



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

What an afternoon we had at Sports Day 2026!

Although it was certainly a hot one, a huge thank you to all of our amazing students for their incredible levels of participation and House spirit. It was a wonderful and joyous afternoon, with students enthusiastically cheering on their House competitors and creating such a positive, supportive atmosphere.

The event was the perfect way to round off a fantastic week of activities organised by our amazing PE team. Thank you for all the hard work, energy and commitment that went into making the week such a success. It truly was a lovely event and a celebration of teamwork, determination and House pride. I have no doubt there will be a wonderful selection of photographs appearing on our Facebook page very soon!

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful Site Team, who were out on the field early in the morning setting everything up, along with Backwell School for the loan of additional gazebos. The extra shade and water stations were greatly appreciated throughout the afternoon.

Thank you as well to the staff who supported students in the Dining Hall with shade and water breaks, and to our incredible House teams and tutors for all their hard work organising and preparing teams in the lead-up to the afternoon.

A special thank you also to our incredible Year 12 student leaders who, while Sports Day for our Year 7–10 students was taking place on the far field, organised what sounded like an equally incredible Sixth Form Silly Sports Day on the top field. The leadership, enthusiasm and sense of community they demonstrated were fantastic to see and helped make the afternoon a success for our older students too.

It truly was a lovely afternoon and a celebration of teamwork, determination and House pride. **Well done, everyone, and thank you for making Sports Day 2026 such a memorable occasion.**

Wishing you all a relaxing and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Ms L Blundell, Headteacher

YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

We enjoyed welcoming our new Year 7 for September into Gordano for their Induction Day on Tuesday. They enjoyed meeting their tutors and tutor groups, sampling some lessons and getting to know their way around our school. We were impressed by their engagement, manners and curiosity. Using the Bunsen burners in Science was a highlight for many! Our thanks goes to the brilliant team of current Year 7s as well as our House Captains who supported students and staff throughout the day.

LSP CREATIVE ARTS DAY BRINGS YOUNG PERFORMERS TOGETHER

Students from across the Lighthouse Schools Partnership came together for the first of what we hope will become many LSP Creative Arts Days. Hosted by Chew Valley School, the event welcomed not only Gordano students but those from across the Trust: Chew Valley, Churchill Academy and Backwell for a full day of creativity, collaboration and performance.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the day was seeing students work alongside peers they had never met before. Despite having only one morning to create and rehearse an original performance, they quickly formed new friendships, shared ideas and demonstrated impressive maturity, teamwork and creativity.

Drawing on a wide range of talents—including dance, drama, singing and instrumental music—students combined their skills to produce imaginative and engaging performances. It was inspiring to see how different artistic disciplines complemented one another to bring powerful stories to life in such a short space of time and in some very warm performance spaces!

The event was also attended by Gary Lewis, CEO of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, who praised the students' enthusiasm and collaboration, commenting: "Today has been a wonderful reminder of what young people can achieve when creativity, trust and teamwork come together. The quality of the performances, especially after such a short preparation time, has been truly impressive."

We are excited to see this become the first of many opportunities for students across the Lighthouse Schools Partnership to come together, celebrate their talents and create something truly special.

CREATIVE ARTS & DT FESTIVAL

Following the fantastic success of Sports Day, we are delighted to be hosting one of the final community events of the academic year on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July – our Creative Arts Festival.

I cannot encourage you enough to purchase a ticket and come along to join us for this special celebration of what has been an outstanding year for our Creative Arts students and staff. Across both evenings, you will be treated to a wonderful showcase of performances, exhibitions and creative work from across our talented Creative Arts departments.

There will also be a pizza truck and bar, providing the perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy the entertainment and celebrate the achievements of our students with the wider school community.



It promises to be a fantastic way to round off the year, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Tickets are £8 per person and are available [here](#).

THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR ENRICHMENT WEEK

Activities Week is one of the highlights of the school year, and it simply would not happen without the generosity, enthusiasm and commitment of our staff. Staff give up a great deal to make these experiences possible. Many spend evenings and nights away from their own families, work long days, take on additional responsibility and volunteer their time so that our students can benefit from these exceptional opportunities and create lasting memories. It is one of the very special things about being at Gordano. If a member of staff made a difference to your child during Activities Week, Work Experience, Gold DofE or Futures Week, we would love to pass on your thanks. A few words of appreciation can mean a great deal and are always warmly received.

Please use the form below to share any messages of thanks. We will ensure that they reach the staff involved.

Activities Week Staff Thanks

In the meantime, there are some lovely pictures from the week on our Facebook Trips page - [Gordano School Trips | Facebook](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHANGES

As previously advised, the government is expanding the eligibility criteria for free school meals from September 2026. We would like to remind families who are currently in receipt of free school meals, or who may now qualify under the new criteria, to view the information available on the Lighthouse Schools Partnership website. We would strongly encourage all parents to apply if they believe they meet the new criteria. FAQs can be found here [Lighthouse Schools Partnership - Changes to Free School Meals - September 2026](#). The links below provide further information on the changes and how to apply:

CHANGES TO FSM

CHANGES TO FSM - How to apply

To apply online (preferred method) please follow this link:

[Free school meals | North Somerset Council](#)

Alternatively, there is a paper application form if required:

[LSP-Free-School-Meals-Application-Form.393243167.docx](#)

If you have any queries around this process, please contact Charlotte Thomas (Assistant Head Inclusion KS4) via mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 6

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition
Weds 15 and Thur 16 July	Creative Arts & DT Festival
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of term for students - 12.30pm finish
Thursday 23 July to Wednesday 2 September	SUMMER HOLIDAY

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