

WELCOME BACK

Term 1

A warm welcome to all our pupils after the summer holiday. I am looking forward to another year with lots of fun, excitement, hard work and challenge, which will enable us to continue to provide an excellent education for our pupils.

Mr Lewis and team have been very busy over the holiday, preparing the school inside and out. The school is looking wonderful.

I hope the children in Years 1 and 2 completed the Summer Journals and will be bringing them in. I will be collating the House Points earned, and Journals will be returned as a lasting memory of Summer 2026.

A warm welcome to our new Reception children and parents/carers.

Thank you for all the end-of-year questionnaires, which were overwhelmingly positive.

Please do check book bags and emails for messages from school. Please also let us know your email address/mobile number if you have not already done so or if it has changed.



After School Clubs

We will be sending out a list of after-school club activities open for children in Years 1 and 2. Having listened to your requests and those of the School Council, we hope to run a variety of clubs throughout the year, with a mixture of volunteer support from staff and paid coaches.

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Stay Safe

Sadly, each year the school's biggest safety concern involves illegal parking around the school. This also contributes to air pollution outside the school grounds. Can we start the year off together by parking away from the school, or by walking, scootering or cycling to school? This is a far safer and healthier option for your son/daughter, you and other road users. Thank you for your support.

BE HEALTHY

Healthy Lifestyles

Mrs Harbut leads on Healthy Lifestyles at school, and we will continue to unashamedly promote healthy living. We encourage the children to eat a balanced diet, take plenty of exercise, and look after and treat their minds and bodies with respect. We ask for no sweets, chocolates or crisps (except crisps on Fridays) in packed lunches, to mirror our school lunch provision.

Enjoy and Achieve

Attendance at school is essential for children to achieve at expected levels. Data from last year starkly showed the effect of poor attendance (90% or less) on attainment in all year groups. We monitor attendance weekly to support children's attainment.

Your child's year group has sent out a newsletter outlining the topic the children will be studying and what will be covered in each subject area. We will send homework in book bags and on Google Classroom. Please return book bags to school each day. Please spend 15 minutes reading with your child each day and help them learn to spell key words.

House System

We start afresh this year and hope you can support at home with the regular competitions. Every child who enters a House Competition wins valuable House Points. Last year was a very close-run race with Neptune winning. Your child's entry will make all the difference and is another fun way to engage in learning with your child.

The first House Competition, "Rockets", is attached. We are looking forward to decorating the hall with every entry.

We will be electing House Captains from Year 2 pupils at the first House Meeting.



Positive Contribution

We will be supporting a number of charities this year:

- **Children in Need**
- **Homeless charities - Bristol through Harvest donations**
- **School fundraising - Friends of Summerhill events**
- **Any Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeals**

All the children will help others less fortunate than themselves, locally, nationally and globally, through their charitable actions.

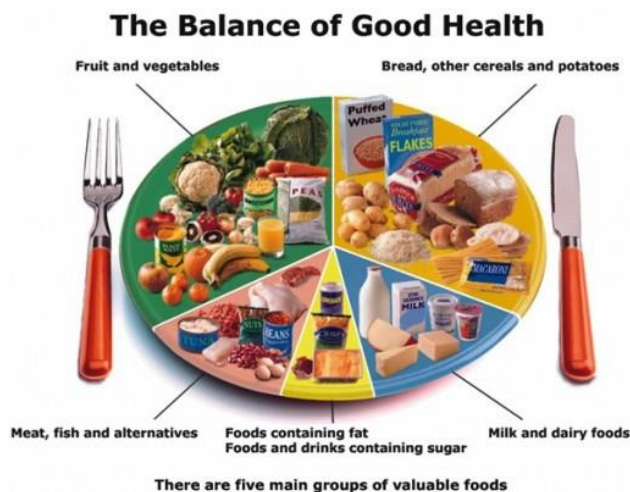
Parent View

Please can you give your views on the school on Parent View? It is your chance to celebrate and share your opinion of our great school.

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

FOOD AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Stop Press...



Universal School Meals (Free)

All pupils at school are entitled to a Universal Infant School Meal (free) at lunchtime. If you do decide to have a school lunch and your son/daughter has any dietary requirements or allergies that the school is not aware of, please ensure that the Office is informed as soon as possible. A Care Plan may need to be written, and your child may not be able to access a lunch until this has been completed for their safety.

With the potential for 180 hot dinners to be served each day, we will be working closely with Aspens Catering and Bristol City Council to make sure the experience is a positive one for pupils and staff.

For parents/carers eligible for Free School Meals or in receipt of Universal Credit, we ask that you still register, as the school will receive valuable Pupil Premium money which is used for extra tuition and enrichment activities for this group of children. If you are entitled to Income Support/Universal Credit and need more information, please come and talk to the School Office.

Remember PLEASE: we are a NUT-FREE school.

Diary Dates

Please view our school calendar, which is regularly updated on our school website, for events taking place in school this year:

[School calendar](#)

Attendance

Please visit our school's website attendance page to access information on the new attendance laws that came into place on 19 August 2024:

[Attendance information](#)

Volunteers

Q: Can you help the school improve its teaching of literacy or numeracy?

If you can spare a morning or afternoon to come and help in school, then the answer is YES. Please see the Office about helping in school.

"Rise to each challenge - Shine with success"

FURTHER NEWS

School Council Minutes



When available, School Council Minutes will be found here:

The School Council consists of two elected pupils from each class (Reception after Easter) who meet regularly with the school leaders to communicate class views of the school. They act as ambassadors for the school. Each class has a regular Class Council Meeting to discuss ideas to improve the school from their unique perspective; these meeting notes are then taken to School Council Meetings.

To date, the School Council has met local MPs, represented the school at City Hall and promoted healthy living throughout the school. They have presented ideas for improvements to resources and ideas for the curriculum, which, when financially affordable, have been acted on.

The School Council usually has a stall at our Christmas and Summer Fayres. Their fundraising goes towards projects the children have agreed on for the year.

Want to find out more?

Google Classroom: Your child will receive/has a login and password to help find out about the learning each week.

School Development

At Summerhill Infant School, we strive to provide an outstanding learning environment for all our children each and every day.

We also believe that our parents/carers play a crucial role in every child's educational and personal development. If you would like to know more about school life or have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me through the School Office.

Friends of Summerhill also have a suggestion box by the Office.

Our school banner in the foyer encapsulates our school motto: "Rise to each challenge, Shine with Success".

We have a website

www.summerhillinfantschool.co.uk

Please have a look and bookmark it, as it will be updated regularly with important calendar events.

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