



19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a brand-new school year at Bruton Primary School! We are thrilled to have you back and excited to welcome our new students and families. This year promises to be full of learning, growth and new opportunities. We can't wait to get started together making lasting memories for all our learners in our school community.

Our Reception children and other new children across the school have already made an excellent start to school life and we hope that our Year 6 children from last year are settling in well at their new schools.

This term our school Quests take us on a journey through Ancient Greece (year 5/6), the volcanic eruption of Pompeii (year 3/4), exploring maps through the perspective of a flying 'superhero' (year 1/2) and thinking about 'Marvellous me!' (EYFS).

Our learning behaviour for this half term is 'Being Responsible'. As part of this, we all gathered in the school hall where Miss Giles presented each class with a spider plant that she has been growing over the summer. Each class has a big, and exciting, responsibility to ensure their plants continue to flourish throughout the year as we know all our pupils will. Hopefully as the year progresses, there will be some spiderettes (babies of the mother plant) to continue our family of plants!



All children then left the hall to work in different classes with groups of children of all ages. They were responsible for coming up with some games that can be played during break and lunchtimes. It was lovely to see groups of children working with others they wouldn't normally, to come up with some very creative games. We look forward to seeing the games come to life on the playground!

Mrs Bisset has challenged us all to be responsible for our belongings and to look after our property and uniform around the school as we start our new academic year.

We have also been busy linking our learning behaviours to our behaviour chart so that we now have a new and consistent behaviour chart which looks the same in every classroom and the hall. It celebrates all those occasions our children demonstrate one of our learning behaviours. The children have already enjoyed collecting House Points and being recognised as a shining example of one of our five learning behaviours.



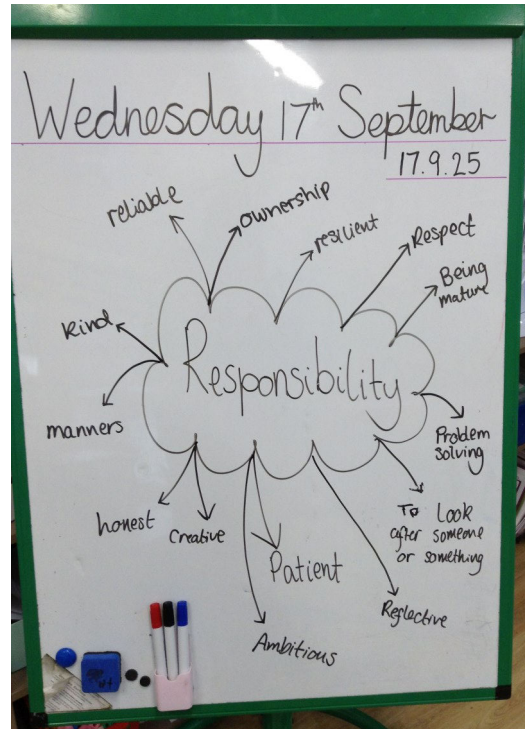
This year, we are continuing to place a strong emphasis on attendance. Being in school every day makes a real difference- not only to our children's learning, but also to their friendships and confidence. Thank you for your ongoing efforts in ensuring that your child is in school regularly and on time. Working together will ensure that all our children thrive, enjoy school and are well prepared for the future.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bisset and Miss Giles
Executive Head & Head of School

WHOLE SCHOOL

Photos from our 'Being Responsible' afternoon



EYFS & KEY STAGE ONE

Our first two weeks in Anklet & Barn Owl



KEY STAGE TWO

Musical opportunities, thanks to a generous donation

We are delighted to share that Bruton Primary School has received a generous donation from a local family, given in memory of their much-loved mum and dad. The family have kindly explained the inspiration behind their gift:

"I grew up in Bruton, along with my brother and sister, and attended Bruton Primary school, where Miss Goodwin was one of the class teachers. I remember well her enthusiasm for music and her determination to use her position to pass on her musical skills and a love of playing instruments to as many children as possible, and now work in music myself. Our parents both died recently, so this donation is made in their memory to music in Bruton Primary. It is given so that other children can continue to benefit from the enjoyment, skills and other educational benefits that are derived from learning a musical instrument and sharing the experience with others."

After speaking with the family, we are thrilled to announce that this donation will fund music opportunities for our pupils. Children in Years 3, 5, and 6 will enjoy a term of drumming lessons, while Year 4 will continue their ukulele learning in the summer term. This will continue for several years to come so all those children currently in our school, will reap the benefit of this incredibly generous donation.



Starting Primary or Secondary School Next September (2026)

If your child is due to start or transfer school in September 2026, it is now time to make your application.

Primary Phase Applications: The application window opens on 15th September and closes on 15th January 2025.

Secondary Phase Applications: The application window opened on 15th September and closes on 31st October 2024.

Click on the links below for further information and to apply.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/>

If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the **School Admissions Team** at Somerset County Council (see poster below for details).

Secondary School Open Evenings

Ansford: Thursday 2nd October, 5pm—7.30pm & Wednesday 8th October, 9.30am—11am

King Arthur's: Thursday 25th September, 4.30pm—7pm

Zambia Link Update – Exciting News!

We're thrilled to share that we're hoping to send two members of staff to Zambia this coming February.

If you're interested in getting involved, whether by supporting our fundraising efforts or simply learning more about the project, we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch via email at brutonoffice@eastsomersetfederation.co.uk



Contact Information

To ensure we hold up to date and accurate information for you and your child, please take a moment to check the details we hold for you on Arbor.



To update your details, simply navigate to your child's profile, scroll down to 'Family, Guardians & Contacts' and edit your details. Should you have any problems, please contact the school office.

Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

All unnamed lost property can be found on the dining room veranda (just behind the main carpark). If you are missing something, please have a rummage.

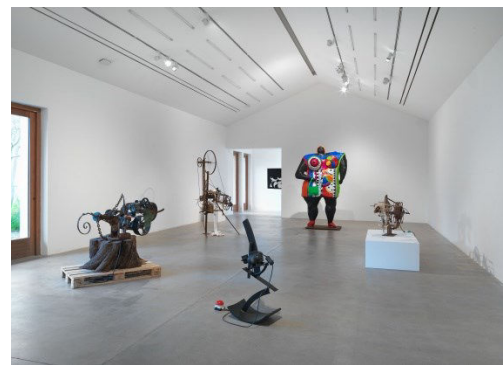
If an item of clothing is named, it will make it's way back to your child.

So just a quick reminder to label all items of clothing, bags, bottles and pots with your child's name. Everyday we collect a huge amount of discarded jumpers and coats and we would love to be able to reunite with it's owner!

Hauser & Wirth

Join us for a family-friendly exhibition tour of 'Niki de Saint Phalle & Jean Tinguely. Myths & Machines' at Hauser & Wirth Somerset before the gallery opens to the public.

The guided tour is open to all ages, led by Bloum Cardenas, Niki de Saint Phalle's granddaughter and Trustee of the Niki Charitable Art Foundation.



The Education Lab: 'Our Imaginary World' will be hosting a drop-in creative workshop between 10 am – 12 pm. The interactive session will invite visitors of all ages to reflect on art as a form of healing and empowerment.

Roth Bar will be serving brunch from 9 am, including a special menu of American pancakes and kids hot chocolates.

Tickets are free, but advance booking is essential: <https://www.hauserwirth.com/events/exhibition-tour-niki-de-saint-phalle-and-jean-tinguely-myths-and-machines/>



PSA NEWS

The PSA class cake stalls have been a brilliant way to help raise money for the PSA and class projects. They are due to return on the last Friday of each month at 3.30pm in the car park (weather permitting!)

Please note, if there's a holiday or scheduling conflict, the date may shift slightly—so do check the rota below for the confirmed dates. Each month a different class takes the lead. It would be great if you can chat within your class group to make sure there are a couple of people who can run the stall.



Cake Rota – (2025–2026)



Auklet- September 26, 2025

Barn Owl- October 24, 2025

Cuckoo - November 28, 2025

Dove - December 19, 2025

Eagle - January 30, 2026

Falcon - February 27, 2026

Goldfinch - March 27, 2026

Hawk - April 24, 2026

Ibis - May 22, 2026

Kingfisher - June 26, 2026

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Bruton Primary School is Mrs Rachael Bisset. To report a child at risk please contact Children's Social Care – 0300 123 2224

Or contact them via children@somerset.gov.uk



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There will be **guaranteed prizes** up for grabs each week including the chance to win the **£25,000 jackpot!** Keep your eyes on the Friday weekly draw to find out if you'll be a winner this week.



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OUR BRUTON

A community project to capture the character and imagination of the people of Bruton

Free to everybody of all ages with a BA10 postcode

Using a piece of white A5 size paper (148mm x 210mm)

Do whatever you like ...

Draw a picture, write a poem, press a flower, write a message ...
... it's your choice

Sign it, write your name or contact details on the back, or remain mysteriously anonymous ...
... it's up to you

Drop-off your masterpiece in the box in the entrance at Bruton Library by 30th September 2025

All submissions will be available to view in the Bruton Library
Selected pieces will be printed in

OUR BRUTON

a book that will be on sale in time for Christmas

In anticipation of overwhelming response only one entry per person

Thank you!
The Bruton Library Team



For ease of publication, you agree to give ownership of your submission to
The Frances Jane Ward Library Trust Bruton

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

CHOICE ADVICE

Advice and support on school admissions and appeals

 Call us on **01823 356 903**

 Fill in our online form
www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice

 Contact us via email
choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk
or scan the QR code



Ansford Academy

Open Evening and Open Morning

Year 6 and Year 5 families are warmly invited to attend our open events

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd October: 5.00pm until 7.30pm

Please join us to hear from our Head of School and take a tour around our school

Presentations will take place in PA2 at: 5.15pm and 6.00pm—no need to book in advance

OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 8th October: 9.30am until 11.00am

You are invited to come and see our students in action

School Tours will take place during the morning — no need to book in advance

"At Ansford we are aiming high and dreaming big"— Year 11 Head Students

We are celebrating our best GCSE results in recent years, marking a significant milestone in our school's academic journey. We are committed to creating a great place to learn, work and grow;
learning together to lead our lives

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