

OUTLOOK



Term 6



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Oldfield and have been welcomed by the whole community. It was not a straightforward decision to move, and I am very happy with my choice. It is now time to reflect and think about the highlights and areas for development and then have a rest and start again in September.

I have been impressed throughout by the dedication and hard work from the staff as they go above and beyond to support and guide students every day. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work to ensure we deliver countless opportunities, including high-quality lessons, extra-curricular clubs, amazing music events, and the fantastic 'Little Shop of Horrors' and many trips.

Alongside this, Oldfield school has proudly competed against other schools in mathematics, spelling and sport, and, winning city-wide competitions, year 9 football and year 11 rugby. All of this supports the development of the students to become

wonderful, rounded people, ready to contribute to society. I have really enjoyed working with Oldfield students too. They continue to impress us with their kindness (a school focus this year), curiosity and resilience. They always provide the highlight to my day, whether it be teaching them in class, conversations at break and lunchtime, or supporting their choices to guide them to a positive outcome.

Good luck to the students in year 11 and 13 who will receive their examination results in the summer. Their effort cannot be faulted, and they should be proud of what they achieve. Staff will be on hand during both results days to support and celebrate with the students. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

I hope all our brilliant students and families get the opportunity to switch off a little to rest and reflect on their year. Please encourage your children to continue reading over the summer, as we know how good this is for our health and wellbeing. Our Oldfield

librarian, Ms Pearce, has recommended age-appropriate summer reads for us all to enjoy, which you can find on our website: <https://www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/literacy-and-reading/library/>

When we return in the autumn, our focus will again be on teaching and learning as we strive to support all students to achieve. Please support our students to be ready to learn when we welcome them back to school in September in full uniform (see <https://www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/uniform/>) and equipment, including a school bag and pens.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your patience and support in my first year. Have a lovely summer.

Best wishes,

Andy Greenhough

NOTICES

Allergy Warning

Many of our students suffer serious nut and sesame seed allergies. Therefore, please remember not to include these in your child's packed lunch. We are a nut free school.

Follow our social media accounts to get updates from school trips and activities:

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Or visit our website for information on all aspects of the school www.oldfieldschool.com



Updating Details

Please ensure you keep us up to date on where you live and contact numbers and email if they change. Also, if your child suffers from a medical condition, then we need to be informed of any changes. Please do so by emailing enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Parking around school

A further reminder to parents to please be careful when picking up and dropping off at the beginning or end of the school day. Parking should not be on the double yellow lines at the front or side of the school, please drop off in the slip road near Penn. Drivers should be mindful of other traffic, our neighbours and most importantly, students crossing the roads.

MICROSOFT 365

All students at Oldfield School are able to install the latest versions of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher for free on their computers at home.

- 1) Go to the O365 website: <https://portal.office.com>
- 2) Sign in using your school email address and password
- 3) On the Launchpad page, click on the 'Install apps' button.





Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Pupil Premium is extra funding allocated to schools to work with students who have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years. The government believes that Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address current underlying inequalities between students who are eligible for Free School Meals and their peers. It ensures that funding to tackle disadvantage, reaches the students who need it.

In most cases, the Pupil Premium is paid direct to schools and is allocated to them for every student who receives Free School Meals. Schools decide how to use the funding as they are best placed to assess student needs. The funding is directed specifically at the pupils in receipt of this funding, and could be used for items such as one-to-one or small group tuition, non-academic intervention, or help with costs for trips, equipment, uniform etc. It is discreet and pupils in receipt of it are not singled out in any way. We encourage you to get in touch with us if you think your child may be eligible for funding. The money is available for every child whose parents are receiving certain benefits but the school will only receive the funding if parents register.

Please contact us on enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

Extra funding for children of Service Personnel

There is also extra funding available under Pupil Premium for those children who have a parent currently serving in the armed services, or those whose parents have left the service since April 2011. This provision is made for additional (mainly pastoral) support, so we would be grateful if any Service Personnel could inform the school of their status, so we can record this information on the school system. This information is protected and the data regarding individual children is not shared outside the school. Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive the fund, but only if your child's name appears on the school's roll as being a Service child, so please let us know. Contact us on enquiries@oldfieldschool.com

For further information please see www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools

DATES TO REMEMBER

15 August

AS & A Level Results Day

22 August

GCSE Results Day

2/3 September

Inset Days

4 September

Term 1 Begins

WEEK 1

6 September

Yr 7, 10 & 12 Photos

12 September

Yr 10 Information

Evening

17 September

Year 7 BBQ &

Teambuilding

23 September

AP0 Opens(Yr13)

26 September

European Day of Languages

30 September

AP0 Opens(Yr 7, 10, 12)

4 October

AP0 Closes (Yr 13)

9 October

Year 11/12/13 National Apprenticeship Show Trip

10 October

Year 13 Information Evening

11 October

AP0 Closes (Yrs 7, 10, 12)

17 October

Yr 7, 10, 12, 13 Parents' Evening

21 October

Yr 11 A Level Subjects Information Week

22 October

Year 11 Study Skills Evening

23 October

Yr 7 Welcome Concert

25 October

Year 11 Mock Interviews

28 Oct - 1 Nov

Half Term

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Wow! What a performance. Our cast, band and backstage crew thrilled and delighted audiences over three performances of Little Shop of Horrors. The cast were hardworking, driven and an absolute pleasure to work with, the band sounded amazing and really rose to the challenge of playing music written for professional musicians, and the backstage crew pulled off the challenging role of bringing a human-eating plant to life. It was a joy to be able to share the work of these dedicated students with such enthusiastic audiences and we are all really proud of everyone involved.

Mrs Robinson





HARMONY RISING AT BATH ABBEY

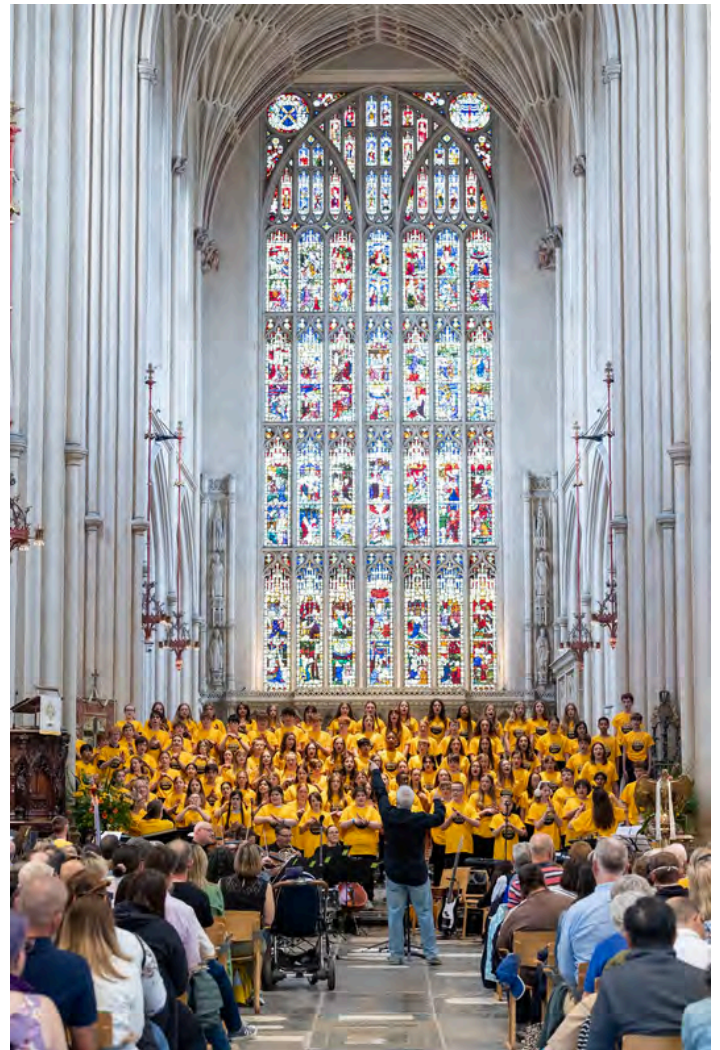
Harmony Rising is Bath Philharmonia's inclusive creative choir for 11–14-year-olds that celebrates youth voice and enables participants to co-create, rehearse and perform their own songs. The choir brought together 120 young people from every secondary / senior school in Bath, developing their confidence through creative music-making and performance.

In 2024, inspired by some of the greatest movie themes, Harmony Rising co-created four songs. Let the Wilds Grow explores time travel and the monumental timescales of planet earth and observes that 'Nature is reclaiming, what we have stolen'. Make Yourself at Home celebrates difference and challenges the concept of alien. Forevermore questions the footprint we leave on earth at a Jurassic dinosaur scale. Little Things, Big Difference looks under the microscope and suggests that even the smallest action can have an incredible impact.

The four songs were performed at Bath Abbey during Party in the City on 17 May 2024, accompanied by members of Bath Philharmonia. Two of the songs were performed at The Forum's 90th Anniversary concert, with a symphonic sized Bath Philharmonia and musicians from His Majesty's Royal Marines School of Music.

Many thanks go to The Forum, Kingswood School, King Edward's School, and Royal High School for hosting the Harmony Rising workshops and rehearsals and all the teachers who gave their time to support their pupils to take part.

Videos of the performances can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnZ18jccOjg739YfA7YY3Zwyf993Lim11>



Concert Band Primary Visits

Our concert band visited four primary schools this term – Newbridge, Roundhill, Twerton Infants and WASPS. We took two full band pieces and several instrumental solos to perform to the children in each school. Our band performed beautifully and were also excellent representatives of Oldfield School. The children in each primary school really enjoyed learning more about individual instruments, hearing them play as a solo, and hearing them all play together in each ensemble piece.

Mrs Robinson







SPORTS DAY

Another successful sports day was held at school in June this year, where students were able to sign up for various events to represent their house. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the effort that students put in on the day and it is always a fabulous sight to see so many students participating. The afternoon is a highlight watching those taking part being cheered on by their fellow house members.

There were lots of individual stand-out performances during the day, and of course the staff relay is always a crowd pleaser! This year congratulations goes to Maia house who finished winners.

Mrs Little





Year 7 & 8 Rounders Teams Shine in Summer Competitions

The Year 7 and Year 8 teams had an exceptional season, proudly representing our school in rounders. The team had the opportunity to compete against numerous schools, showcasing their newly developed skills and talent throughout the season.

The journey began with a mixed Year 7 team facing Wellsway at the start of the summer sports calendar. This match set the tone for the season, with our players demonstrating impressive teamwork and determination.

As the season progressed, the team participated in various tournaments alongside a very ambitious Year 8 girls team, competing at a high level against a diverse array of schools. The players' commitment and passion for rounders were evident in every game, contributing to their continuous improvement and success.

With the sun shining and the atmosphere buzzing, our fantastic Year 7 and Year 8 teams couldn't have asked for a better setting to play rounders. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship made this a memorable season. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and achievements in the future. Well done to all the players for an outstanding season! **Miss Kernan**



Year 9 BANES Rounders Tournament



Well done to the Year 9 rounders team who took part in the BANES tournament on a very windy night at Writhlington School.

There was some great fielding from deep with super throws in from Maya, Connie and Mia and some great catches in on bases from Olivia and Jorja. Leila did very well at backstop, ensuring that the behind hits were dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Well done to Lola, Hattie and Sienna who covered those hits in mid field and stopping runs to the bases.

Skyla and Maya kept the bowling accurate and consistent throughout. **Mrs Little**

Results

Oldfield 2½	St Gregs 6½	POM: Skyla
Oldfield 7	Writhlington 5½	POM: Olivia
Oldfield 4½	Norton Hill 5½	POM: Leila
Oldfield 1 ½	Hayesfield 5	POM: Olivia

Boys Dance Company visit Oldfield School

On Thursday 11th July, the Dance Department were very fortunate to host visiting Boys Dance Company 'BDC' from a school in Kent. The all-boys company brought 17 of their dancers to Oldfield School and as well as performing choreography to some of our Year 8 groups, they also gave 15 of our students the opportunity to learn and perform with them in a workshop. The strength, agility and comradery of the BDC company was fantastic to see during question times with them but also when watching them perform. They performed pieces which included 'Sinner Man' based on Alvin Ailey's Revelations and 'Sound of Silence' about boys' mental health. 'Legacy' was a piece created by the senior dancers as a parting gift to the dance academy and saw them passing the baton on to the younger members of the company; this was an extremely powerful and emotional performance. They finished with 'Stomp The Rhythm' and it was this piece that inspired the boys workshop. Using bins, boots and wooden sticks, the company choreographed alongside our boys to create different rhythms and dance sequences using the props. It was a joy to watch and we very much look forward to working alongside BDC again in the future.

Mrs Macnaughton



Year 7 BANES Rounders

Congratulations to the amazing Year 7 rounders team who finished 3rd in the BANES rounders tournament at St Gregs having won all their games apart from one, which we only lost by one rounder which meant we missed out on the final by one! However, we won our play off giving us a fantastic 3rd position overall. It really was a team effort with some great fielding at backstop by Antonia and Bethan, catches taken by Eva, Darcy, Maddie and Leni and some great batting by all the team. Well done to Leni, Ellie, Ashleigh, Eva and Bethan for their rounders scored and special mention must go to Maisie for an unbelievable record of seven rounders scored in the tournament!

Darcy and Maisie were voted players of the matches by the opposition.

A fantastic afternoon – well done girls!

Results

Oldfield	7	St Gregs	8
Oldfield	4 ½	Somervale	2
Oldfield	11	Ralph Allen	7 ½

Came second in the group

Play off game:

Oldfield	8 ½	Chew Valley	5
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Mrs Little



Impressive performances at the Minor Athletics competition

The Minor Athletics Competition held at Bath University's athletics track on Wednesday, 12th June 2024, was a spectacular event that showcased the remarkable talents of Year 7 and 8 students from across 13 secondary schools in BANES. Organised and run by Oldfield School, the event was a testament to the athletic prowess and sportsmanship of the young competitors.

Event Highlights:

Students participated in a variety of track and field events, demonstrating not only their athletic skills but also their unwavering support for one another. It was a day filled with strong performances, personal bests, and inspiring teamwork.

Outstanding Achievements:

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all students who entered and took part in the competition. A special mention goes to those who made it to the top 8 in their events and to Alfie T, who won the Year 8 boys' high jump with an impressive leap of 1.5 meters. The following students are encouraged to consider joining an athletics club to further develop their skills:

Year 7 Girls:

- Amelia I: 2nd in Long Jump (3.67m), 6th in 100m (14.69s)
- Isla Q: 2nd in 1500m (5m 43s)
- Ruby C: 5th in 800m (3m 01s)

Year 7 Boys:

- Kane G: 3rd in 100m (14.09s), 8th in 200m (32.5s)
- Thomas W: 4th in Triple Jump (8.2m)
- Evan B: 4th in High Jump (1.17m), 5th in Triple Jump (8.13m)

- William W: 6th in High Jump (1.13m)
- Daniel K: 8th in Javelin (16.5m)
- Tom E: 8th in Hurdles (16.14s)
- Lukas C-P: 8th in 800m (2m 58s)

Year 8 Girls:

- Megan C: 4th in Hurdles (14.97s)
- Julia M: 4th in 100m (14.02s), 4th in 200m (30.58s)
- Maisie H: 4th in High Jump (1.2m), 6th in Hurdles (15.61s)
- Cara H: 5th in 800m (3m 04s)
- Susie H: 7th in 800m (3m 06s)
- Tara J: 6th in Javelin (12.5m)

Year 8 Boys:

- Alfie T: 1st in High Jump (1.5m), 2nd in Hurdles (12.59s)
- Ben F: 3rd in 1500m (5m 23s), 3rd in Triple Jump (7.85m)
- Alex S: 3rd in Javelin (24.6m), 4th in 800m (2m 37s)
- Alfie L: 5th in 200m (29.64s), 8th in 100m (13.89s)
- Manni T: 7th in 300m (49.26s)

Congratulations and well done!

A huge well done to all our students for their exceptional performances and sportsmanship. Your dedication and hard work have not only brought pride to our school but have also highlighted the importance of participation and teamwork in athletics.

For those interested in pursuing athletics further, joining a local athletics club could be a fantastic opportunity to enhance your skills and compete at higher levels.

Mrs Bell



U13 Girls Cricket Festival at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club

This event provided an excellent opportunity for girls to participate in friendly matches against other schools, with some students playing their first-ever competitive games. The festival not only highlighted the talent of some of our young cricketers but also fostered a love for the sport among participants.

Our squad of 11 enthusiastic students played three exciting matches during the festival:

Match 1: The day began with a challenging game where our team faced a tough opponent. Despite their best efforts, our girls were unable to secure a win.

Match 2: The second match against Wellsway School was a nail-biter. In a closely contested game, we narrowly lost by a score of 74-79. The girls displayed excellent sportsmanship and determination throughout the match.

Match 3: The final game of the day was against Somervale School. This match was another close contest, but our team emerged victorious with a score of 65-60.

Several standout performances made the day memorable:

- Enna W hit a magnificent six, showcasing her batting prowess.
- Molly S executed a brilliant run-out and catch, demonstrating sharp fielding skills.

- Bethan M achieved a remarkable hat trick in bowling and also made a fantastic catch.

Special recognition goes to Molly S and Bethan M, who were awarded Players of the Match for their exceptional contributions to the team. Their outstanding performances played a crucial role in our team's success and inspired their teammates.

We are proud of all the girls who participated and represented our school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The squad included:

- Molly S
- Enna W
- Olivia B
- Susie H
- Immy H
- Eva B
- Bethan M
- Harper H
- Ruby C
- Eva R
- Ashleigh B

A huge congratulations to all the players. We look forward to more such opportunities where our young cricketers can shine and continue to develop their skills. **Mrs Bell**





OLDFEST

Monday 22nd July 2024



The penultimate day of term saw students and staff come together at our annual Oldfest event. Each tutor group planned and manned a stall - from water gun roulette to glitter face painting and mocktail making. Sponging the teachers proved particularly popular - along with the famous Hay-Nash cookout. Several performers took to the stage to show off their musical prowess, and a T-Rex even dropped by the join in the fun.

Mrs Macnaughton



Green-fingered fun at Gardening Club

It has been another busy time of year for the gardening club. The team have been extremely busy working hard to help keep our school environment looking attractive and tidy. This has included barrowing bark chips onto the bridle path to soak up the water, cleaning out the pond, litter picking around school, planting primroses in the grassy bank by the skills centre, and weeding and planting the flowerbeds in front of reception and by the snack shack.

This wouldn't have been possible without the support of Ms Mills, and a big shout out to Mr Taylor for donning his waders to get in the pond and pull out huge amounts of weeds.

Mrs Webber



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

On 11th June, five of our strongest mathematicians in year 7 and 8 took part in the second round of the junior maths challenge called the kangaroo paper. It was a brilliant achievement to qualify for this, and I am pleased to congratulate John J for achieving a certificate of merit with a score of 118 out of 135! Well done all. **Mr Spence**



English Primary Visit Day

During Term 6, we welcomed Year 5 students from both Newbridge and WASPS for an English Primary Day. The English department prepared three exciting sessions for the Year 5s which saw them flip a traditional fairy tale on its head, learn some funny Shakespearean slang and explore our lovely library. Thank you to everyone that helped with the day and made the visit so enjoyable for the Year 5s.

Mrs Eason-Blake and Miss Thomas

Out-of-school Achievements

Tom C (Year 7) is part of Bristol TS Adventure Naval Cadets. In June, he achieved three first places in the district Naval Cadets four-man rowing competition. Each race covered a kilometre distance and as a result, the crew are through to the area competition in early July. Tom also took part in the cadet rowathon in order to raise funds for the unit. He clocked up a massive 22.9 miles and was 3rd on the leader board for miles covered. A fantastic achievement.

Congratulations also go to year 9 student **Alexis B**, who has been selected for Team GB for her dance and will go to Prague in October to represent GB in the World Championships in tap dancing. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish you all the very best for your forthcoming training and the competition.

Congratulations to **Sayo K** in Year 12, who along with her group 'ROKUNINJA' (six ninjas), won first prize in the 'JalaChamp', Japanese Speech Contest for Primary and Secondary Schools, organised by the Japan Foundation London. Sayo has been studying Japanese as a heritage language at the Bristol Japanese Kids Club, since her preschool years.



She worked diligently with her groupmates for this competition, and submitted a fantastic video for the Video Category, Secondary School Division 2 - B1 level. The assigned topic was 'What we want to save for the future'.

The group qualified as finalists and participated in the Finals Day at Japan House London on Saturday 11th May, where they went on to win first prize. Well done Sayo and team on a fantastic achievement.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

This summer, Oldfield School students embarked on thrilling Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) expeditions, showcasing exceptional navigation and map-reading skills. These expeditions, held in June and July, tested the students' resilience and teamwork, making them excellent ambassadors for our school. Over the course of the expeditions, the students navigated diverse terrains, demonstrating their ability to read maps and compass directions accurately. Their perseverance and cooperation were truly commendable, reflecting the core values of the DofE program. We are incredibly proud of all participants for their dedication and hard work. Their successful completion of the expeditions not only highlights their individual achievements but also enhances the reputation of Oldfield School in the wider community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the next opportunity for students to engage in the DofE program. Sign-ups for the Bronze award will open for Year 9 students soon.



Additionally, for the first time ever, Oldfield School will offer a Silver DofE expedition for Year 10 students, which will take place on a canoe.

This unique experience promises to be an adventurous and enriching challenge. Stay tuned for more information on how to sign up and prepare for these exciting opportunities.

Mr John

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

The last full week of term was Environment Week. The aim of the week was to connect our students to their surroundings in a fun and different way. As citizens of the 21st Century, we want to encourage an understanding and develop a deeper appreciation of the natural world. Students were involved in a carousel of different activities which focused on learning about environmental topics, supporting each other in making sustainable decisions and understanding how our actions can positively or negatively impact nature.

We have been challenging Oldfield students to think about the environment from a different lens and they have embraced the opportunities offered to them in this week:

- Printmaking in Art using objects from the environment.
- Designing and building their own utopian or dystopian islands in English.
- Walking the beautiful Bath skyline and appreciating what a unique and special location our school is in.
- Making platforms, boats or trees to save the endangered orangutans in Science.
- Creating soundscapes using sounds from the environment on GarageBand in music.
- Drama students have learnt about the importance of working together as a community through games and activities.
- In History, students researched, designed, glued, coloured, papier mâchéd, built and presented a mural, plaque, statue or memorial to a significant historical person or event and then considered how and where best to locate their memorial in the historic environment.
- In Maths, students have been learning about sustainable lobster fishing and all the challenges that face farmers across the world.
- In Geography, students were busy building coral reefs using a variety of media.
- All students have also enjoyed being outside and participating in rounder's tournaments led by our PE team.

Thank you to all our brilliant Oldfield staff who have designed and led these workshops and to our brilliant students who have shown us how creative, adaptable, curious and respectful of their environment they are.

Ms Fleming



One of the highlights of the week was a scenic walk to Kelston Round Hill. Students embraced the opportunity to explore the beautiful countryside, enjoying breathtaking views and the chance to connect with nature. The hike not only promoted physical fitness, but also encouraged students to appreciate the natural beauty of the environment surrounding their community. **Mr Driver**

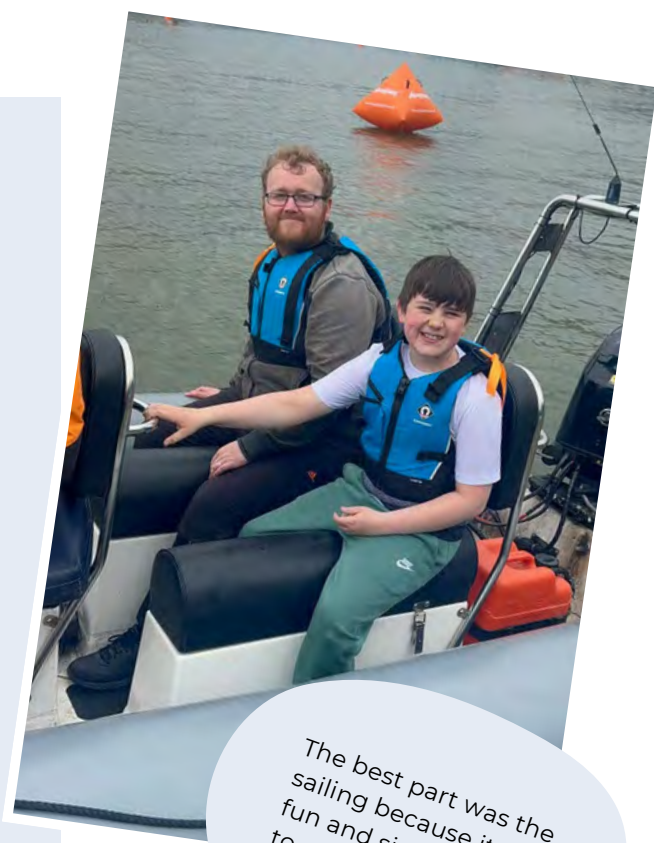


All Aboard Watersports

The SEND team had the opportunity to take 12 students on a five-week watersports training course at Bristol Harbourside, with the purpose of building self-confidence and communication skills within a sports environment. The activities included sailing, kayaking and rowing. The students had four weeks to train and on the 5th week, they participated in a Regatta, competing against other schools. Expert coaches were on hand throughout to guide students on how to master the equipment and support them during the event.

Jacob C, year 7, celebrated his 12th birthday on the Regatta day so he got a special ride on a speed boat while the tannoy played Happy Birthday! Thomas P, year 7, said of the training "The best part was the sailing because it was fun and simple and not too hard and not too many people in one boat. I felt excited because it's just fun to go on a trip".

Miss Collier

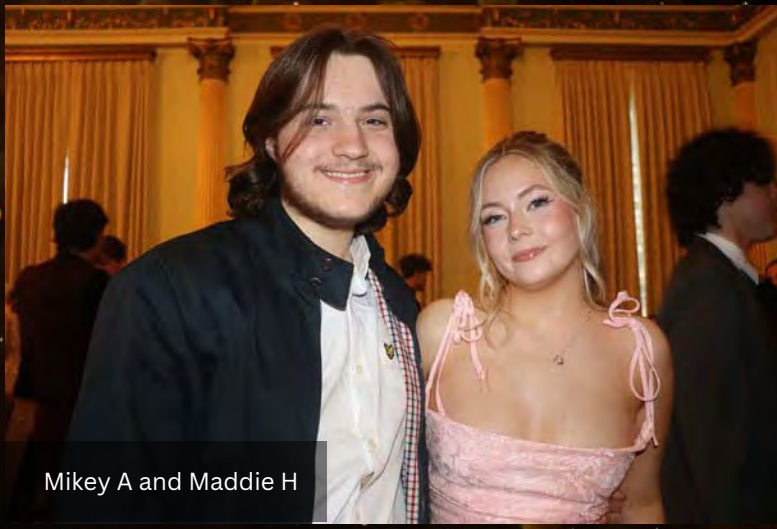


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I loved this. It was great to do with my friend.





Mikey A and Maddie H



Lleyton H



Lily S, Ellie B, Becky W, Imogen Y, Jess C



Freya K, Daisy A



Jo F, Jess C, Sophie I, Mr Nash, Anni H, Tess H



George H, Mikey W, Conal L, Robbie M



Maisie P, Flo H, Emily R, Roman P

YEAR 13 LEAVERS' PROM

Olly L, Ben F, Joseph G



Angel B, Jamie S, Lola MC, Jack L



Luke, Jacob, Archie, Cai, Toby, George, Jacob, Conal, Liam



Hannah W, Saffiyah A, Alexia ST, Zozan Y, Maisie P, Flo H

Friday 5th July was a marvellous occasion to celebrate the end of two years of hard study for our wonderful year 13 students. It poured with rain outside, but inside the beautiful Guildhall in the centre of Bath, spirits were high. Staff and students enjoyed a glittering evening of good food, much laughter and dancing till late. It was such a great pleasure to spend the evening with such a lovely group of young people and to see them relaxed and having fun. It has been a privilege to work with this year's group of students. We will miss them immensely. They have been a huge credit to the school. We felt so proud when, after the event, the caterers praised our students, noting that they were the best group of sixth formers they had worked with. They commented on their politeness and exemplary behaviour all evening! Well done year 13.

The highlight of the evening was of course seeing Dancing Queen Nash... who knows, maybe Mr Hayward will take the plunge and join him on the dance floor next year. Thank you to Miss Gibbs and Ms Francis for all their organisation behind the scenes to make things run smoothly and make the evening such a success. Thanks too to all the staff who came along to celebrate with the students. It was great to see you all there and it would not have been the same without you. Here are just a few photos to tell the story of the evening.

Mrs Williams



**OLDFIELD
SCHOOL**

SIXTH FORM

Oldfield's Award-Winning PSHE team give us the lowdown

The final term at school is always a busy one, from celebrating events to reflecting upon what we've learnt in our lessons and gearing up for our part in Oldfest with United Differences. This term, we celebrated Just Like Us Schools Diversity Week, which was a tremendous success. Lots of staff along with students supported activities ranging from badge making, a lunchtime flag hunt, making friendship bracelets, poster making and a bake sale! The Year 12 students raised £60 for their chosen charity. We are hoping to continue to grow our United Differences groups again in September as we begin a new academic year. Our current Year 12 Leadership Team in the Sixth Form have been instrumental in driving positivity across the group, so a big thank you to Emily, Katie, Lucas and Rosie for all your help, ideas and most importantly, fabulous baking skills!

Since our last PSHEdition, we have finished our curriculum PSHE lessons with our annual quizzes based on everything that students have learnt throughout the year. As a PSHE team, we are able to remind students of key information that will have an impact on their lives in and outside of school.

From safety at the sea side, healthy relationships, on-line safety and keeping ourselves healthy over the holidays; we've looked at a number of themes as reminders to check their understanding.

At Oldfield, we value all our students' voices, and our most recent focus group at the end of the term has confirmed what themes they would like to see in their curriculum lessons. As well as covering statutory topics, it is really important that we respond to our students' needs and your questions to help support your children. We are looking at dates to host another Wellbeing Event in 2024/25 and will send out further details of this nearer the time.

Mrs Bloomfield and myself were very excited to be invited to London to collect the Healthy Schools RE:SET Award on Monday 25th June. The outstanding individuals; teachers and students who have worked so hard this year to make their schools and universities safer places for their students were honoured that evening.

Whilst there we did a bit of celeb-spotting with ambassadors of the charity and met some fantastic members of the Tender Team! The award will be put up in school by September to remind us of the work we've achieved as a school.

To finish this year, I would like to thank the PSHE team for delivering brilliant lessons. I also need to mention the super organisations and individuals who have come in to support our students in PSHE. Daisy Douglas from Tender, Andri from Avon and Somerset Police, Jordan at Smashed for their assemblies on Teenage Drinking and from Ruth our School Nurse from Virgin Health Care. We very much hope to see these faces back to support our students alongside new experiences from September.

Mrs Macnaughton



RE:SET | HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
CHAMPION SETTING



OSA would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, be that attending events, donating pre-loved uniform, buying Christmas trees, or running the Bath Half. It's been a busy year: we've run over 15 events, served over 1,350 drinks, and sold over 550 items of pre-loved uniform... no wonder we're ready for the summer break! Thanks also to all the volunteers and staff who make these events happen – your time, energy, and relentless enthusiasm for all things OSA is greatly appreciated.

We're delighted to share we have raised over £10,000, which has enabled us to support a wide range of projects across the school:

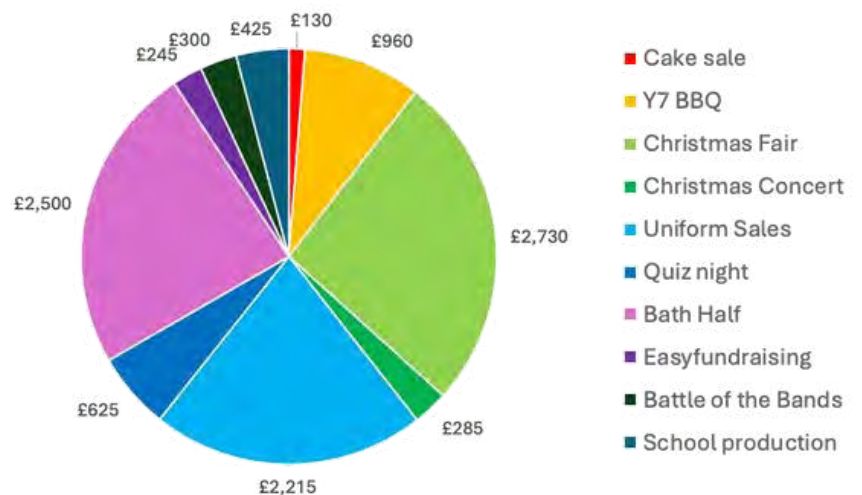
- Part-funding of a drama school trip to London and a maths trip to British Aerospace
- Part-funding for new brass instruments to give all Year 7 students the opportunity to learn an instrument
- An access fund to help disadvantaged students access school trips
- New EAL literacy resources
- Part-funding for a Business Studies conference
- 30 new soundbars for Music Tech
- New pom-poms for the Oldfield cheerleading squad
- Two new 'real-life babies' for Social Sciences
- A new bubble tube for the Sensory department
- Resources to support one-to-one work with SEND students
- Band development sessions for Battle of the Bands
- Craft items and board games for Thrive
- Improvements to the staff room
- New AV equipment for the main hall
- Seeds and compost for the newly established gardening club
- New games for the Board Game lunchtime club
- New outdoor benches for all students to enjoy



WE'VE RAISED OVER £10,000!

We look forward to welcoming you to lots more events next year. We'll be publishing our calendar of events early in September and holding our AGM in October – look out for the dates and please do come along and join us if you can. And if you have any great fundraising ideas then please drop us a line, we'd love to hear from you. Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

The OSA team



School Attendance: The law is changing from 19th August 2024

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing.
The government is introducing a new National Framework for Penalty Notices.

5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) – whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks.

A school day has 2 sessions:

1 morning and 1 afternoon sessions per day

A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (example, 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks.) These sessions can be consecutive or not. The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years. (example, 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer term and a further 8 within the Autumn term.)

Bath & North-East Somerset Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several Term-Time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

Unchanged

Penalty Notice fines are issued **per parent, per child**. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. For example: If 2 siblings are absent for a Term-Time holiday, this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time leave of absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (If paid within 28 days)

Reduced to: **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (In a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time leave of absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (If paid within 28 days)

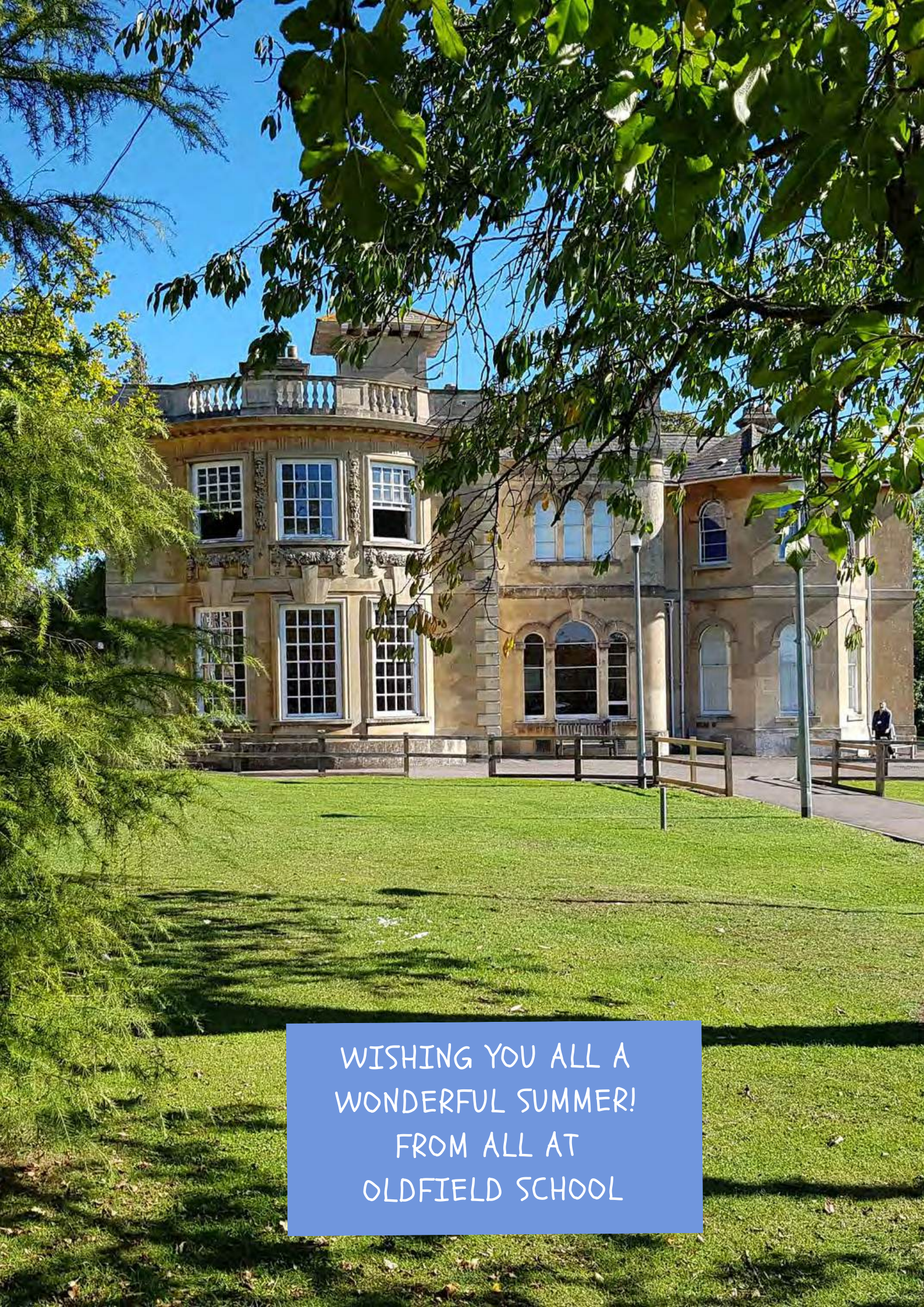
There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences (In a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time leave of absence or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will NOT be issued but will be referred to Banes Attendance & Welfare Support Service for **Prosecution** which may result in fines of up to **£2,500** per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Inset Training days are school days and can therefore be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.



WISHING YOU ALL A
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FROM ALL AT
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