



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



**FRIDAY 27TH JUNE
SUMMER TERM**

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents

One of the highlights of this week has been the Year 6 Leavers' Production, 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies.' The cast performed to enthusiastic audiences of Years 3 and 5 on Monday, and Years 2 and 4 on Tuesday, before wowing a full house on Thursday evening. I have to say, the production was superb! The children delivered joke after joke with perfect timing and had us all in stitches. The singing and choreography were fantastic – the last few weeks of rehearsals had clearly paid off. Huge congratulations to the very talented Miss Evans (Director), Mrs Mitchell (Musical Director), Mrs Taylor (Scenery and Props), and Mr Titley (Lighting). The cast were also thrilled to receive a good luck message from Craig Hawes, the composer and writer on X: "To the heroic Y6 Hoodies of @BerkyCheltenham from me here in the real Sherwood Forest, all the very best for your performances of Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies! I'm sure you'll be fabulous in your smashing tights, so break legs, dodge Will's arrows, and win lots of Oswalds!" The final performance takes place this evening – parents who haven't yet seen it are in for a real treat, and I'm delighted to be attending again.

Our younger children also had their moment in the spotlight this week. Reception delighted their parents with a charming class assembly all about dinosaurs. Packed with interesting facts and delightful dino-themed singing, it was a roaring success!

On Monday, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Slimbridge in support of their science topic on habitats. Activities included pond dipping, bird watching, a bird talk and time exploring Toad Hall. Meanwhile, on Thursday, Year 3 visited the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to enrich their study of the Romans and Anglo-Saxons. Thank you to all the staff involved in organising these memorable outings.

DIARY DATES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30th June

Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
2:15pm Early Years Stay and Play
- for children in Kindergarten &
Reception in September 2025
4:00pm Prep House Chess

Tuesday 1st July

9:00am Kindergarten Sports Day
(track events) - Parents invited,
Pre-Prep Lawn
9:45am Reception Sports
Day (track events) - Parents
invited Pre-Prep Lawn

6:00pm Year 6 Leaver's Recital,
Parabola Arts Centre

Wednesday 2nd July

2:15pm U11 & U10 Boys Cricket
v King's Gloucester (away)
4:00pm Year 4 Parents' Viney
Hill Meeting

Thursday 3rd July

Year 1 Trip to Bristol Aquarium

Friday 4th July

Prep Sports Day, Parents invited
from 1:00pm, Prince of Wales
Stadium (Pick up from the POW
Stadium)

Saturday 5th July

1:00pm PTA Summer Festival -
details to follow





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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL CONTINUED

Reception and Year 1 had a special visit on Thursday afternoon from Cheltenham-based children's author, Sian Hughes, who read her latest book, 'Betty and Toff's Seaside Adventure'. The children were captivated by the story and Sian's engaging talk - some were lucky enough to have their copies signed at pick-up.

Well done to our brilliant Prep School quiz team who took part in the National Quiz Finals on Wednesday - after a fiercely contested round of questions, they secured 24th place nationally. A fantastic effort.

A warm welcome to our new pupils, Henrietta (IML) and Neve G C (5B) who joined us last week - we're delighted to have you with us.

Huge congratulations to our U11 cricket team, who returned to school as winners of the Cheltenham Schools Knockout Trophy for the second year in a row. We are incredibly proud of their achievement - well done! A big thank you to their superb coach, Mr McCreanor.

And finally, I'm very much looking forward to attending the Kindergarten celebration this afternoon - a lovely way to round off the week.

Have a good weekend

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Head of School





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NEWS FROM PRE-PREP

In Forest School, Year 1 were treated to mud painting! Problem solving skills and teamwork were put to the test with a challenge to use crates to cross a river! Thank you, Mrs Main, for leading our Forest School sessions all year.

This week, Year 1 have been learning all about analogue clocks in maths. We can tell the time to the hour and are starting to recognise 'half past'. Please help us teach the children to tell the time at home too!

Eleanor - 'I go to sleep at 8 o'clock.'

Max - 'I go to bed at 7 o'clock.'

India - 'We have lunch at 12 o'clock.'

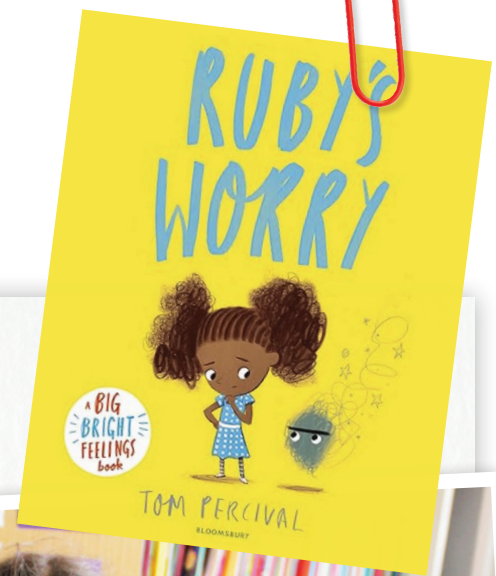
Kit - 'Once I stayed up until 9 o'clock!'

In Year 2, the children have been studying statistics in maths. They have collected data and created pictograms which included their favourite sports and favourite barbecue item; sausage was the clear winner!

The Year 2 children have also read 'Ruby's Worries' which led to a Circle Time all about our own worries. It was lovely to see the children so confident to share their own worries.

It smelt lovely in the art room this week as Year 2 studied a range of bright, summer flowers. They used watercolour paints to create flower pictures, focusing on creating lighter and darker shades. They are looking forward to creating their own wire flower sculptures soon.

Our program of transition has continued. Following lunchtime chess club with Years 5 and 6, Year 2 were treated to the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 production in the Prep Hall. They also enjoyed playtime on Thursday in the Prep playground. Year 1 are looking forward to spending more time with Mrs Leigh and Mrs Watts next week. AS





Craig Hawes @craigha... · 52m
Replying to @BerkyCheltenham

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SCHOOL NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Saddle up! With just over a week to go until the PTA Summer Festival - Saturday 5th July (1-4pm) - it's time to ride the herd on with final preparations. Many thanks to the large posse of staff and parents who are in cahoots with the PTA to make this a rootin' tootin' good get together!

Here's how you can help us next week:

From Monday, please can you bring any soft toy donations into the school office for our beloved rehoming cabin. Please ensure they are clean and in good condition. At the end of the week the school office will start collecting any plant donations for the Plant Stall and we'll be rounding up the year group hampers and cakes for the Great Berky Bake Off competition (drop cakes on Friday or between 11-12 on Saturday). Be sure to enter your details to be in with a chance of winning Star Baker and a fabulous prize!

Thank you to everyone who contributed small lucky dip toys and children's reading books - we have a great haul ready to go. We're still collecting books, but no further lucky dip toy donations are required.

We'll be outside school again next week selling raffle tickets and token bags for children to spend at the Festival on treats and activities. Catch us on Monday (30th June) and Wednesday (2nd July) and please do support us if you can!

Keep your eyes peeled for a more formal communication about what we've got in store next week and see you down at the ranch soon!

The PTA Team



YEAR 2 GET MUDDY FOR A GREAT CAUSE

This Saturday, several Year 2 pupils are taking on the 'Pretty Muddy Kids' 5K race to raise money for the Starlight Ward at Bristol Children's Hospital, which cared for one of their classmates during cancer treatment.

Funds will support the ward's play therapist and help keep the playroom stocked with toys, crafts, and activities.

Support their muddy mission here:

www.justgiving.com/page/charlotte-noar-1





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SPORTS REPORTS

BOYS' CRICKET

U10/11 Boys Incrediball cricket v Beaudesert

A good close game. We lost the toss and were forced to bat first. The boys batted well and put on a total of 96 runs. Beaudesert also batted well despite an amazing catch by Rowan and a hat-trick of catches by Jacob. Beaudesert won the game by 10 runs. MT



CHELTHENHAM SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT TROPHY

Yesterday the U11 team took part in the Cheltenham Schools Knockout Trophy. Our first game was against Charlton Kings, who we beat by 55 runs. Next up was Ashley Manor and another victory by 34 runs. This took us to the final group game against The Richard Pate School, with the prize being a place in the final. The boys did a thoroughly professional job, losing only one wicket when batting, taking us to a decisive 57 run win.

So, to the final. This was a rematch against Ashley Manor. We were put into bat and performed superbly, each partnership adding runs to the total, with a combination of explosive hitting and finding the gaps. We finished on a strong total of 285, for the loss of only 1 wicket. The boys backed this up with an outstanding performance with the ball. We took 9 wickets, fielded brilliantly and were dominant for the whole match. A 66 run victory saw us crowned champions for the second year in a row.

I was delighted with the way the team performed yesterday. Their cricketing skills were top notch and their cohesiveness in the way they encouraged each other and celebrated each others' successes was wonderful to see. Well done to all the boys and many thanks to our supporters who were treated to some exciting cricket. P McC

