



14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/carers

Term 3 comes to an end today and Dragon House have been busy all week raising money for their two chosen charities, British Heart Foundation and Goals Beyond Grass. Many thanks to the students that have contributed to these great causes.

As a reminder, students return for Term 4 on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am. This will be a week 2.

Other messages for the week can be found below:

## **'Western Harbour' Regeneration Project**

Bristol City Council have been in touch regarding their ambitious regeneration project which aims to transform the western end of the Floating Harbour. As the school is located fairly close to this the council have been in touch to inform us about progress.

Last Autumn the council gathered opinions from the public and stakeholders, including local residents and community organisations, on initial ideas for how the area could be improved. They are now entering a period of engagement on the draft masterplan. The plan proposes a number of changes in response to the city's challenges, including simplification of the existing road network, a mix of new homes, flood defences that protect homes, business and infrastructure, while also providing space for nature and recreation, better connections for cyclists and pedestrians to the rest of the city, and a diverse range of new uses.

Regeneration projects take a long time to plan and deliver, and it is future generations that will benefit from this project. The council, therefore, are particularly keen to encourage young people and local families to get involved and tell us what they think of these plans.

If this is of interest, there's a wealth of resources available in the ['Have your say'](#) section on the project website - [www.harbourhopes.co.uk](http://www.harbourhopes.co.uk) - including a short video introducing the site, a copy of the exhibition materials displayed during the Autumn 2024 round of engagement, and a summary of the feedback received.

The draft masterplan will be available to view on the Harbour Hopes website from Tuesday 11 February to Sunday 9 March 2025. The attached poster and leaflet provide details of how people can view the proposals in person.

## **Earthwatch Tiny Forest**

This week we have been liaising with North Somerset Natural Environment Team and some new trees have been planted over in Golden Valley. The council have met with Friends of Trendlewood Park to identify the sites that can be marked as an Earthwatch Tiny Forest, some spring interest trees (cherries or crab apples) and also some native hedgerow trees. This will, hopefully extend the habitat for the existing bat population and other species, as well as providing a valuable learning resource for local children. You can find out more about this scheme here

<https://earthwatch.org.uk/program/tiny-forest/>

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### Communications through Classcharts

As a reminder to parents, Classcharts is the main way that any announcements and letters are sent home regarding all aspects of school life. These communications can be as varied as notifying parents updates about a school trip and estimated time of return, to letters regarding behaviour stage reviews and notice of emergency closures. As a school we can see how many of the intended audience have read each communication and for some very important announcements these levels are very low. There is a dedicated section of the school website that provides a link to download the Classcharts app, as well as a video to talk through the functionality of the system. These can be found here

[Communication Apps – Nailsea School](#)

I would ask any parent/carer who has not yet registered to do so, in order that they remain fully updated about school life.

### Year 11 Photo

Colorfoto will be in school first thing on Monday 24th February to take the whole year group photo for Year 11. This annual event tends to mark the beginning of the final straight for Year 11s each year. Staff are working hard to support Year 11 as they prepare for their exams in the summer and on to their next steps post 16, and events like this help students move mentally towards these milestones.

**Finally...** we are now, unbelievably, over half way through this academic year. Lots has been achieved in the 21 weeks of the year so far but much is left to do and all is still possible in the remaining 18 weeks of the academic year 2024/25. I hope all our families have the chance to reflect and relax over the half term break and I look forward to seeing us all return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Take care and be kind



Dee Elliott,

Head teacher

