



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Learning Together, Learning For Life

Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

Diary Dates

13/10/2025 – Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge

17/10/2025- Wear Red- Stand Up to Racism

22/10 and 23/10 – Parents Evenings

23/10/2025 – End Of Term

24/10/2025 – Inset Day

03/11/2025 – Term 2 begins, clubs restart

24/11/2025 – Nasal Flu Vaccines

25/11/2025 – School Photos

28/11/2025 – Clubs end

05/12/2025 – Christmas Fair

19/12/2025 – End Of Term



WOW! OUTSTANDING NEWS

TOTAL = £22,597

We are delighted to announce that the total money raised by the pupils, parents, families and community has exceeded the target. This is phenomenal and just in one year. All our fundraising efforts have been rewarded with the purchase of some outdoor equipment that was erected during the summer holidays. So far, there is a hand built, larch wood, outdoor classroom and two dens. This is only the first phase and there are plans in place to add more structures and play features over the year. The work has been carried out by Big Wood Play, who are a local company from Radstock. All their work is bespoke and built on site to specifications. We are truly grateful to you all - THANK YOU – Such facilities make such a positive impact to the teaching and learning and well-being of our pupils.

Outdoor learning has already started in each year group and the pupils are benefiting from these new additions.

Thomas 3B – ‘There’s a lot of shelter and space for people to sit down. The den is good for playing Stone Age- it’s like a cave’.

Maisie 5R – ‘I really like it- the classroom has more space. The ramp helps wheelchairs to get in. The tall den is quite small inside, I like looking out of the windows.’



We look forward to inviting you into the Playscape to see the wonderful construction at an event or after school very soon.



The outdoor classroom can seat a class of pupils and the central table used for learning resources. There is a wooden ramp for easier accessibility and roll down blinds to help everyone shelter from wind or rain.



And there's more to come... The Parish Council have awarded our PTA with £10,000 which must be spent over a few years to enhance the community outdoor spaces. The plan and implementation for spending this donation is in its very early stages and your support is very welcome on the PTA; come along to the meetings to share your suggestions and help to make the best of our wonderful school grounds and areas.

Voice 21

Over the next 3 years, the school is committed to developing the oracy skills of the pupils. This will also have an impact on the teaching and learning and the overall development of the curriculum. It will become an integral part of lessons and culture of the school.

Oracy skills set children up for success in school and life. In Voice 21 schools, the pupils will be encouraged and taught how to solve problems collaboratively in maths and dissect arguments in history, talk through conflicts in the playground and lead assemblies. Like reading, writing and maths, children can learn oracy skills and they are vital to every aspect of school, work and creating healthy relationships with other people.

In school, oracy is a powerful tool for learning; by teaching students to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. It is also a route to social mobility, empowering all students, not just some, to find their voice to succeed in school and life.

All members of staff and pupils will be engaging in the training and implementation of this whole school approach to developing oracy skills. We look forward to sharing with you the impact of this incredible resource.

Congestion

At drop off and pick up it can be very congested around the gate as Year 3 are waiting to go into class, or being collected. Please be mindful not to block the entrance as many people still need to access the gate to get to other areas, including the infant school.



House Captains



Last week, many year 6 children prepared incredible speeches and presented at their House meeting. The standard of speeches was excellent; after a democratic vote by the pupils, these are the elected House and Vice Captains for 2025-2026.

Ash- Ethan and Matilda **Beech- Louie and Jacob**

Elm- Tega and Ira **Oak- Leo and Maia**

The representatives for the Eco Club, School Council and Reading Ambassadors are:

<u>Eco Club Members</u>	<u>School Council Members</u>	<u>Reading Ambassadors</u>
Dylan	Hugo	Aria
Winnie	Ben	Arabella
Elsie	Solomon	Phoebe
Meredith	Max	Rajana
Marley-Bay	Harry	Violet
Rhys	Devon	Kiera
Maddie	Kacper	Esme
Ellis	Minnie	Florence
Cole	Matilda	
Nia		
Alice		
Archie		
Olivia		
Kiera		
Hannah		

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Each October, Show Racism the Red Card hold a national fundraising day across the UK for schools, organisations and individuals to show their support and raise awareness for anti-racism. At Paulton Junior School, we will be encouraging everyone to join in by **wearing red** on **Friday 17th October** to show their support for this important message. During the week, we will be learning in PSHE and assemblies about Inclusion and how to build a greater understanding for diversity and difference within our community.



Harvest

Foodbank Donations

We will be sending a collection to Bath, Keynsham and Somer Valley Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations. In preparation for this, we are asking for a small donation for our food collection. Please refer to the list below with regards to the food needed.

Please feel free to bring in your donation anytime throughout this week and give it to your class teacher. Please ensure any donations are in school by **Friday 3rd October**

PE days in Term 1

On P.E days, the children will wear their P.E kit to school, including a House T-shirt. Only school jumpers should be worn with **navy** or black shorts, skorts or leggings and trainers. (Trainers are NOT worn on a school uniform day)

Year 3- Monday and Friday

Year 4- Monday and Wednesday

Year 5- Wednesday and Thursday

Year 6- Wednesday(swimming) and Friday

All details for the school uniform requirements are available on the school website. Thank you for all children who have worn correct PE kit. If your child has a sports after-school club, it is preferred that they have their PE kit to change into at school, before the club starts.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Why not become a school governor? Come and see Mrs Rawlings to find out about the role and how you can support the school: pupils, staff and the community. Either telephone 01761 418137 or come into school to see her.

We need **new parent and community governors**. Do you have a passion for improving our children's education? Our school governors are volunteers from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience who all share a common interest in striving for the best possible education, for the children in our school. Induction and support is given to all new governors.



During the holiday, we have improved our outside space with 4 new portable basketball nets, a sports themed mural on the container and a new fence around the trim trail. It all looks so much better; encourages our pupils to be physically active and healthy during play time and in PE lessons.



Download the NEW

BaNES Child and Family Health App



The school nursing team have requested that we inform you of the Banes Child and Family App that is free to download. This will give you very useful information about local services and medical or well being support.





Scan the QR code or search for
BaNES Child and Family Health App
baneschildandfamily.co.uk



SASS= Specialist Autism Support Service- Events for Families

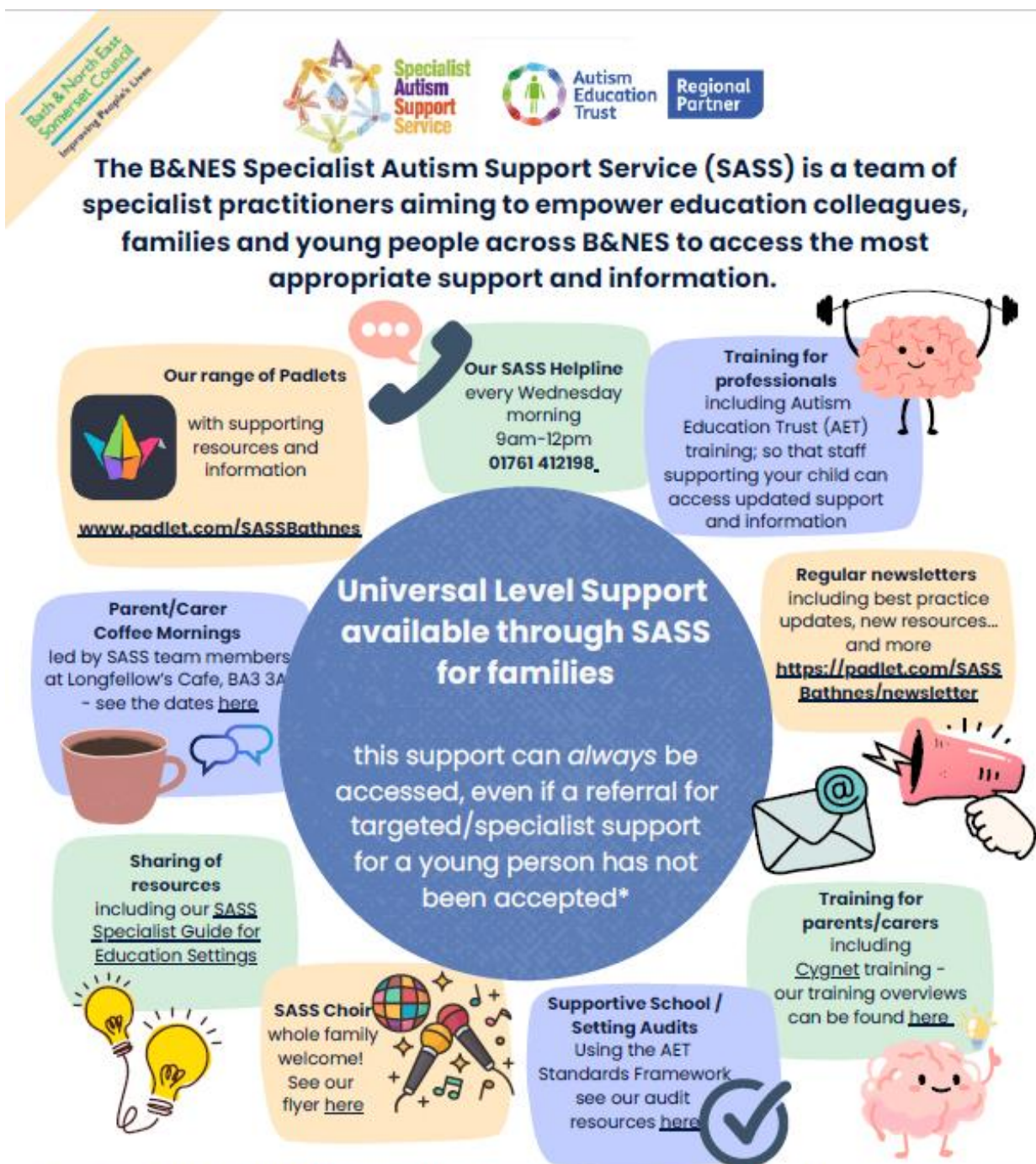
SASS are offering the following events for parents and carers to attend, to access support within a friendly and supportive environment including **some** which are now accessible for parents/carers of children and young people who are identifying as autistic or who are on the diagnostic pathway:

EVENT	WHEN?	WHERE?	WHAT IS IT?
SASS Coffee Mornings 	6 x Wednesdays 9.00-11.30am 10 th September 12 th November 14 th January 4 th March 25 th April 10 th May	Longfellow's Cafe, Longfellow Road, Radstock BA3 3AL	<p>SASS Coffee mornings are a non-judgmental space for parents, grandparents and carers of autistic young people (either diagnosed, waiting for diagnosis, or self-identifying as autistic) to get together and ask questions or share experiences.</p> <p>The gatherings are hosted by SASS team members who will bring resources and themes to talk about, as well as signposting to useful information, with regular guests such as the Parent Carer Forum, SENDIAS and Bright Start Children's Centre.</p> <p>No need to book, please just turn up. Your first drink is free!</p>
SASS Community Choir 	6 x Wednesdays 4.00-5.00pm 15 th October 10 th December 28 th January 11 th March 6 th May 24 th June	Fosse Way School, Longfellow Road, Radstock BA3 3AL (waiting area available from 3.30pm with refreshments, for those coming straight from school)	<p>The SASS Community Choir is led by the fabulous Tim Parker, supported by the SASS team. This is a choir for autistic* young people and their families including siblings, parents/carers and grandparents. Music provides a unique way to connect with others, with singing having many health and wellbeing benefits, so join us to enjoy some singing together within a fun, friendly and supportive environment. Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session. No need to book ahead; just turn up.</p> <p><i>*whether you are diagnosed, waiting for diagnosis, or self-identify as autistic.</i></p>

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Understanding autistic identity - Year 6 and upwards 	Tuesday, December 2nd 10am - 12.15pm led by Beci Burr and Jess Clark	Fosse Way School, Longfellow Road, Radstock BA3 3AL	<p>A range of information to support parent carers of autistic children and young people - as well as those awaiting diagnosis or who identify as autistic - to feel more confident discussing both the strengths of their autistic young person, and also the life challenges which may present.</p> <p>This will include looking at common questions which your young person, or other family members, may ask you, with discussions around ways to reply which are neuro-affirming.</p>
Supporting your child understand their autistic identity - Early Years and Primary 	Thursday, December 4th 10am - 12.15pm led by Sarah Keilty and Jazz Nash	Fosse Way School, Longfellow Road, Radstock BA3 3AL	<p>We explore books, online resources and neurodivergent role models to support your young person with developing a positive sense of self.</p> <p>Wherever you are in your understanding of autistic identity, the trainers will set up a non-judgmental and safe space to explore ideas.</p> <p>To book, please email sass@fossewayschool.com or call 01761 412198 - Extension SASS</p>

Free to parents and carers of autistic children - or children on the diagnostic pathway - living in B&NES.

Here is a parent/carer overview for families including a link to the SASS Parent Padlet:
<https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/ParentSupport>



The infographic features a central blue circle with the text "Universal Level Support available through SASS for families" and "this support can *always* be accessed, even if a referral for targeted/specialist support for a young person has not been accepted*". Surrounding this central circle are eight colorful callout boxes, each with an icon and text describing a service. The top left has a logo for Bath & North East Somerset Council. The top center has logos for Specialist Autism Support Service, Autism Education Trust, and Regional Partner. The top right has a brain icon with weights. The bottom right has a brain icon with a lightbulb. The bottom center has a checkmark icon.

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

Specialist Autism Support Service

Autism Education Trust

Regional Partner

The B&NES Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) is a team of specialist practitioners aiming to empower education colleagues, families and young people across B&NES to access the most appropriate support and information.

Our range of Padlets
with supporting resources and information
www.padlet.com/SASSBathnes

Our SASS Helpline
every Wednesday morning
9am-12pm
01761 412198

Training for professionals
including Autism Education Trust (AET) training; so that staff supporting your child can access updated support and information

Regular newsletters
including best practice updates, new resources... and more
<https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/newsletter>

Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings
led by SASS team members at Longfellow's Cafe, BA3 3AA
- see the dates [here](#)

Sharing of resources
including our [SASS Specialist Guide for Education Settings](#)

SASS Choir
whole family welcome!
See our flyer [here](#)

Supportive School / Setting Audits
Using the AET Standards Framework see our audit resources [here](#)

Training for parents/carers
including [Cygnet](#) training - our training overviews can be found [here](#)

Universal Level Support available through SASS for families
this support can *always* be accessed, even if a referral for targeted/specialist support for a young person has not been accepted*

*Our universal offer is available to those with a B&NES home address, between the ages of 0-18, or those residing in B&NES with an EHCP aged between 18-25. It is available to all professionals working in B&NES. No autism diagnosis is required to access our coffee mornings, SASS Choir or our parent workshops on supporting diagnosis/autistic identity. We will not request confirmation of diagnosis when you initially call our Wednesday helpline.



For information about training and events, and one-page profiles of the team members, please visit: <https://padlet.com/SASSBathnes/Updates>

Where support to implement best practice regarding autism and SEND is required, please also consider contacting the **Inclusion and SEND Advice Service**:
<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/inclusion-and-send-advice-service>

Community News



**COME AND JOIN US AT
NORTON RADSTOCK
SWIMMING CLUB**

A friendly and inclusive Swim England affiliated club.

JOIN OUR CLUB...
DOWNSIDE SCHOOL, STRATTON-ON-THE-FOSSE

Open to all swimmers that have reached Swim England's
Learn to Swim Stage 7 that want to swim for fitness, wellbeing
or competition.



For more information or to
request a trial visit nrsc.org.uk