

### Happy New Year! Welcome back to the new term

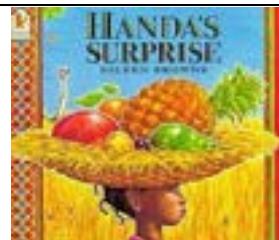


#### Hippo and Giraffe Groups (2-year-olds)

Our core book this term is *Handa's Surprise*. We have been exploring the fruit and vegetables featured in the story, as well as talking about our feelings using words such as happy, sad and angry.

We are singing [Down in the Jungle](#) using some of the animals from *Handa's Surprise* as props and we're also singing lots of counting songs to learn numbers in order from 0-5. Some of us are starting to count the objects or use finger counting for this.

We are also joining in with lots of Talking Tunes sessions. This series of songs helps us to learn to make choices and take turns in a group. Children use different props like bubbles, hats, babies, and feathers to complete actions whilst singing. This is a great way of building attention.



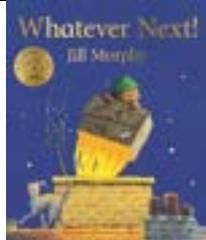
#### Zebra and Tiger Groups (3-year-olds)

The 3-year-olds have been enjoying talking about what we got up to over the Christmas holidays.

Our core book this term is *Whatever Next*. We have explored props to retell the story, drawing the story on the whiteboard, had a picnic like the picnic in the book and built rockets with blocks and magnets.

The children have been particularly interested in transport – making prints with vehicles and paint, using Mobilo and Lego to make transport vehicles, creating train tracks, using car mats and exploring emergency vehicles like fire engines and ambulances.

We have been singing *5 Little Trains* - practising counting with 1:1 correspondence up to 5 and predicting what happens when we add one more. Our other favourite transport songs include [The Wheels on the Bus](#), [Row Row Row Your Boat](#), [Zoom Zoom Zoom!](#) and [Down at the Station](#).



#### Lunar New Year

Soon we will be celebrating Lunar/Chinese New Year – this year it is the 'Year of the Horse'. It is always an exciting celebration for the children and an opportunity to learn about a different culture and language. We will be tasting food and the children will also learn different ways of expressing themselves through music and dance. You can find out more about Lunar New Year by visiting [Chinese and Lunar New Year 2026 - CBeebies - BBC](#). You can also find local celebrations at [Lunar New Year Celebration - Year of the Horse | Bristol Museums](#) and [Lunar \(Chinese\) New Year 2026, Bristol - Wai Yee Hong Chinese Supermarket! 偉義行：中國超巿](#)



## LITERACY - SOUND-TALKING

Developing children's ability to attentively listen to sounds around them, such as the sounds of their toys and to sounds in spoken language, is one of the starting points to developing children's awareness of sounds and letters. This will eventually enable them to become confident readers and writers. At home you could try the following activity to support your child with this.

Find real objects around your home that have three *sounds* and practice 'sound talk'. First, just let them listen, then see if they will join in, for example, saying:

'I spy a p-e-g – peg.'  
'I spy a c-u-p – cup.'  
'Where's your other s-o-ck – sock?'  
'Simon says – touch your ch-i-n - chin.'  
'Simon says – pick up your b-a-g – bag'.

## NUMERACY - TIME

Encouraging children to notice order, predicting what comes next and recalling what they have done earlier will help them to become increasingly aware of time. Talk to your children about activities in natural contexts, for example: how long until bedtime, how long cakes need to be in the oven, how many sleeps until a child's birthday.

### Prompt pick up

**Please remember that the morning session finishes at 12.00pm (gates open at 11.50am).** Staff have lunch 12.00-12.30pm to ensure they are ready and available for all the children during the afternoon session. **The afternoon session finishes at 3.30pm (gates open at 3.20pm).** We open the gate 10 minutes beforehand to allow time to talk with you at handover/collection.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is 5 March 2026 and we are celebrating it on **Wednesday 4 March**. Your child is invited to dress up in pyjamas, bring a teddy, their favourite book and £1 donation. To find out where your donation goes, click on the link <https://www.worldbookday.com/>.

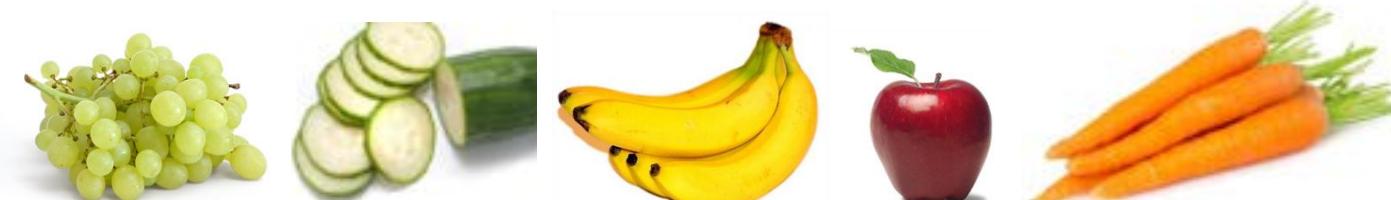
Please remember that children will still be playing outside so ensure that they have warm clothes to put over/under their pyjamas.

### Arbor management system

We will be changing our parent payment/communication system from ParentPay to Arbor by the end of March. You will receive information on how to log on to the new system shortly.

### Snack donation

Thank you to the parents who continue to donate to the children's snack time. The school provides milk, but we rely on donations from parents for snack times during the morning and afternoon sessions. The children eat **fresh fruit** (e.g. apples, bananas, oranges, pears) or **vegetables** (e.g. carrots, cucumbers). We would be grateful if you could **donate fruit weekly OR you can make a small money donation** in the tin provided in the garden/Reception at drop-off times.



## Parking

Please **DO NOT BLOCK THE ROAD, DOUBLE PARK OR BLOCK OTHER VEHICLES IN** (even for a short period of time) when dropping off/picking up outside the Centre as it is causing frustration to the local residents and there will not be enough room for emergency vehicles to get down the road.

## Family photo boards



Our group areas have a family photo display to help children talk about their families and develop their sense of belonging and community. Please send us up to 3 photos of your child with their family which we can display on the wall. If you do not have access to a printer, you can email photos to us at [clare.morton@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:clare.morton@bristol-schools.uk)



## Yoga

This term, we are inviting the children to join in with weekly Yoga sessions. Linda from Active Kids is a qualified yoga teacher who guides the adults and children to try out different yoga poses. At nursery, we like the way that yoga helps children learn to control their bodies, find new ways of moving and to feel a sense of calm.



## Clothes and wellies

As the weather is getting colder, children need the right clothing and footwear. We go into the garden in all weathers! Please provide your child with a **pair of wellies** if possible. Please also put lots of **spare clothes** in their bag in case of getting wet/toileting accidents and always bring a **coat**. Please **write your child's name in their clothes/wellies**. Wet weather gear and 'all weather' suits are a very good way to keep children dry.



## New parent governor needed

Our Governing Body is made up of community, parent, staff and Local Authority governors. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the nursery and are the link between the nursery and the community it serves. **We are currently looking for a new parent governor.** Being a governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest are much more important to start with and there is training and support available to help you. Please remember you will be joining a long-established Governing Body and will be supported by fellow governors with many years of experience. If you would like more information, please contact Maggie in Reception.

## Closure due to bad weather

We always try to keep the school open and plan carefully for all eventualities. However, on occasions we have had to close because of severe weather conditions. This is usually snow related and because of health and safety or staff shortages. If we are in a situation where we cannot open the Centre, it will be announced on local radio stations (Radio Bristol 95.5FM) and published on the Local Authority website and Centre's website (<https://cashmoreearlyyearscentre.co.uk/>) and Facebook page. We will also send an email to you via ParentPay / Arbor.



## INSET Days

The school will be closed on the following days for staff training: **13 February, 2 April, 1 June 2026**

### Important Dates

Full details of all Bristol City Council term dates until Jul 2026 can be accessed [HERE](#)

**INSET Day (School closed) – 13 February**

Half term holiday (school CLOSED) – **16-20 February (inclusive)**

**Wednesday 4 March** – celebration of Word Book Day

**INSET Day (School closed) – 2 April**

Easter holiday (school CLOSED) – **3 to 17 April (inclusive)**

**INSET Day (School closed) – 1 June**

At St Philip's Marsh Nursery School/Cashmore Early Years Centre we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This is our safeguarding team:



**Charlotte Carter**  
**Headteacher**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**



**Clare Morton**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Sharon Cutler**  
**School Business Manager**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Emmeline James**  
**Inclusion Lead**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Heidi Taylor**  
**Governor**  
**Named Safeguarding Governor**

## **St Philip's Marsh/Cashmore join the My School Fund initiative to help boost our budget**

We're pleased to announce that St Philip's Marsh Nursery School/Cashmore Early Years Centre is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

### **How does it work?**

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend, you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

### **How to get involved**

Visit [myschoolfund.org](http://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to St Philip's Marsh Nursery School BS2 0SU. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](http://myschoolfund.org)





HOW TO BOOK

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for parenting courses To book please email [ECFH@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:ECFH@bristol.gov.uk)

Jan - Mar 2026

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

<p>St Anne's Park Children's Centre / Family Hub BS4 4B3</p>	<p>Parents Plus ADHD Programme 10am - 12.30pm Start date TBC</p> <p>Breastfeeding Peer Support Barns - 12noon</p>	<p>Childminders 9.30am - 11am</p> <p>Twins and Multiples 10am - 11.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of each month</p> <p>Hello Baby 2pm - 4pm Please book via <a href="http://www.eventbrite.co.uk">www.eventbrite.co.uk</a></p> <p>Welcome to the World 1pm - 3pm 10th March - 17th April</p>	<p>Baby Hub 10am - 11.30am</p>	<p>Nurturing Programme 9.45am - 11.45am 17<sup>th</sup> January - 28<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>Postnatal Rockabys 1pm - 2.30pm Starts 20<sup>th</sup> Jan To book please email <a href="mailto:Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk">Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk</a></p>	
			Romanian Roma Drop In 9.30am - 11.30am	Roma Young Parents 10am - 12.30pm	Baby Hub 1pm - 2.30pm
Bannerman Road Children's Centre / Family Hub BS5 0RL	<p>ESOL 9.30am - 11.30am Creche is provided</p> <p>Newborn Hearing (invite only) 10.30 - 11.30am Twice a month</p> <p>New Parents 1.30pm - 3pm</p>	<p>Health &amp; Social Care Level 1 9.30am - 12.30pm 24th Feb - 17<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Childminders 9.30am - 11.30am</p> <p>Learn &amp; Play Together - Toddler (PEEP) 1pm - 2.30pm</p>	Baby Hub 1pm - 2.30pm	Young Parents 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Welcome to the World 2pm - 3.30pm 17 <sup>th</sup> April - 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Barton Hill Family Hub BS5 0AX	<p>Local Parents 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Postnatal Exercise 1pm - 2pm Referral via GP Lawrence Hill</p> <p>Parents to be Rockabye 6pm-8pm Starts 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb To book please email <a href="mailto:Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk">Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Learn &amp; Play Together - Baby (PEEP) 11.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Hello Baby 1.30pm - 3.30pm Please book via <a href="http://www.eventbrite.co.uk">www.eventbrite.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Stay and Play 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Food Club Wellspring Settlement 12.30pm - 2.30pm</p> <p>SEND &amp; You 12.30pm - 1pm Monthly Drop in</p> <p>Postnatal Rockabys 1.30pm - 2pm Starts 21<sup>st</sup> Jan To book please email <a href="mailto:Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk">Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities Bookable Creche 9.30am - 12.30pm Starts 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</p> <p>1-1 Specialist Infant Feeding (referral only)</p> <p>Baby Hub Infant Feeding support available 1pm - 2.30pm University of Bristol</p>	
Oldbury Court Children's Centre / Family Hub BS16 2QS	<p>Dad/Male Carer PEEP (Outdoor weather dependent) 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Children's Scrapstore 11.30am - 1pm</p> <p>Mummuration Nurture Group 7.30pm - 9pm, starting 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Please book via <a href="http://www.eventbrite.co.uk">www.eventbrite.co.uk</a></p>	<p>Childminders 9.30am - 11am</p> <p>Toddler Incredible Years 12.45pm - 2.45pm</p>	<p>Baby Hub 9.30am - 11am</p> <p>SEND Rainbows 1pm - 3pm</p> <p>New Parents 1.30pm - 3pm</p>	<p>Welcome to the World 10am - 12noon 16<sup>th</sup> Jan - 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</p>	<p>Twins and Multiples 10am - 11.30am First Friday of each month</p> <p>Hello Baby 2pm - 4pm Please book via <a href="http://www.eventbrite.co.uk">www.eventbrite.co.uk</a></p>
St Werburghs Children's Centre / Family Hub BS2 9UX	<p>ESOL Conversation 2pm - 3pm</p> <p>To book please email <a href="mailto:Agneska.Kaczmarek@bristol.gov.uk">Agneska.Kaczmarek@bristol.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Childminders 9.30am - 11.30am</p> <p>SEN Rainbows 1pm - 3pm</p>	<p>Postnatal Rockabys 10am - 11.30am Starts 25<sup>th</sup> Jan To book please email <a href="mailto:Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk">Samantha.Cooper36@bristol.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Parenting Puzzle 1pm - 3pm Starts 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</p>	<p>Learn &amp; Play Together - Baby (PEEP) 10am - 11.30am</p> <p>Welcome to the World 2.30pm - 3pm 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</p>	<p>Hello Baby 10am - 12noon Please book via <a href="http://www.eventbrite.co.uk">www.eventbrite.co.uk</a></p>
Community	<p>Stay and Play Faith Space Redcliffe Methodist Church, BS1 6PB 9.30am - 11am</p>	<p>Stay and Play St Peter's Church, BS4 4HZ 9.30am - 11.30am</p> <p>Virtual Parenting Puzzle 1pm-3pm 20th Jan - 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</p>		<p>Baby Hub Meadowvale Community Centre, BS5 1TF 9.30am - 11am</p> <p>Baby Hub Sentiment Quakers Meeting Hall, BS6 6ZB 10am - 11.30am</p>	<p>Incredible Years Easton Community Centre, BS5 9JF 10am - 11.30am 26<sup>th</sup> Jan - 27<sup>th</sup> March</p>

**Group**
**Details**

<b>Antenatal Hello Baby</b>	4 week course to help you prepare for the arrival of your new baby. The course will help you prepare for the birth experience and the early days.
<b>Baby Hub</b>	Meet other local parents and gain information and advice about all aspects of your child's development with the support from a local health visiting team and Family Hub team.
<b>Learn &amp; Play Together (PEEP)</b>	A group for parents, babies and children to learn together through playing, listening, talking, singing and sharing books.
<b>Childminders</b>	A space where childminders can connect, share experiences, and receive support, and a network for collaboration.
<b>Breastfeeding Peer Support</b>	Meet new people and discuss your breastfeeding experiences - positives and struggles with support from trained practitioners.
<b>Infant Feeding Group (Referral Only)</b>	1-2-1 support for mums, including expectant mums, offering information about all aspects of breast, formula, or mixed feeding.
<b>Stay &amp; Play</b>	A stay and play group for families with children aged 0-5 years.
<b>Circle of Security</b>	9 week programme for parents/carers of a child aged between 0-5 years, offering relationship tools and providing a new way of understanding children's needs.
<b>Parenting Puzzle</b>	4-week programme for parents/carers of a child between 0-5 years, sharing parenting strategies that support positive behaviour and emotional wellbeing. Delivered in person and virtually [condensed version of The Nurture programme]
<b>Toddler Incredible Years</b>	12 week programme for parents/carers of a child aged between 1-3 years, strengthening child wellbeing and promoting social/emotional learning.
<b>The Nurture Programme</b>	10-week programme for parents/carers of a child aged 2-6 years, sharing parenting strategies that support positive behaviour and emotional wellbeing.
<b>Welcome to the World</b>	5-week programme for parents-to-be. From 22 weeks of pregnancy onwards. Preparing for parenthood, focusing on building strong emotional health for parent and baby.
<b>Community Adult Learning</b>	English - to help improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Maths - a fun and supportive class, with an emphasis on overcoming Maths anxiety. For adults over 19.
<b>ESOL Conversation</b>	Drop in group to build confidence and chat with others.
<b>Mums in Mind</b>	A peer support group for mums with children aged 0-2 years who feel like things are getting on top of them.
<b>Rainbow Group</b>	A stay and play group for pre-school children who have additional needs, and/or disability.
<b>Rockabye</b>	A group to support you and nourish your relationship with your baby through sharing experiences with other parents, singing and sensory play. For mums with babies from 0-7 months old.
<b>Young Parents &amp; Roma Young Parents</b>	A stay and play group for parents aged under 25 with children aged 0-5 years. For families to explore & play in a safe, supportive space and access advice.
<b>Twins and Multiples</b>	Monthly group to meet other parents/carers with their twins/multiples and enjoy fun activities for children 0-5 years.

# FOOD club

New  
Times



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Café space, Settlement Site, Ducie Road

Join our Food Club to purchase a box of tasty food every week for just £3.50, saving up to £11.50!

Box contents vary every week, but contain a variety of fresh fruit and veg, fridge, freezer and store cupboard items. Halal (حلال), vegan and vegetarian options available.

To join you must live or work within approximately 15 minutes of the club.

For more information contact Katie on 0117 304 1400, 07708 628590 or email [katie.griffiths@wsb.org.uk](mailto:katie.griffiths@wsb.org.uk)



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# Free online & in person support sessions

## Sensory Wellbeing for SEND Families

Online

Tuesday 3rd Feb  
7:00PM-8:30PM



## Peer Support

### Fishponds Old Library

Thursday 5th Feb  
9:00AM-11:00AM

Inns Court, BS4  
Thursday 5th Feb  
10:30AM-12:30PM

Greenway Centre, BS10  
Thursday 12th Feb  
9:15AM-10:30AM

## Let's Talk About Health Visiting & School Nursing

Online

Thursday 5th Feb  
7:00PM-9:00PM



## Your Neurodiverse Child and Sleep

Online

Tuesday 10th Feb  
7:00PM-8:00PM



Scan here for details on these sessions and more



<https://linkbristolparentcarers.org.uk/gethelp>

## Peer Support Complex Health Needs

Greenway Centre, BS10

Thursday 12th Feb  
11:00AM-12:30PM



## Gaming and SEND

Online

Thursday 12th Feb  
6:30PM-8:00PM



## Peer Support

Online

Tuesday 24th Feb  
7:00PM-8:00PM



## Developing Your Child's Language Skills

St Anne's House, BS4

Thursday 26th Feb  
10:00AM-1:00PM



## Free online & in person support sessions

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7:00PM-8:30PM



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Online

Taladoo-10th Feb  
7:00PM-8:00PM



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Fishponds Old Library  
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9:00AM-11:00AM

Inns Court, BS4  
Khamiis-5th Feb  
10:30AM-12:30PM

Greenway Centre, BS10  
Khamiis- 12th Feb  
9:15AM-10:30AM

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Online

Khamiis- 5th Feb  
7:00PM-9:00PM



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Greenway Centre, BS10  
Khamiis-12th Feb  
11:00AM-12:30PM



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iyo SEND  
Online

Khamiis- 12th Feb  
6:30PM-8:00PM



Tageerada asagaa

Online

Taladoo- 24th Feb  
7:00PM-8:00PM



Horumarinta Agontaa  
Luqadaa Ilmahgaa  
St Anne's House, BS4

Khamiis- 26th Feb  
10:00AM-1:00PM



## Bezpłatne sesje wsparcia online i osobiście

Dobre samopoczucie  
sensoryczne rodzin ze  
specjalnymi potrzebami  
edukacyjnymi

W sieci

Wtorek 3 lutego  
19:00-20:30



Twoje neuroodmienne  
dziecko i sen

W sieci

Wtorek 10 lutego  
19:00-20:00



Wsparcie rówieśnicze

Fishponds Old Library  
Czwartek 5 lutego  
9:00-11:00

Inns Court, BS4  
Czwartek 5 lutego  
10:30 - 12:30

Greenway Centre,  
BS10 Czwartek 12  
lutego  
9:15-10:30

Porozmawiajmy o  
pielęgniarstwie  
środowiskowym i  
szkolnym

W sieci

Czwartek 5 lutego  
19:00-21:00



Zeskanuj tutaj, aby  
uzyskać szczegółowe  
informacje na temat  
tych sesji i nie tylko



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Gry i SEND

W sieci

Czwartek 12 lutego  
18:30-20:00



Wsparcie rówieśnicze

W sieci

Wtorek 24 lutego  
19:00-20:00



Rozwijanie umiejętności  
językowych Twojego  
dziecka

St Annes House, BS4  
Czwartek 26 lutego  
10:00-13:00



# Winter Clothing

Now the weather has changed, please remember to provide appropriate outdoor clothing for your child as we experience lots of learning when we go outside in all types of weather.

Also, please don't forget to label your child's clothes.

Thank you

Rainy Day



Wellington boots



Waterproof Coat & Trousers

Wintery day



Coat



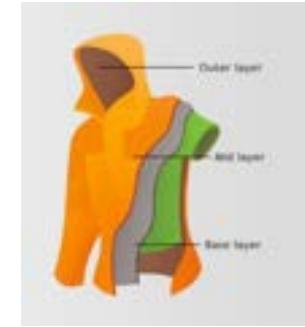
Hat



Gloves



Scarf



Layers of clothes