



# MINERVA NEWSLETTER 10

## 13th June 2025

As we move through this exciting term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful things happening across our school community.

Every day, we see our children living out our core values of being **Safe, Respectful, and Learning**. Whether it's helping a friend in the playground, showing kindness in the classroom, or trying their best in a tricky lesson, our pupils continue to impress us with their positive attitudes and thoughtful actions.

We are especially proud of the progress our children are making across the curriculum. From writing imaginative stories to solving complex maths problems, and exploring the world through science and history, it's a joy to see their confidence and curiosity grow. Equally important is the personal growth we witness—children becoming more resilient, collaborative, and reflective learners.

Our weekly celebration assemblies remain a highlight, where we recognise achievements big and small. We continue to award our **Effective Lifelong Learning** certificates, celebrating those who demonstrate perseverance, creativity, and a love of learning.

A special thank you to our pupil voice groups, who recently suggested using democracy to decide what we discuss and possibly introduce next in our OPAL play assemblies. What a fantastic way to empower our children and help them understand the importance of having a voice and making decisions together!

It was also lovely to see so many families at our after-school stay and play event to celebrate the International Day of Play. The atmosphere was full of joy and connection as children, parents, and teachers, played football, built London Bridge in the sand, skipped, splashed in the water, and simply enjoyed each other's company. These moments remind us of the strength and warmth of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's keep celebrating our children's achievements and working together to make our school a place where everyone feels proud, safe, and inspired to learn.

### YEAR 3 LEARNING IN CLASS



Year 3 have been very busy the last couple of weeks! Last term, we had a great time at the Bristol Beacon as Musicians. We performed three different songs, used our bodies as percussion and practiced our ukelele skills. We saw

lots of talented musicians and enjoyed the big stage at Bristol Beacon.

As Designers this term, we learnt how to thread a needle and created a prototype of our own flags. We used our Starling and Butterfly ELLI skills to challenge ourselves, even when it was tricky! We enjoyed being creative with our design and colours, making each flag unique.



### THE BIG KICK OFF

The CLF Big Kick Off football tournament launched with flair and excitement at John Cabot Academy, bringing together young athletes from across the Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) for a dynamic five-a-side competition that celebrated sportsmanship, teamwork, and skill.

Organised and delivered by CLF Post-16 students as part of their academic coursework, the event showcased not only sporting talent but also student leadership, event management, and collaboration. MPA secured the win and we now have the BIG KICK OFF SHIELD of 2025. Congratulations team MPA!



## YEAR 1—SHIPS & SAILORS

Year 1 had a good time at the MShed museum at Bristol harbourside. We learnt all about ships and sailors, dressing up with colourful hats and touching lots of beautiful artefacts. We played a trading game and had a go at fixing the planks of a boat, stitching sails and pretending to cook. Thank you to all the grown ups who helped us!



## OPAL



We want to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our OPAL Stay and Play session this week.

It was lovely to see so many families engaging in creative, active and joyful play.

We hope you enjoyed exploring the different zones and seeing how OPAL is transforming play-times at Minerva.



### Can you help?

We would love to offer opportunities for scooter play at lunchtime and we are reaching out to ask:

Do you have a scooter at home that's no longer being used?

Would you be willing to donate it to school?

If you have a scooter to donate, please drop it off at the school office. Thank you for your support!

## MPA SPORTS DAY 2025

MPA sports Day was back for 2025, and excitement was high as we introduced another competitive element. Pupils had to compete for their colour houses to win a token. It was an action-packed morning for KS2 and afternoon for KS1.

We noticed lots of encouragement and great sportsman ship from our pupils which we promote as athletes.

The overall winning house was blue house! Well done to everyone involved in what was a wonderful day in our school community.



## DESIGNERS SHOWCASE

Term 6 has got off to a fantastic start, with many classes immersing themselves in exciting design projects over the past two weeks. Year 1 have been exploring how to adapt and develop their ideas by weaving with a variety of materials to create beautiful dream catchers.

Year 2 have been investigating textile techniques, focusing on weaving and wrapping. Each class has worked together to produce a stunning collaborative woven mobile.

Year 3 have been using their knowledge of sewing techniques to design and create vibrant flags that reflect their creativity and skill.

We're delighted to invite parents and carers of Year 1 and Year 2 students to our **Designers Showcase** on **Monday, 16th June**. The showcase will take place in classrooms and will give students the opportunity to present their final products and explain the five key stages of the design process they've followed. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the students' hard work and imagination.



## PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH EDUCATION (PSHE) 'CHANGING ME'

Changing me' is a unit from Jigsaw that includes sex education. It revisits and extends learning from previous year groups. Within a safe environment and with trusted adults' children will be introduced to new concepts, knowledge and skills in an age-appropriate way.

Children learn about the changes in their body from being a baby and what may change in the future.

This will include naming parts of the body and their function. Children are taught that change is a natural and normal part of growing up and the range of emotions that can occur are explored and discussed. Children practice a range of strategies for managing feelings and emotions. They are also taught where

they can get help if worried or frightened.

Thank you to parents who attended our workshop to look at the curriculum resources and the progression of lessons from early years to year 6.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm</b>	Friends of Minerva Ice cream sale in the main playground.
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Key stage 2 Careers event in school. Please talk to Miss Hudson if you are interested in supporting this.
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Transition day in school. Children will meet their new teacher in their new classroom.
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3.30pm – 5.00pm</b>	International Fayre in the main playground—All Welcome.
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET Days</b> – School closed to pupils.
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm—5.pm</b>	Open evening. Collect the end of year school report from your child's current teacher, you can also meet your child's new teacher.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer showcase (Whole school performance to parents) – more details to follow.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Morning</b>	Minerva's got talent – A chance for your child to showcase or perform their talent.– more details to follow.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Afternoon</b>	End of term Class parties – See class teacher for more details.