

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



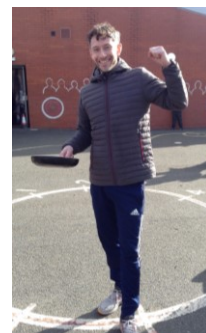
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Space Day - The Reception children dressed up and enjoyed a day of space activities. Pupils made clay aliens, made and ate 'moon snacks', and enjoyed using crates and tyres to build rockets and moon buggies to use for their role play. The children also had the opportunity to make pictures of astronauts and create their own planets using chalks, tissue paper and experimenting with mixing paint and foam. The children continued their learning after space day by investigating how to launch mini paper rockets and creating Space Stations in their classrooms.

Coventry Cathedral Trip – To support their Second World War topic children in Year 5 and 6 visited the original Coventry Cathedral and the new Cathedral that joins it. They were shown a 1940s classroom and kitchen and learnt about what life would have been like during this period. The children talked about air raid shelters and had to think about what children would have taken with them if they were evacuated in 1940 and in 2023 - the objects would have been very different!

Shrove Tuesday -

- Children in Years 1 and 2 have written a recipe booklet, with step by step instructions, on how to make pancakes. Mrs Horsburgh's class then used the instructions to make and taste their own pancakes. The aroma was rather delicious!
- As last year's winner, I officiated at the Staff Pancake Race today to give the younger staff a chance! As ever, there was much controversy and drama, and the slightly windy conditions did interfere with flipping skills. Miss Drissell made a dramatic 'Rockyesque' entrance complete with cheerleaders, but after careful consultation with the VAR, Mr Plumbe was declared winner, with Miss Drissell second and Mr Thackway third.



Boys Football – Our boys football team played a match against Mappleborough Green Primary school on Thursday, despite the rain they all played brilliantly resulting in a 7-4 win. Thank you to parents for their support.

NEU Industrial Action – The National Education Union (NEU) next day of action in the West Midlands is planned for Weds 1st March. We do not yet know the intention of NEU members employed at our school but we will inform parents as soon as we know.

World Book Day - We will be celebrating *World Book Day* on Thurs 2nd March – children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (no superheroes or football kits please).

Clubs Update – Monday's Craft club Tuesday's Dance club have now finished. All other clubs will continue with the same children after half term but there will be no Year 3 & 4 Boys Football on Mon 6th Mar and **no** Girls Football club on Thurs 9th Mar.

Date for your Diary – There will be a *Teacher Training Day* on Fri 26th May when school will be closed to children.

Book of the Week – Mrs Horsburgh's class have been reading 'Giraffes can't dance' by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees. Gerald is a giraffe who is tall and awkward. He is best at eating leaves from tall trees but he would like to be able to dance. When he attempts to join in the dancing at the Jungle Dance, the other animals make fun of him and Gerald feels he is useless but the a cricket encourages him to try to dance by listening to a different song. Skeptical at first, Gerald finds his song and finds he can dance rather well.

Mr A Simms