

Parent Forum meeting minutes
Wednesday 10th June 2026

<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p>	<p>Present: Mrs Rackham (BJS DH), Mrs Fletcher, (BIS DH), JF (Chair of Governors), MP (Kingfisher Class rep), AK (Otter Class and Pangolin Class rep), AO (Koala Class rep), CJ (Albatross Class rep), NW (Turtle Class rep), DJ (Rhino Class rep), CK (Penguin Class rep), SO (Rhino Class rep)</p> <p>Apologies: KB (Narwhal Class rep), KV (Hippo Class rep), NC (Kiwi Class rep), TA (Hippo Class rep)</p>
<p>2. Questions/queries raised:</p> <p>Would it be possible for the school to share some information on the “Zones of Regulation” which are used in school? Either print outs or maybe even a short info session would be appreciated to understand what it is and how it’s used.</p> <p>Just wanted to say what a great idea the Easter scavenger hunt was. My kids had a great time searching for the clues. Full credit to Cara.</p>	<p>In May, there was an information session about emotional regulation for parents. They’ve just sent over the slides and this includes information about Zones of Regulation. These are going to be sent out to all parents later this week. We have a new Wellbeing Officer and she is still settling in to the role at the moment. She will be very happy to run a session on this in the Autumn Term though. In the meantime, if parents want to know more or want printouts, please speak to the class teacher at the end of the day or during open classrooms.</p> <p>Thank you very much to Cara for this. It was a wonderful idea.</p>
<p>Other points parent reps brought up at the meeting.</p>	<p>The colour run was amazing! Could the ticket price, paint sachet and mufti all be included in the same price next time? The paint sachets have to be sold separately. Next year it will be done on Arbor which should help as it was very labour intensive this year. The PA system wasn’t loud enough to be heard at the other end of the field. The PTFA are open to constructive feedback about the event if anyone has any.</p> <p>What’s happening with Forest School? There is a plan, we just can’t share it yet. The plan isn’t to drop it completely.</p> <p>Parents/carers find it difficult to get their children off of a screen but then there is homework to be done on a screen too. There was some Maths home learning on paper but this isn’t good for the environment. This is something as a school we can think about. Parents/carers could also talk to the class teacher. Could time on TTRS be part of their daily screen time?</p>

Volleyball was cancelled last week and it was only announced on Arbor which not everyone sees especially if it's on the day. Could this be sent to the parent reps so they can put a message in the WhatsApp groups? We will speak to the office team about this.

Are reading records checked at the Junior School? They are checked every week to see who has achieved a certificate. We can double check this with the class teachers. If there was an issue with a child's reading, the class teacher would speak to a parent about it.

Parents felt the quality of the class photos wasn't very good this year, they were blurry. We will make sure this feedback is given to the company. If you are unhappy with the photo you received, please contact the company directly.

Some children are coming home with half full water bottles, are bottles being refilled? Yes, they're refilled by staff in the classrooms or at lunchtime when they're empty.

Emails from the office are going into parent's junk mail. People have tried but don't seem to be able to fix it. Mrs Fletcher will email our IT company to see if there is anything they can do about this.

Can a change in ingredients be shared with parents if it happens? When children in Reception stop eating meals, it can be hard to work out why. We will speak to the office team and the team at Bedgrove about this.

Every day has the option of packed lunches on Arbor. Can this be changed so it's only available on a trip day? The office team are aware because it is annoying for them too. They are hoping to change this for September. It's more complicated that it appears because different year groups go on trips on different days.

Information/updates/queries from the schools

1. Explain about the new report format and parents evening.
2. Transition Days at the end of term – do you like this idea? Do you think that a full 3 days is too much? Would your child like to return to their old class to say goodbye at the end of the Transition Days?

1. We have previously raised changing our end of year reports. We have been working towards moving away from doing end of year reports. We have spoken to other local schools who have introduced a third parents' evening instead of an end of year report. They spoke very positively about the impact of doing this so we are going to trial it this term. The meetings will all be done in

	<p>one evening and slots will be from 1:30pm to 6:30pm.</p> <p>2. The parent reps feel the current arrangement for transition is perfect as it is. The children say goodbye to their old teachers on the Friday, they don't need to go back again.</p>
4. Date, time and location of the next meeting.	Because this meeting was re-scheduled, we won't meet again now until the Autumn Term.