



### Dear parents/carers,

We were delighted our Y6 children had such a fun and active experience at PGL. It has been great to hear their tales of overcoming and fun. A huge thank you to Mrs Mifflin, Mrs Yorke and Mr Barnett for giving their time so generously over PGL week—we couldn't offer the opportunity without them.

School is in its busiest term and there is a lot to share—enjoy reading about some of the opportunities the children have recently enjoyed.



### Alex Fryer Music Award 2025

Music is really important to us as a school—we know the difference it can make to children's lives. This year all children have enjoyed hearing a world renowned string quartet play and specialist djembe drummers. KS2 children have attended a full orchestra concert at Bristol Beacon, learning to sign songs in Makaton, enjoyed whole class glockenspiel lessons and djembe drum sessions—with the opportunity to develop improvisation skills and to perform too. We are also thrilled that Mrs Mifflin has continued to liaise with Mr McLachlan so our school brass band continues to develop.

We know a lot of our children are passionate about music inside and outside of school. It was a difficult decision but we were delighted to award the Alex Fryer Music Award 2025 to Harry. He clearly loves music at home and at school. He has been an enthusiastic and active participant in whole class glockenspiel lessons and has also been active in the school brass band. His band teacher, Mr McLoughlan, noted his enthusiasm and effort. Harry hopes to have electric guitar lessons soon.

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Fryer for joining us for the award assembly and continuing to generously support music in our school.



### Djembe Drumming Workshops & Performance

The children in KS2 have been learning about Africa in their Geography curriculum. To link with this, the children enjoyed a fantastic day of djembe drumming. Djembe drums are a traditional instrument of West Africa. They are skin covered, goblet drums and are tuned by rope. The Bambara people in Mali explain that the name of the drum means 'everyone gather in peace' and this defines the drum's purpose.

Simon and Roger, specialist djembe drummers, led wonderful workshops for each class—the children were active and engaged throughout. They learned traditional songs, rhythm patterns and improvised too. The children were happy to perform at the end of the day to the school and parents. It was a joyous, smile-filled day. Simon and Roger said our school was positive, friendly and our children showed good rhythm skills and positivity. Well done everyone.

We wish Roger and Simon the best next week as they play as part of the opening act at Glastonbury.







### **Handball – A Morning of Learning, Teamwork and Growth.**

Our Year 6 children took part in an exciting Handball Festival in Stonehouse recently, joining children from many other local schools for a morning of fun, challenges and teamwork.

The first part of the morning was focused on learning and developing handball skills, with support from coaches and staff. Despite being unfamiliar with the game, the children approached each drill with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

The second part of the morning saw the children putting their new skills into action by playing friendly matches against other schools. At first the fast pace and rules were a bit of a challenge, but the children showed great resilience and determination. With each match, their confidence grew: they began to communicate more effectively as a team, apply the skills they had learned and most importantly enjoy the game.

Throughout the event, the children demonstrated excellent fairness & integrity - encouraging each other, showing respect to opponents and celebrating their progress. By the end of the festival, every child had improved and could be proud of their efforts.

A huge well done to all our Year 6 children for representing our school so brilliantly!

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Summer Term 6**

June 2	Start of Summer Term 6 for children PGL week for Y6 children
June 4th	Rounders – Y5 C3 Well-Being sessions with Atlas Sports start
June 6th	Sept 2025 Reception children weekly transition sessions start
June 11th	African Drumming workshops for KS2 classes
June 16th	LIFE IS A BEACH environment workshops—all classes
June 20th	PA Frozen Friday ice-lolly sale after school
June 23rd	Cotswold Farm Park—Educational visit for Reception
June 25th	Quad Kids Sport Event— Y3/Y4
June 26th	Final swim for C3
<b>June 29th</b>	<b>Summer Duck Races—please keep this day free to help &amp; enjoy with us</b>
June 30th	Last week of clubs
<b>July 7th</b>	<b>Sports Day—please keep the afternoon free to help and enjoy with us</b>
July 9th	Y5 Theatre trip: Wizard of Oz—TBC
July 14th	Reserve Sports Day—please keep the afternoon free to help and enjoy with us
July 17th	10am: Y6 Leavers assembly to Y6 parents
July 18th	Theatre Play Company onsite—Treasure Island PA Frozen Friday—ice-lolly sale after school Last day of term for children



Thank you for your ongoing support,  
**Zoe Avastu**

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