost to the interior of the school to improve and enhance the buildings for the pupils and teachers. They will include a large world map to promote and support the geography curriculum, a large historical timeline to promote and support the history curriculum, the West Leigh Wishes and also a new welcome to the school reception. The quarry funding is being topped up by the PTA to allow for all of this installation to go ahead!



Tea Towels

Every 3 years the PTA organises a school tea towel through Funding Creations, which all the children draw self portraits to be printed onto it! The children have already been busy drawing their pictures and these will be collected by the PTA soon to be sent off to be made into a tea towel, and hopefully other items can be ordered as well such as coasters. More details will follow with how to order these items, but they are super cute and definitely one all the kids and parents love!

Summer Uniform

The PTA Second hand uniform 'shop' does not have much summer clothing, such as dresses, skirts and shorts. If you have any that no longer fit we would be grateful for any donations to the school office. We have lots of trouser, so sadly can't take any of those at the moment.

Matched Funding

In previous years the PTA has been really well supported by parents who work at companies who operate a matched funding scheme, where the parents companies 'match' charity fundraising undertaken by their employees – so they donate the same amount to the charity, on top of what has already been raised! It's been an amazing way to boost the PTA funds, so if you work in a company that does this, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you! Companies we have been supported by in the past are Lloyds and Hargreaves-Lansdown, however it is a scheme operated by many, so please check with your HR department to find out if this is something available to you too!



Party Kit Hire

Love parties, hate waste? Save money and the planet, and raise money for West Leigh PTA at the same time!

Hire our party kit with everything you need for up to 30 children - plates, bowls, cups, jugs, trays and serving bowls plus some bunting to brighten things up.

Collection and return is in Backwell. Hire is £5, plus £20 refundable deposit when returned clean and undamaged.

To check availability, book a slot or for any other questions contact Amy at westleighpta@gmail.com



BACKWELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

Our Backwell B awards include: **Be your Best**, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**

Celebration Assembly - 26th April 2024

Year 3 - Heath

Year 4 - Phoebe and Lily

Year 5 - Hannah and Chloe

Year 6 - Sam F and Ena

Celebration Assembly - 3rd May 2024

Year 3 - Rafferty

Year 4 - Sonny and Lucas

Year 5 - Vela and Brooke

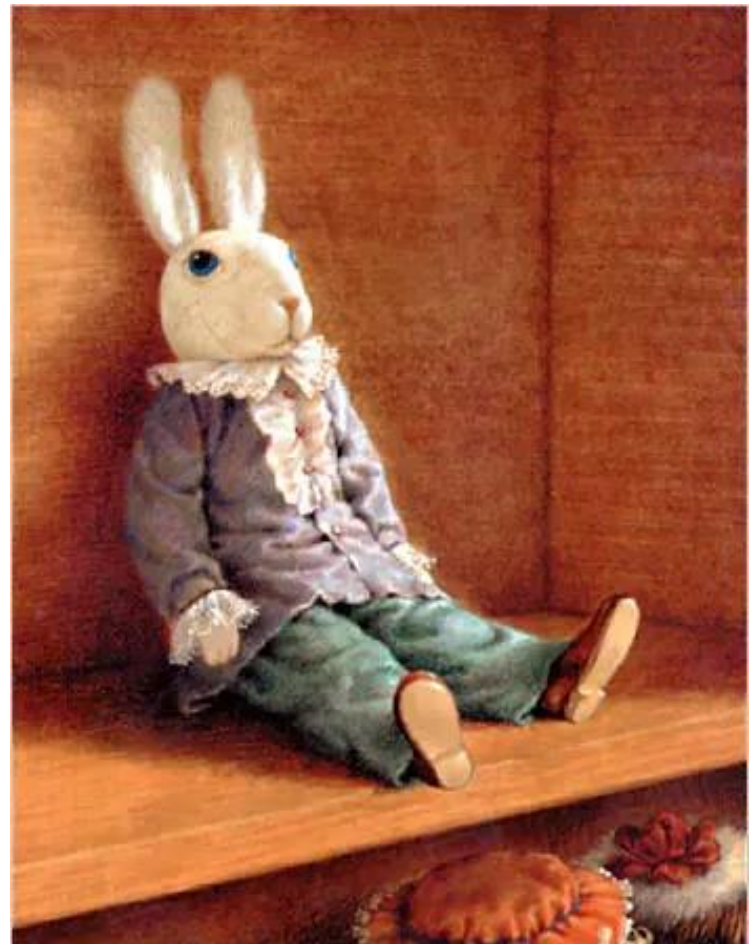
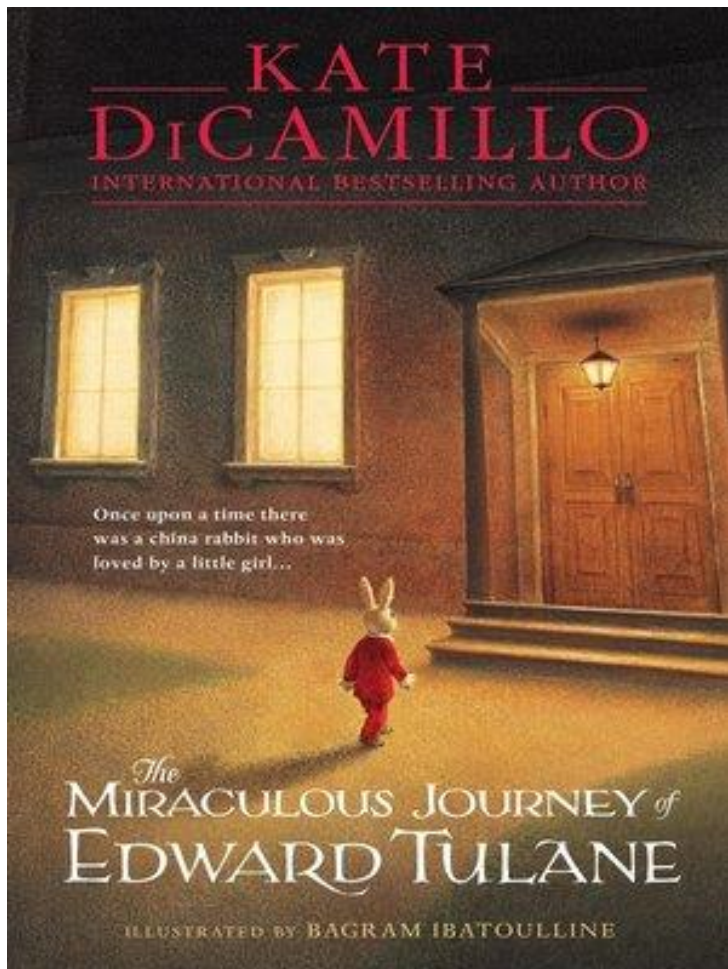
Year 6 - Christopher

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

In Year 3, we are reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', a lost and found story that follows the journey of a china rabbit named Edward. On the first day of Term 5, the children spent the day learning about the main character, making inferences, predicting and designing Edward a very fancy wardrobe of the finest clothes. As we have moved into the second week of term, we have written diary entries from the point of view of Edward and some incredible setting descriptions. We have been putting all of our newly taught skills to good use and are thoroughly enjoying the story so far.





Backwell Junior School PTA news

Backwell Junior School Association events this term –

Sponsored Sunflower Growing Competition: We are running a competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower with the winner receiving a £20 Amazon voucher. Children should have brought home an entry form which needs to be returned with £2 for their growing kit by 26th April. Each child that enters will receive the same growing kit, instructions, plus sponsorship form on 1st May. The competition runs until September and any Year 6 entrants will be updated if they win.

Rainbow Hamper Non-Uniform and Raffle: On Friday 17th May each class will be asked to come in wearing non uniform in the colour their class has been given in exchange for an item for a hamper that is also that colour. The coloured hamper for each class will then be raffled off. Below is a list of the colours that have been assigned to the classes and some pictures of hampers that other schools have done for ideas. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

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| 3J – Red | 5PB – Pink |
| 3W – Green | 5B – Orange |
| 4C – Purple | 6M – Yellow |
| 4W – Black & White | 6S – Blue |



I.T Fundraiser:

This year the majority of our fundraising will go towards new I.T equipment for the classrooms. The eventual aim is for each classroom to have 15 pieces of I.T equipment (tablets or laptops) plus a storage/charging unit for them. We currently have 4 of these fully filled storage units across the school.

I.T equipment is such a necessary part of school life and can be used in every subject to benefit the children's education.

The committee had a meeting with Mr Webster and Mrs Steel recently to discuss the best way to use the funding we raise and it was decided to prioritise the school's I.T equipment plan.

If you would like to donate directly please [CLICK HERE](#).

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Fundraising Events Totals –

Break the Rules Day- £463
Guess the Easter Treats - £110

We will be funding new signs outside the school to help improve road safety by encouraging drivers to slow down and be aware of the children.

Class Cake Sale Totals –

4C - £112.20
Thank you all for your support!

BJSA UPCOMING EVENTS

Fundraising Events-

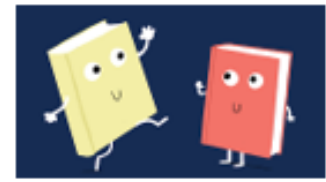
Sponsored Sunflower Growing Competition – 1st May – September
Rainbow Non-Uniform – 17th May
Rainbow Hamper Raffle Draw – 6th June
Summer Fayre – 22nd June
End of Year Disco – 23rd July

Class Cake Sales-

6S - Friday 10th May
5B - Friday 14th June
3J - Friday 5th July



BOOK CORNER



The Book Corner is an opportunity to celebrate everything we love about reading here at Backwell Juniors. From monthly book recommendations to reading support/ updates/ events- it can all be found in the Book Corner!

You may recall that the message behind World Book Day this year was '**Read Your Way**', with an emphasis on getting children to think about what reading looks like for them. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading.

Realistically, we know that not every child will rate reading as their favourite thing to do but we believe that there *is* a book out there for everyone and it is possible to develop a love for it!

We spent some time on World Book Day discussing top tips for becoming a 'reader', including:

- Reading what **YOU** want to read- this could be a comic, graphic novel, magazine, poetry book- whatever you enjoy is the key.
- Listen to books being read aloud, including an audiobook
- Make time to read at home or on the go- take a book with you if you're out and about and need to kill some time.
- Ask for ideas on what to read next- our Book Talk sessions in class give the children time to discuss what they are reading with each other and often provides inspiration. We as teachers also share our recommendations.

Speaking of recommendations...!

We often get asked about what books we can recommend to pupils. The links below give some starting points:

- 30 reads list- even if your child isn't partaking in the challenge element of the 30 Reads, the reading lists still provide a great 'reading spine' of quality titles for each year group. The 'Top Reads' list for each year group can be found on our website here:
<https://www.backwellfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Reading+Resources&pid=294>
- Monthly must reads (see below)
- CLPE Book lists- recommended books linked to different topics/ interests:
<https://clpe.org.uk/books/booklists>
- I've read this, what shall I read next?- great suggestions if you've enjoyed a particular author and are wondering where to go next: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/what-should-i-read-next/#Age%209-12>
- As mentioned above, graphic novels are growing in popularity and the comic-like style to these books makes them a less- threatening option for more reluctant readers. A lot of well-known titles have been re-written in graphic novel form and can be found here:
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/graphic-novels-for-ks2-children-aged-7-11/>

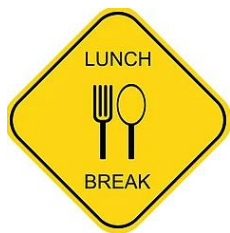
MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2. These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. **These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library** ☺

APRIL & MAY

		 <p style="text-align: right;">Fiction book of the month</p>
<p>Interest age: 8+ Independent reading age: 9+ <i>A trip to the cinema will never be the same... Another edge-of-your-seat adventure from the award-winning author of Escape Room, Christopher Edge. When Lucas meets his friends at the local cinema - nicknamed 'The Black Hole' - they're excited about the movie marathon ahead. Non-stop action, blockbuster special effects and all the snacks they can eat. But as the lights go down, Lucas, Ash, Maya, Caitlin and Finn watch in disbelief as a jet-black tidal wave comes crashing out of the cinema screen and the five friends find themselves swept into an epic adventure.</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 8+ <i>The year is 2507. The oceans have risen. A new dawn of piracy has begun. Jacoby Blunt and Jasmine Peacock are students at the elite Pirate Academy. This is no ordinary school! Lessons range from Knots Class and Sailing to Combat Workshop. The teachers are all pirate legends. The pressure is always on. Friendship is everything. When a new kid, the mysterious Neo Spice, arrives, everything changes FAST. Suddenly the dangers are no longer simply out on the oceans but right here, amongst them. In the face of real peril, the students of Barracuda class must put everything they have learned to the test against a ruthless and seemingly unstoppable new enemy.</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 8+ Independent reading age: 9+ <i>In this breathtaking adventure, Zélie and Jules face a deadly race to solve a family mystery and a vicious crime that stretches from the jungles of Calcutta to the sewers of Paris.</i></p> <p><i>Zélie is often accused of being a witch, but she doesn't believe in magic. Until Jules climbs up from the reeking Parisian sewer and hands Zélie the golden locket he discovered there. The locket once held the magical Snakestone, and Zélie knows that if she can find the stone, she might also find her missing father.</i></p>
		
<p>Interest age: 7+ Independent reading age: 7+ <i>Meet your favourite new duo: MURRAY AND BUN! Murray is a cat. Murray loves snoozing, fluffy blankets, and peace and quiet. Bun is a bun. Bun loves... EVERYTHING! And together they are unstoppable! And when Murray and Bun travel through the cat flap and find themselves in a land of VIKINGS, they are given a VERY IMPORTANT MISSION: to travel to TROLL ISLAND and rescue Eggkn the Viking... if he hasn't already been gobbled up by the trolls, that is.</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 10+ Independent reading age: 10+ <i>AT JUST TWELVE YEARS OLD, ARTEMIS FOWL IS A CRIMINAL GENIUS. No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies. But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf. This graphic novel adaptation of the internationally best-selling novel offers an exciting look inside both Fowl Manor and Haven City.</i></p>	<p>Interest age: 9+ Independent reading age: 10+ <i>Domino has lived her whole life believing that just one drop of magic could kill her. Held in a floating laboratory by scheming Science Barons, she has never known a single day of freedom. When Domino discovers that everything she's been told by the Barons is a lie, she escapes to Abzalaymon, a wondrous city filled with scientific marvels, hulking thunder lizards and hidden magic.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">We'd love to hear from you if you read any of the above! Write or type a book review and hand in to either Mrs Barnard or the school office ☺</p>		



Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for rest of term 5 so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Many thanks.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please can you ensure that you leave a message or email the office to let us know by 9.30am on the day of absence and each day thereafter. In your message please could you give a brief overview of the symptoms rather than just saying “unwell”. The reason for this is so that we can identify if there is a certain illness that is circulating and take any steps possible to minimise the spread.



Wrap Around Care – Important Information

Please ensure that Premier Education are contacted directly for any amendments to bookings or collection arrangements, all contact details are detailed here:

Backwell Junior School:

Site Phone: 07707878334 - Active between 7:15 & 8:30am for BSC / Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - c.clarke@premier-education.com for information regarding updates for the day, or collection passwords if somebody different is collecting.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.

West Leigh Infant School:

Site Phone: 07707800019 - Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.



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Additional info:

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Sunday 30th June
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Walking Carnival - Entry
Submission



WALK 2PM-3:30PM
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Saturday 6th July 2024
Millennium Park, Nailsea

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www.nailseacarnival.org.uk



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VACANCY - CATERING ASSISTANT BACKWELL

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