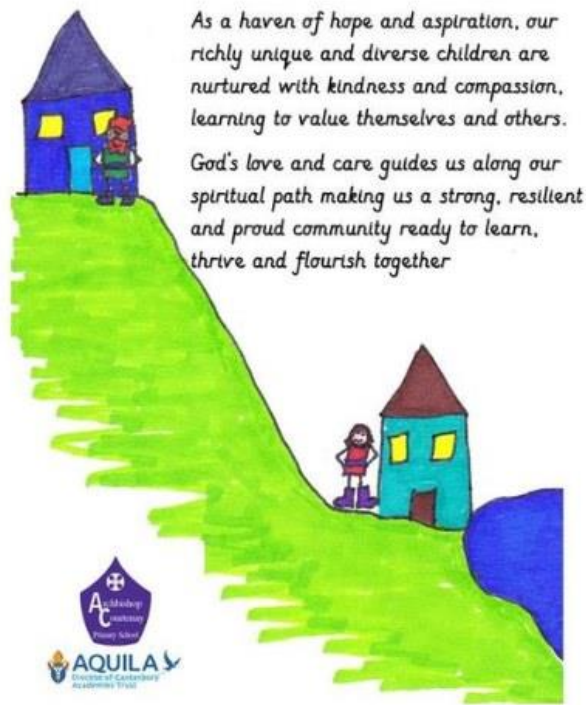




Friday 19th September FB

Archbishop Courtenay Primary School





As a haven of hope and aspiration, our richly unique and diverse children are nurtured with kindness and compassion, learning to value themselves and others.

God's love and care guides us along our spiritual path making us a strong, resilient and proud community ready to learn, thrive and flourish together

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[Mrs Heather's Welcome](#)



Happy Friday!

What glorious weather we're enjoying today—let's hope it lasts through the weekend so we can all make the most of an extended summer!

It has been absolutely fabulous to see so many parents attending our 3P workshops this week. We hope you found these sessions useful. Our children are already expressing their delight in using the 3P platform—in fact, many are asking to access it daily at school! Parental involvement with homework is a key factor in boosting pupil progress, and using 3P at home and school provides a consistent, engaging way to support your child's learning journey. Thank you for partnering with us to make this happen.

We have noticed that some children are not wearing the correct uniform. If you are experiencing any challenges providing uniform for your child, please do not hesitate to speak

to us—we are here to help. A gentle reminder: our school colours are grey and purple, and summer dresses should be yellow or purple check. Also, hoop earrings are not permitted for safety reasons; only small gold or silver studs should be worn.

Last week, I mentioned the importance of having our school apps, particularly MCAS and Dojo, installed on your devices. Thank you to those who have joined our social media family! However, there are still some families who have yet to sign up. Without these apps, you may miss important updates, which could impact your child's school experience. There's nothing worse than arriving at school unprepared because you missed an event notification.

Exciting news—Mrs Bond is currently setting up our new and improved sensory space. It's going to be phenomenal! I already love the light-up carpet; it feels like walking among the stars. This space is dedicated to children with sensory needs who require calming time or a quiet area to self-regulate.

Remember, our school offers a wide array of strategies and interventions to support our wonderful children, including access to TALK, a safe place to be listened to, and even breakfast provision. Whatever your child's needs, we are here to help—please talk to us.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a haven of hope, kindness, and aspiration.

Warm regards,

Sue Heather

Headteacher

## Information for Parents



A reminder that all families **MUST** leave the school site by 3:30pm.

This was not a decision we enjoyed making but it was necessary due to the number of incidents last year, where school property was damaged (children not being supervised on the school field and playground).

## Trips and Experiences



Our school trips and experiences will be added added to MCAS on Monday. Please look out for details. We cannot afford to provide exciting opportunities without your commitment to pay so thank you so much for supporting this special part of school life.

You can pay on MCAS or we accept cash in the office.

## Parking



Thank you for working with us to ensure safer parking.

If you are still experiencing problems would you let us know - [office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk](mailto:office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk).

Also a huge thank you for walking and only driving when absolutely necessary - this makes a huge difference.

## Wrap Around Information



## Wraparound:

<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk>

**Breakfast** (7:30am-8:30am) £4

**Social Club** (3:15pm-4:15pm) £3

**Wraparound** (3:15pm-6pm) £12

Tax-free childcare vouchers = 20% off

Universal credits = claim up to 85% back

## FOR SUPPORT CONTACT:

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## Dates for Diary



**Monday 22nd September - Girls Football Tournament Gallagher Stadium - TBC**

**Friday 26th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Friday 3rd October - KS2 Author Visit**

**Thursday 9th October - Whole School Flu Immunisation**

**Friday 10th October - Harvest Festival**

**Monday 13th October - Year 5 and year 6 Football Tournament**

**Wednesday 15th October - individual School Photographs**

**Thursday 16th October - Restart a Heart Day**

***Friday 17th October - Last Day of Term 1***

***Monday 3rd November - First Day of Term 2***

***Please note we are currently planning school trips - these will be added in due course.***

## Collective Worship



This week in Collective Worship, our focus has been on People of Faith, with a spotlight on stories from the Old Testament.

We explored the story of Joshua, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land. The children learned how Joshua showed great trust, loyalty, and faith in God, even when the journey ahead seemed uncertain. We discussed how the Israelites also had to put their trust in God, following Joshua with courage and belief.

Through this story, we reflected on what it means to trust others, be loyal friends, and have faith in ourselves and those who guide us. The children thought about times when they've

needed to show trust—at school, at home, or with friends—and how we can support each other with kindness and faith.

It's been a thoughtful and inspiring week of worship, helping us all to think about how we live out these important values in our everyday lives.

## Reception



We've had a fantastic first full week in EYFS and the children have done brilliantly settling into school life – we're so proud of how well they're taking everything in their stride!

Here's a little look at what we've been up to this week:

### Phonics:

We began our very first phonics lessons and have been learning the phonemes s, a, t, p. The children enjoyed matching objects to their initial sounds and have started practising oral blending too. You can find some home learning activities to support this on Class Dojo in the Portfolio section – feel free to give them a go at home!

### Literacy – Drawing Club:

We started Drawing Club this week and explored the lovely story *The Colour Monster*. The children chose a colour monster to draw, gave meaning to their marks, and even started to sound out some words – amazing early writing skills! During Adventure Time, we also talked about our emotions and drew pictures to show a time we felt a certain way.

### Maths:

In Maths, we've been learning all about matching – finding objects that are the same and talking about what makes them match. The children really enjoyed using lots of different resources to explore this.

### 🎨 Art – Exploring Paint & Self Portraits

In Art this week, the children had a wonderful time exploring paint and colour mixing as they began creating their own self-portraits. They looked closely at their facial features in the mirror and thought carefully about the colours and shapes they needed. It's been a brilliant opportunity for self-expression, and we loved seeing their unique personalities come through in their artwork!

We are so impressed with how well the children are adjusting to full days at school – they are doing such a great job and showing lots of enthusiasm and resilience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 1 & 2



What a fantastic week it has been here at school! We have been thoroughly engrossed in our learning, and it's wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm shining through.

In maths the children have continued their exploration of place value, deepening their understanding and developing important foundational skills. It's always exciting to watch the children grasp new concepts with such eagerness!

Our writing focus this term has been the delightful story "Aliens Love Underpants." The children in both classes have been engaging with this whimsical tale through our Drawing Club sessions. They have explored the intriguing characters, vibrant settings, and daring adventures with their great imaginations! We can't wait to see what incredible stories they create as a result.

Meanwhile, the Frank class has embarked on an imaginative journey with "Curious Quest," where they were introduced to the quirky Professor Klunk. The children are absolutely enthused, and it's heartening to witness their creativity come to life in their writing activities.

In addition to our creative subjects, we continue to delve into "My Happy Mind." This week, we have been learning about the brain and the concept of neuroplasticity, which has sparked some fantastic discussions and insights among the children. It's wonderful to see them developing a greater understanding of how their minds work!

Finally, we'd like to remind you that homework will be set every Friday through the 3P Learning online app, which includes Maths Seeds, Reading Eggs, and Mathletics. The children were buzzing with excitement after the workshop on Wednesday, and we're looking forward to their engagement with these interactive resources.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best wishes,

The KS1 Team

Year 3 & 4



Lower Key Stage 2 have launched into our learning this week in spectacular style!

In English we have started to read and develop our writing around the text "Coming to England" by Floella Benjamin. The children have been creating journeys and using a range of expanded noun phrases and adverbials of time and pace to help them sequence ideas and develop interesting and exciting paragraphs around a theme. In maths, we have continued our studies with place value and understanding how numbers work up to ten thousand and how these can be shown visually, written in word and number form and partitioned and split into chunks of various sizes. In science we have started to look at our skeletons and how despite looking different and unique on the outside - our insides share many common themes - making us not that different after all. Our history has seen us journey back in time to the year 1605 and we have begun to explore old England and the Gunpowder Plot...

Next week Year 4 pupils have the exciting opportunity to take part in the first MTC times tables competition of the year - so watch out for your special Emilie login detail slips (coming home next week)!

Please can you remember to send your child to school in their SCHOOL PE kit on Monday - correct kits gains them and their house team a valuable house point! - Gravity socks are perfect for Gymnastics in the hall.

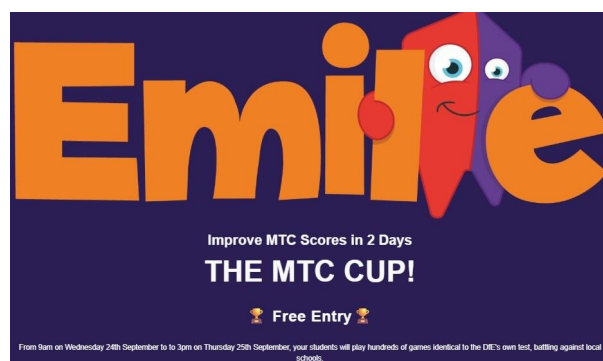
Please can you ensure your child has a pencil case and stationary for school learning - as lovely as the floppy bendy rulers are they are breaking, so a regular 30cm shatter proof ruler would be better for school.

Please can all clothing (jumpers, hoodies, coats) be named!

Your child should have brought home their Lexia, Reading Eggs and Mathseeds login details last week. Please remember that Lexia can only be accessed through a PC/laptop and not a mobile phone.

Have a wonderful weekend

The LKS2 Team



*1 - Next week Year 4 pupils will be taking part in our first MTC Cup challenge of the year - so brush up on your times tables this weekend!*

## Year 5 & 6



Hello everyone! 🙌

We've had such a busy and exciting week at school and we'd love to tell you all about it...

### Maths

We have been learning all about *place value* and practising with numbers. We also met Matt from **3P Learning** who showed us how to use **Mathletics** – it looks really fun and we can't wait to try it at home and in school! 🍌

### English

In English, we found out about two amazing women: **Bessie Coleman** ✈️ (the first African-American woman to get her pilot's licence) and **Mae Jemison** 🚀 (the first African-American woman to go into space). Their stories inspired us and made us think about being brave and following our dreams. ✨

### Science

We started our new topic about **Forces**. We tested different objects on a ramp to see how quickly they would slide. We discovered that friction makes some objects go slower than others! It was like being real scientists! 🔬

### PE

In gymnastics, we have been practising different *balances* and trying to hold them steady. In netball, we learnt some new skills and worked together as a team to get better at the game.



We have had so much fun and can't wait to learn even more next week! 🌈

## Contact Us



**We are here to help you so please never be afraid to get in touch**

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