

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

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UKS2

Leavers Service – Today we said good luck and farewell to Year 6 pupils at our Leavers service. Rob Williams, our Chair of Governors, and Alan from St Laurence Church presented the children with their leaving gifts. Thank you to Mrs Simpson for organising the fabulous yearbooks. We presented some of the younger children with achievement and progress awards during the service to recognise their hard work and effort throughout the year. You will be missed Year 6 but you are more than ready to move on to Secondary school and know you will do us proud.

We also said goodbye to some of our long serving and dedicated staff. Mr Simms is retiring after 19 years as a Deputy Head and the Headteacher. Mrs Mills, Mrs Hudson and Mrs van Zyl are also leaving and we thank them for their commitment to our school and wish them all well for the future.

Year 6 Pantomime – The Year 6 children entertained their parents and the children this week in a hilarious performance of ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ by Roald Dahl. It was a fabulous show - well done to all the cast and their supporters. A big thank you to Mrs Mills, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Weston for their excellent direction and help with props!

LKS2 - to finish our topic of *Water of Life* we have been exploring the three stages of a river including what the river flow is like, what the land is like and features you may find in the sections. The children finished their artwork of the Bidford Bridge by using water colours and black pen to add the finer details. The final outcomes were amazing.

KS1 – had a fantastic final week of term and have enjoyed learning about the Paris Olympics and designing our own medals. They loved meeting their new teachers and are really excited to come back to school in September and start a new year in their new classes.

EYFS - have been reflecting on their first year at school and reminiscing about all the things they have done and talking about their favourite activities. They revisited the story of Owl Babies which was one of the first stories that they had when they started school back in September.

Alcester Academy Rock Band - It was lovely to welcome back a number of students who began their musical journey while they were at Bidford Primary School. They came back with Mr Badham from Alcester Academy and put on an amazing show of their talents for us.

Talent Show - This week our children showed that ‘Bidford has got Talent’. Following auditions, the pupils performed and amazed us with their range of talents from singing, hula hooping, dancing and comedy performances – you may have heard it! Well done to all who performed.

Summer Reading Challenge – Last week Mrs Ballard from Bidford Community Library introduced the children to the ‘Summer Reading Challenge’. This is a great way to keep your children reading over the Summer break. Anyone who manages to complete challenge can bring their certificates in to school in September so we can share in their success. To find out more, click on this link: summerreadingchallenge.

September 2024 - On Monday 2nd September there is a training day so the school will be closed to all pupils, however we look forward to welcoming them back on **Tuesday 3rd September**. Please remember the change to the school day, with the school day ending at 3:25pm.

On a final note...

The staff and I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and I personally would like to thank you all for your support and for choosing Bidford Primary School - I will miss seeing your faces every morning on the gate but will be thinking of you all at the beginning of the school term as I sit back and relax and enjoy my new adventures.