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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Unfortunately, Mr. Gumm has been signed off for the remainder of the term, but he's making a steady recovery and is still supporting the running of the school from home. I'm sure you'll all join with me in sending him our get-well wishes.

It is my pleasure to bring you this term's school update and I am pleased to inform you that school has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks:

Year 4 had a wonderful time visiting the Roman Baths and enjoyed being archaeologists, studying artefacts, making mosaics and exploring the 2000-year-old baths.



Book week saw a host of book related activities from drama and art to debate and story writing. The children looked great in all their costumes, many thanks for all of your support with these at home. Many of the staff also made an effort with Year 5 even coordinating their dressing up!

Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day. They designed, built and tested rockets!



Year 5 loved their train ride to Bath to take part in a local Sing-Up day with specialist music teachers. 10 of the Year 5s are also busy polishing their dance, to be performed at the Forum as part of the Dance Umbrella, at the end of the month.



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EYFS and KS1 classes have each attended Keynsham library this term and it was particularly lovely to hear back from the library staff after one visit, saying *'what a delight it was to welcome Aquamarine class to the library this afternoon. The children were well behaved and attentive and sat beautifully while I told them all about the library service and read them a story.'*



As you may have seen on Dojo, we are currently part way through the **Sustrans's Big Walk and Wheel fortnight**. <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/> The idea is that as many children as possible walk, scoot or bike to school to encourage healthy living whilst reducing congestion and air pollution. If we do well as a school, we're in with a chance of winning free bikes, scooters, helmets, bike-racks or playground markings. So far, we have 50% of the school walking, scooting or biking to school which places us in the top third of the 1183 small primaries taking part.

Combined with this we are also launching our new **Park and Stride scheme** to help prevent dangerous traffic congestion at the school gates. The idea is that using the map attached, parents and carers who have to drive, (excluding those with a disability) park a short stroll away from school and walk/scoot the remaining distance. The map shows in blue many potential parking areas nearby.

Forthcoming important dates:

Year 6 SATS takes place during the week 12th May. May we please ask that parents and carers of Year 6 children ensure that the weekend before SATs the children have a calm, restful weekend to allow them to do their best during SATs week. As always, we shall be holding our usual SATs breakfasts each morning to ensure the children have a happy start to the school day.

Healthy Packed Lunch Tips:

To help promote improved focus and concentration in class as well as maintain/improve overall health and wellbeing we are following up on our **Healthy Packed Lunch Guide** with some (hopefully) helpful tips:



Cut down on crisps

If your child really likes their crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox, and swap for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.



Add bite-sized fruit

Try chopped apple, peeled satsuma segments, strawberries, blueberries, halved grapes or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to stop it from going brown.

There are lots of great ideas and suggestions for healthy packed lunches at the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



The families who attended our recent **'Cook-it'** course have enjoyed making a range of healthy meals. They certainly had all the staff's mouths watering as the delicious smell of vegetable curry wafted down the corridors!



Finally, don't forget the clocks move forwards an hour this weekend, so it's going to be an extra early start next Monday!

With best wishes, and a very Happy Mothering Sunday to all you mums.

Richard Eaton
(Deputy Headteacher)

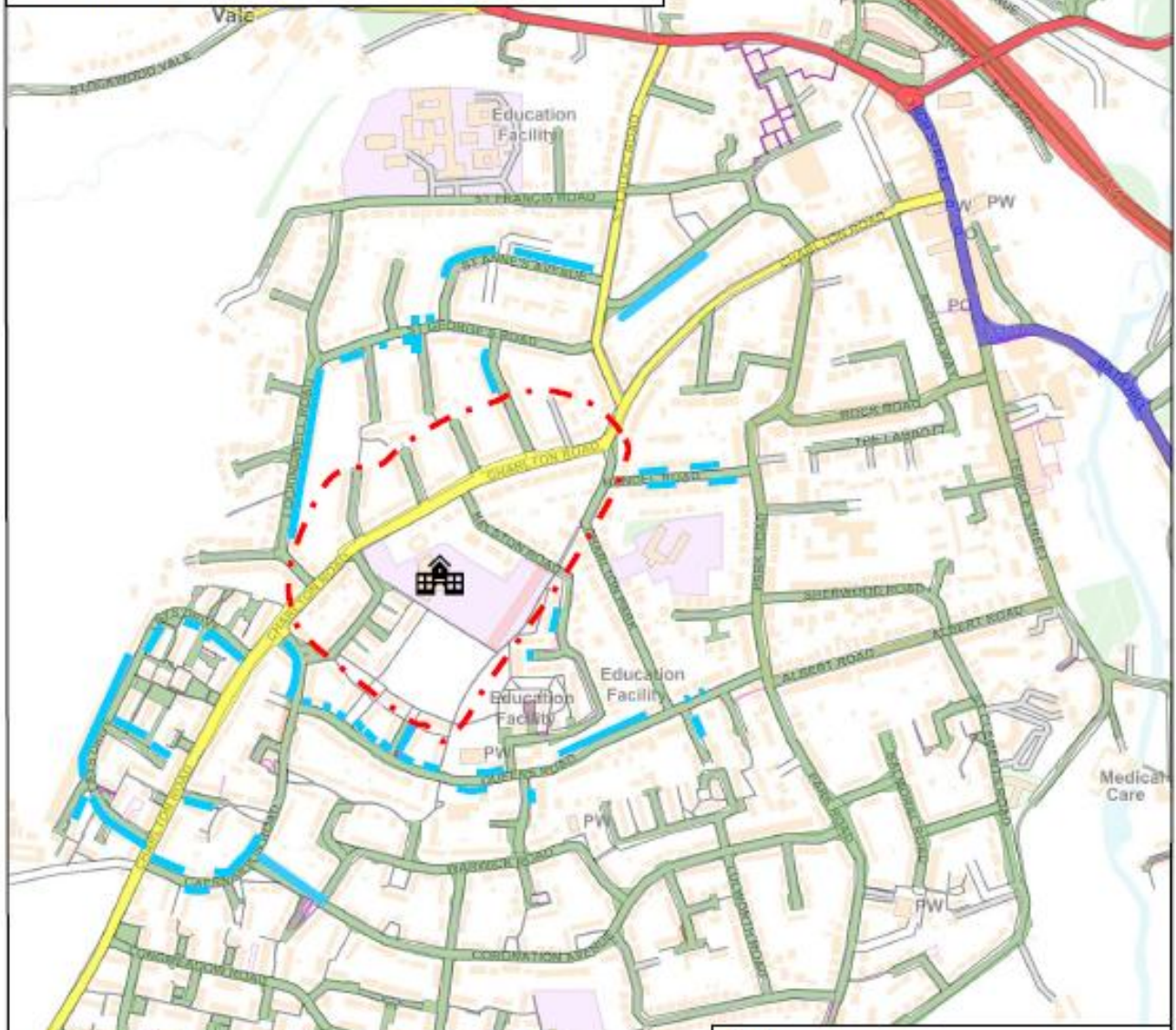


St Keyna Primary School Park & Stride Map

0 50 100 150 200 250m
Scale: 1:2750

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We want to make our school runs safer, more active, and sustainable for the whole community. To help us achieve this, please do not drive to park/drop off or pick up your children outside the school gates or near the school, doing so increases the levels of pollution and causes more congestion with the associated risks. Instead, there are many nearby roads you can easily, safely park & stride or scoot from.



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Park & Stride - Please Park outside the line - - - if you drive, it's about a 5 -10 minutes' walk or scoot to the school, using the suggested parking spaces.

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