

Happy New Year!

Welcome back... I hope you and your families had a lovely restful holiday. This week started for staff on Tuesday with an Inset day on Attachment and Trauma-informed practice which was led by an expert from KCA and comes as we are finalising our new Relationships and Behaviour Policy. It was a great way to start the week and since then it has been lovely to see the children returning to school (and to welcome several new children to the Southville family too). The Relationships and Behaviour policy is driven by our values and I am looking forward to being able to share it with you soon.

Weduc Launch... Final preparations are underway for us to make the switch to Weduc for all school—to-home communications from next week. On our system we can see that there has been an excellent take-up already so thank you if you have downloaded the app and logged on already.

The timeline will be as follows:

Friday 13th January: The Newsfeed function will be used for the Friday news updates. We will no longer be emailing out a pdf newsletter. You will receive separate updates for whole school news, your child's year group news, PTA news, Community news and Club news. The whole school news will be weekly and the others may vary in length and frequency but we will try to maintain a balance between keeping you updated whilst avoiding saturation. We will usually keep Fridays as the 'news day' to help with this.

From Monday 16th January: The Calendar will be up to date for the remainder of the school year and the 'Notifications' will be used for short notice reminders. The email messaging service will also be live – this means that if we send you an email it will appear in the app and will also be duplicated to your email inbox directly.

If you have not yet downloaded the app, you can do so for free from wherever you usually get your apps. You should have been sent instructions for how to log in during the week beginning the 9th December so please check your email for these and please get in touch if you have any difficulties.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Safeguarding & Mentoring

Practical and informative online sessions from your expert team of local School Health Nurses. https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/school-health-nursing/school-nursing-webinars-parents-

<u>carers</u> - Our webinars lasts between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.

Dental health

Our School Health Nursing Team will give advice on tooth brushing and tooth decay.

Book session: 1 February 2023, 13:30-14:30



Upcoming BAS activities

Supporting Distress & Behaviours that Challenge, starting Tuesday 10th January (10am) for 6 weeks.

A six week support and discussion group for parents and carers of children that present with behaviours that parents / carers may find challenging. Online group. No diagnosis is required to join. Click here for more information and to book.

All About Autism: 18th January 11am - 1pm, Junction 3 Library & Learning Centre, Easton

This session is for parents and carers who are awaiting an autism assessmen for their child, have recently received a diagnosis for their child or those who just generally want to know more about autism. Click here for more information and to book.

Exploring Neurodiversity: Friday 13th January 10am-12.30pm

An online indformation session looking at neurodiversity. Click here for more information and to book.

DLA & Other Benefits: Friday 3rd February 10am-1pm

An online indformation session looking at Disability Living Allowance, other benefits and services you may be eligible to access. <u>Click here for more information and to book.</u>

Coffee Mornings / Meet Up's

Join us for a casual chat with a cuppa at any of our coffee mornings. No Need to book just turn up on the day, our volunteers will have lanyards and table stands so will be easy to find. Children are welcome.

January Dates:

Gloucester Rd: Monday 9th January 10-11am. Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Rd, Bishopston, BS7 8PE

Bedminster: Monday 16th January 10-11am. Grounded, 66-68 Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4HL Easton: Friday 27th January, 10-11am. Thali Cafe, St Marks Rd, BS5 6JH

Sensory Play & Support Group: 12th January, 11am-12pm

You can talk with our volunteers and your child can enjoy the large sensory room. Imperial Sports Ground, West Town Lane, Brislington, BS14 9EA. <u>Click here for more information and to book.</u>

OPAL developments

We have started our next phase developing our playgrounds across both sites with the support of our fantastic PTA. Over the Christmas holidays we had the structures built for 2 new 'massive' sandpits.



The children were really, really excited to see these new structures. I'm now working with a parent to get the base layer of aggregate delivered and filled before we install the membrane and finally get the tonnes of sand delivered that will be needed to fill these beauties!!!

We are working really hard to get this done as quickly as possible.

The near future

We are working with the PTA to finalise the funding for the new Play structure at Merrywood. Thank you everyone for your efforts in raising the money for this. Hopefully we will be able to get this finalised and ordered in the next week.





At Myrtle we have a paved and covered dance space due to be constructed. This space will provide the children with a performance area. We will purchase a disco ball and a sound system with lighting to give the children the full D.I.S.C.O experience every lunchtime.

We are really excited about the future and the choices the children will have in their play.

OPAL developments cont.

Donations

For our sandpit spaces we would like to ask for

- Small hand trowels
- Rounded brick laying trowels

The children will also want to make sandcastles so any spare good quality plastic sandcastles!

Fruit trees

Many thanks to all those who have requested a fruit tree.

I have passed the information to our contact in BCC and the trees The trees are scheduled to arrive on site week beginning 9th January. When we have taken delivery of the trees a message will be sent out for collection.

Windows at Merrywood

We are pleased to see that the wooden boards have been taken down from the windows and been replaced by Perspex. We now move on to the next phase / challenge of getting the windows 'fixed'

We will keep you updated



IRIS ParentMail

Lunch Booking for next term

Please remember to book all children's meals in advance on ParentMail.

All menus are now on ParentMail showing the meals planned for each day. If your child has a dietary requirement, you will not need to select this on ParentMail menus as the report for the kitchen will flag this up, if your child has new dietary needs, please ensure the office are aware.

At Myrtle, if you don't book a school meal, we will assume your child is having a packed lunch. If they are found not to have a packed lunch, we will be calling you to pay for the hot meal we have provided.

At Merrywood, preschoolers if you don't book a school meal, we will assume your child is having a packed lunch. If they are found not to have a packed lunch, we will be calling you to either drop a packed lunch into the office or call the office to provide a card payment for the hot meal

Non preschoolers if you don't book a school meal, we will assume your child is having a hot meal unless they've brought a packed lunch with them.

Please do remember to discuss your child's lunch selection with them so it is not a surprise at lunch time leading to upset or disappointment.

Year Group Updates

Nursery

Happy New Year to you all!

It's been so great to see all the smiling Seahorses back in class this week. It seems like lots of fun and adventures were had over the holiday, the children have loved sharing their news with us.

This week we have been settling back into Nursery life and enjoying playing with our friends again.

Over the next few weeks you may notice a few new faces; we have our new January starters joining us in Nursery class, these are children who have recently turned three and are now old enough to begin their Seahorse journey with us. So keep your eyes peeled to welcome in those new families and children.

Heres to a wonderful term ahead, we'll be back next week with more news and info.

Kind regards, The Seahorse team

Reception

Dear Families,

We hope you have a wonderful and restful winter break. Our focus for next week is planets and we will be looking at names and facts for each planet in our solar system, as well as singing songs and doing lots of planet craft!

Each week our children will be accessing resources from our continuous provision. Here are our specific focuses for the next week:

Area of Learning	Week beginning 09.01.22	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	PSHE - Never giving up Zones of Regulation	
Communication and Language	Asking and answering questions about space Question word - "why?"	
Physical Development	PE focus for the term: balance, jumping and landing	
Literacy	 Focus Text: Look Inside Space Phonics - ur, ow, oi, ear and tricky words was, you, they Writing task - writing based on How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers Group reading sessions 	
Mathematics	Comparing mass and capacity	
Understanding the World	 Forest School - Thursday 12th January - Jellyfish Class RE - why are some times special? Space focus - planets 	
Expressive Arts and Design	A range of Forest School craft Songs about space Papier mache planets	
Characteristic of Effective Learning focus	Creating and Thinking Critically: Having your own ideas	

Reception cont.

Additional Information

Staff Gifts

Thank you for all the lovely cards and presents before the holidays. All of our staff were delighted to receive such wonderful and thoughtful gifts.

Forest School Information

The next forest sessions are as follows:

Jellyfish: 12th January Octopus: 19th January Starfish: 26th January Jellyfish: 2nd February Octopus: 9th February

Please can you ensure your children are wrapped up warm for the winter season. As always, please see your class teacher or email the office if you are available to volunteer for any of the above dates this term.

Day changes

There will be a few changes this term, please see below:

- Starfish book change will now take place on Fridays each week
- Mr Suanes will be teaching Monday afternoons in Jellyfish class.

PΕ

This term's PE will be taking place in the hall so the children can wear shorts/leggings/trousers, a t-shirt and pumps/trainers.

Newspaper

We will be starting papier mache planets next week and would be very grateful for donations of newspapers you may have at home.

Space

We would love to speak to any space experts this term. If you or someone you know has a career or expertise in this area and would be keen to come into school to talk to the children about it, please let us know!

Year 1

The children had lots of fun during our 'hook' day this week for our new topic 'Let's Play!' We discussed old and new toys, identified the materials they were made from and played with our toys alongside our friends.

Bear Class Parents' Evening - Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th January

PE days this term:

Badgers - Wednesday and Friday

Bears - Wednesday and Monday

Butterflies - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2

Welcome back and happy new year!

This week we have started our new topic *The Power of Pictures* by having a go at communicating solely through drawing and by reading the first part of Roald Dahl's *The Twits* and looking at the illustrations. We have made some disgusting Mr Twit beards and written descriptions of him. Our focus in maths for the next few weeks is on multiplication and division. Homework and spelling lists for this term are now available on Google Classroom.

PE this term will revert to the timetable from term 1:

Fox - Tuesdays and Fridays

Falcon - Mondays and Tuesdays

Flamingo - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Flamingo Class had a great time in the forest on Wednesday. Thank you to our parent helpers who came along. There is still space for a helper next week (11th) - please let Ms Charnock know if you are able to help.

Fox Class start their Forest School sessions on the 25th and already have two helpers who have volunteered for this. Please let Mr Pearce know if you are able to help out on the morning of either the 1st of 8th February.

In week 3, each year 2 class will have a short trip to St Paul's church. Information about this trip will be sent out separately.

Year 3

We have been very impressed with how the children have settled back into the new term and the enthusiasm they have shown towards our Roman topic! Thank you for the huge amount of effort that went into the children's costumes for our topic day - everyone looked fantastic!

Lantern parade

We are really excited to be joining this year's Bedminster Winter Lantern parade which will take place on Saturday 28th January (weather permitting and also dependent of the results of a football match at Ashton Gate). Please look out for a letter containing more information in your child's book bag today.

Roman Baths trip

Thank you to those who have offered to help on this trip, the office will be in contact with you next week to confirm if you are needed. If you haven't paid for the trip, please do so online.

Year 4

PE - swimming on Monday and outdoor PE Friday.

Homework and Spellings are now on google classroom.

Year 5

We would like to wish you all a very happy New Year!

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Loughran is pregnant and will be having her second child this summer. Mr Bowman will be in touch nearer the time to share plans for staff handovers.

Next Friday 13th January, Y5 will be visited in school by the Explorer Dome to learn more about our new Space topic. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to enable this to take place.

Lion class timetable:

- Tuesday afternoon: Change library books in the outside library.
- Tuesday: PE indoors with Bristol Sport
- Thursday: PE outside with Mr Goddard please remember a warm jumper and waterproof coat too.
- Friday morning: Drop Everything and Read. Please bring levelled books and reading records.
- Homework and spelling a paper copy of the term's spellings and homework has been sent home and has been posted on Google classroom. Please can homework be returned on Wednesdays (either online or paper-copies). Spelling and time table checks will take place on Fridays.

Leopard Class timetable:

- During term 3 Leopard class PE days will be Tuesday and Thursdays. Please come to school in sports kit and also bring a coat.
- We will visit the Library usually on Mondays now, to swap books.
- Reading records and levelled book changes will continue as usual on Fridays during Drop
 Everything and Read (DEAR) please bring in your books <u>every</u> Friday.
- Spelling and mental arithmetic tests will continue weekly on Fridays.
- Forest school visits will be on the three first Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th in the afternoon.
- The homework summary was sent home last term on paper and will continue to be posted on Google Classroom, each Wednesday to be returned online, the following Wednesday.

Lemur class:

Happy New Year \bigcirc Here are the key changes to our timetable as well as any reminders if needed.

- During term 3, Lemur class PE days will be Tuesday and Thursdays. Please come to school in sports kit and also bring a coat.
- We will visit the Library on Thursdays to swap books. Please bring your book to return or renew on this day.
- Reading records and levelled book changes will continue as usual on Fridays. We will do this
 during Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) please bring in your books every Friday.
- Spelling and mental arithmetic tests will continue weekly on Thursdays.
- The homework summary was sent home on Thursday 05.12.23 on paper and posted on Google Classroom. Please submit each Wednesday to be returned online, the following Wednesday.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. The Y5 team.

Year 6

Dear parents/carers,

In case you did not receive the year 6 email, please note our PE is now on a Thursday and Friday for the whole year group. Please could you ensure your children come dressed in suitable PE kit.

As it is the first Friday of term, homework and spellings are now live on Google Classrooms.

Best wishes,

The Y6 team.

Reminder – closing date for Reception 2023 application 15th January 2023

The closing date to make a Reception application for September 2023 is fast approaching.

For families living in Bristol, the preferred method of application is online at New reception primary school place (bristol.gov.uk) It is quick and easy to apply, without the risk of the application form being lost in the post.

Families can also apply using a paper application form. Please send completed application forms to School Admissions by email at school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk.



What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check the guidance on applying for schools - available at www.bristol. gov.uk/schooladmissions, or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community schools the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. Contact the school directly for further details on open days.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 15 January 2023.

School Admissions (CH) Bristol City Council PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS19NE www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions e school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk t 0117 903 7694



Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 15 January 2023.

Apply online www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Chess Club

Term 3 is now available to book in ParentMail. Pay for a term in advance, for your child to enjoy Chess Club.

Mondays at Merrywood from 3:30 – 4:30 for Reception to Year 2 children

<u>Tuesdays</u> at Myrtle from 3:15 – 4:15 for Year 3 to Year 6







Bookings are open now for Creativity

Club in terms 3 & 4 Bookable upfront on a first come first served basis, if you wanted to pay in instalments we recommend signing up to Clearpay before hand as the places can go fast. The listings are scheduled for 6pm - refresh your browser to see them appear!

Info can be found

here: www.chandosatelier.co.uk/after-school-creativityclubs and you can click through to book once the listings are live at 6pm on Fri.



Acting Out classes help develop communication, self esteem, self confidence and mostly we have lots and lots of fun!

Our drama club helps children to find their own voices and develop creativity, make friends grow in confidence in a safe and fun environment. Our Sessions include games, vocal work, imagination, storytelling, improvisation, and most important lots and lots of fun.

For more details on us and what we do please check out our website www.actingoutdrama.com

Classes for the new <u>Reception</u> will start on <u>Thursday 12th January – Thursday 9th February – Merrywood - 15:30 – 16:30</u>

Classes for <u>KS1</u> next term will start on **Tuesday 10th January – Tuesday 7th February – Merrywood - 15:30 – 16:30**

Classes for <u>KS2</u> next term will start on **Wednesday 11th January**— **Wednesday 8th February** - **Myrtle** - **in the Music Room 15:15** — **16:15**

If you would like your child to join, please complete the registration form and photographs permission forms below

https://goo.gl/forms/ZGnxev6FuBtZlf453 https://goo.gl/forms/OnVcHrCRH089X8XA3

We will confirm by email you to let you know if your child has a place in drama club. Once your child's place has been confirmed please make payment of £30 (£6 a week) for term 3 by BACS (using your child's full name as reference) to Acting Out Ltd

Account Number: 92398568. Sort Code: 608371 Account Name: Acting Out Ltd.

Please encourage the children to bring a water bottle and a snack as drama can be hungry work.

Looking forward to meeting them



Jacqui Ham Acting Out Drama

http://www.actingoutdrama.com Tel: 07956962422 email: enquiries@actingoutdrama.com

https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-infant/

Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

Southville Infant School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn up!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-infant/

After School Club: Spring Term

1h After School: 3:30-4:30pm

Spring Term 2023 Dates as followed:

Week Commencing - 04/01/2023 to 31/03/2023

Tuesday

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday



Please visit the link to book your child's place.

If you have difficulties with payment or have further questions you can contact us on live chat kidsclub.org.uk

Southville Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to offer our clubs this term, led by our kind DBS certified expert instructors at your school.

No materials are required, your child simply needs to turn up!

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

https://www.kidsclub.org.uk/book/southville-junior/

After School Club: Spring Term

1h After School: 3:15-4:15pm

Spring Term 2023 Dates as followed:

Week Commencing - 04/01/2023 to 31/03/2023

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday









We have been busy setting out our event plans for 2023 - we have lots in store for you all!

If you have any ideas for events you would like to see in 2023 please get in touch with your class representative or email southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com with your ideas.

A quick reminder of your class representatives:

Cohort	Class	Class Representative(s)	
Pre-School	Seahorse	Kate Myers	
Reception	Starfish	Laura Keedwell	
	Jellyfish	Pippa Jones	
	Octopus	Steven Ginnis	
YI	Butterflies	Helen Donaldson	Jodie Partington
	Bears	Susie Carnaby	Kirsty Whayman
	Badgers	Lucy Pook	Kate Yardley
Y2	Flamingo	Helen Beach	
	Falcon	Zara Rattray	Zoe Cullington
	Fox	Rebecca Schillabeer	Laura Rey
Y3	Hedgehog	Emma McCormack	Faye Johnson
	Heron	Vicky Canfield Duthie	
	Honeybee	Kate Myers	
Y4	Koala	Tara Yapp	Jemma Roberts
	Kangaroos	Kate Ploughman	Caroline Bennet-Clark
	Kiwi	Sonia Adams	
Y5	Leopard	Emma McCormack	Helen Beach
	Lion	Charlotte Todd Brady	
	Lemur	Elizabeth Haylett Clark	
Y6	Pelican	Kata Komar	
	Penguins	Alex Leigh	
	Puffins	Natalie Sanfilippo	

Role		
PTA Chair	Helen Beach	
Vice Chair	Sonia Adams	Charlotte Todd Brady
Secretary	Emma McCormack	Alex Leigh
Treasurer	Liz Newton	

Contact: Southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com

Beginners Ball Reception Year:

12th January 5-6pm: We would like to welcome all the reception children to come along to their Beginners Ball - their first disco at Southville Primary!



Would you like to come along and have a drink whilst your children have a disco? Come along and get to know other reception parents! We will be running a licensed bar for the duration of the disco!

CASH ONLY BAR- please ensure you bring cash with you as we currently have no card payment facility.

Tickets are £6 for one adult and one child, or £5 for just your child to attend. Children will receive a small snack and drinks.

We can only offer 1 adult ticket per child to start with, this is due to the capacity of the hall.

Please book your tickets via PTA Events:

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta/

It will also give you the option to volunteer at the disco to help run the bar - you do not have to be a reception parent to help!

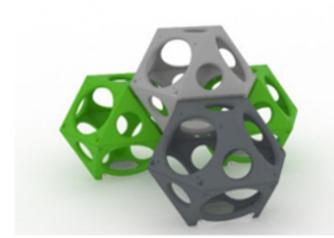
Funding Request:

In order to develop the main playground at Merrywood the school has extensively researched different options for a climbing structure. Details of the structure can be found below:

Hags Large Play Cube:

This play cube structure is both innovative, engaging and allows the children to be imaginative in their play using the structure.

The structure provides the children with a number of opportunities within their play.





It also provides the children with the opportunity to utilise their 'Loose parts' play using the structure.

We will be voting on funding this project at our next meeting (details below). We will ensure we have funds in the account for us to continue our commitment to 'normal' events which we pay for. If you wish to cast a vote, you will need to attend the meeting on zoom or in person.

PTA Meeting:

The next PTA meeting will be held at Myrtle Site next Tuesday 10th January 7.30pm

Zoom Details:

Topic: Southville Primary PTA Meeting Jan 2023

Time: Jan 10, 2023 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79145374682?pwd=FVP5Seau7USEYG81kdOjeaOMcANiiA.1

Meeting ID: 791 4537 4682

Passcode: Southvill3

The agenda for the meeting has been sent to your class representatives.

Upcoming Events:

12th January- Beginners Ball Reception Year Only

24th February - Quiz Night

Community News



Practical and informative online sessions from your expert team of local School Health Nurses.

Our webinars lasts between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.



Topics include:

- Keeping your child happy and healthy
- Healthy eating and physical activity
- Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Eating disorder awareness
- Dental health
- Sleep

Find out more and book your free space: cchp.nhs.uk/schoolnursewebinars



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Community Children's Health Partnership

Bristol Early Years Speech and Language Therapy Team

Baby Talk How to help your baby learn to talk

A 1-hour session for parents and carers of children 0-18months living in Bristol

Online session via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 18/01/23 10am Wednesday 01/03/23 10am

Come and find out: What do babies need to learn? How communication develops – what to expect & when. What we can do to help your baby develop, feel safe

Book a place via: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/babyor email sirona.sltearlyyears@nhs.net

Sirona care & health, 2nd Floor, Kingswood Civic Centre High Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS159TR

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Early Years Telephone Drop-in 0300 125 6904

Telephone advice

session for parents

(pre-school)

of children

aged 0-4 years

living in Bristol

Tuesdays 9.30am-12pm (during term time)

> Call to chat to one of our Speech & **Language Therapists for** advice and find out about available support.



The phone lines can get busy, but pleas do call back!

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North Bristol Early Years Speech & Language **Therapy Team**



Community Children's Health Partnership

Early Years Telephone Drop-in

0300 125 6279

Wednesday 9.30am- 12pm

(during term time)



South Bristol Early Years Speech & Language Therapy Team

Call to chat to one of our Speech & Language Therapists for advice and find out about available support.



The phone lines can get busy, but please do call back!

Telephone advice session for parents of children aged 0-4 years living in Bristol (pre-school)

Call to chat to one of our Speech & Language Therapists for advice and find out about available support.



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THE INNS COURT CENTRE 10:30-12:30

29th Sep, 20th Oct, 17th Nov, 1st Dec, 12th Jan, 23rd Feb, 23rd Mar, 27th Apr, 11th May, 22nd Jun, 6th July





1 Marshall Walk, Knowle BS4 1TR Car Park: Free Buses: M1



