

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER – 20th September 2024

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September - Year 6 attending PGL

Monday 30th September & Tuesday 1st October - Reception Reading session 2:45 (See below for more information)

Friday 4th October - Individual and sibling photographs

Monday 7th October - Open evening for Reception 2025 intake (5:30-6:30)

Wednesday 9th October- Harvest Festival

Thursday 10th October - Open evening for Reception 2025 intake (5:30-6:30)

Wednesday 6th November - Open evening for Reception 2025 intake (5:30-6:30)

Friday 11th October – Non-uniform day

Week beginning 14th October - Bikeability for Year 6

Thursday 17th October - Parents evening 4:00-7:00 (all classes except Year 3/4)

Friday 18th October – BSA Bingo Night

Monday 21st October - Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 22nd October - Parents evening 4:00-7:00

Tuesday 22nd October - Class trip to Bishopswood Year 3/4 and Year 4

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents evening 4:00-7:00 (Just Year 3/4)

Wednesday 23rd October - Class trip to Bishopswood Year 3

Friday 25th October INSET day – School closed to children

28th October-1st November Half Term

Monday 4th November - Return to school

Monday 11th November - Remembrance Assembly (children only)

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Monday 18th November – Sports Enrichment for KS1

Monday 25th November – Sports Enrichment for LK2

Friday 29th November - School Disco organised by BSA

Monday 2nd December – Sports Enrichment for UK2

Friday 6th December – BSA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December - Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance to parents

Tuesday 17th December – Reception Christmas songs 9.45am to parents

Reception – have been reading the story of The Three Little Pigs. They have drawn pictures of a new home for the pigs. The children have been using story language to retell this tale. They also all enjoyed their first PE session in the school hall.

Reading meetings for Reception parents are being held on *Monday 30th September* in the afternoon and *Tuesday 1st October* in the morning. Please refer to the note sent home in your child's book bag for further information.

KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) –have been finishing our English unit on Toys in Space by writing a character description of Cuddles. We made lost and found posters and the children enjoyed drawing pictures. In History, the children have enjoyed learning about technology from the past including old phones and even having the chance to hold an old cassette player and an old digital camera. They are doing a great job at developing their knowledge of items and technology from the past.



LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) –have been working hard this week learning about how the Romans built their empire. They looked at maps of how their rule changed and they were amazed by just how much of Europe was taken over. It has also been amazing to see them working so hard in their English work. They have planned their narratives based on the Greedy Zebra and Year 4 are already starting to write their stories. If your child is in Year 4, ask them what they can say in French - we have been learning about greetings!

UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)- have been learning about inherited characteristics, how certain characteristics are inherited from your parents and how others are developed through the environment in which we live. They also had great fun Bellboating this week. They rowed down steam first and went through the lock. They saw some great wildlife including: a kingfisher and a heron. Miss Drissell thought she saw a crocodile but she didn't have her glasses on so it might just have been a ripple in the water - who knows! Coming back up stream was much harder work and the children had to work as a team to get back to the meadow and earn their lunch. After lunch, we boated up to the weir and 'tried' and failed to get over it. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped us with this event.



Curriculum overview – Today you should have received an email with a termly overview of what your child will be learning this term. These can also be found on our school website. If you have any questions about what your child will be learning, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.



House Captains – We were very excited to hold our yearly House Captain elections last week. So many of our Year 6 pupils put in a lot of time and effort to create speeches to present to their house. The children found it a very challenging decision but all voted. We are very proud to announce our House Captains for this year are:



Neptune



Saturn



Jupiter



Mars



PE Changes

Year 6 will be having PE on Monday 23rd September instead of Wednesday 25th September.

Year 3 will be having PE on Wednesday 25th September instead of Monday 23rd September. Back to normal PE days week commencing 30th September.

Dogs – Please can we remind everyone that our site is a no dog zone. When dropping off and collecting you child please leave dogs at the gate. Thank you for your cooperation.

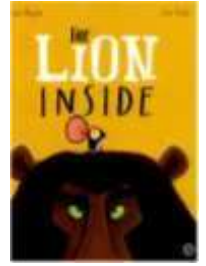
Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancy – We have a part-time/full time vacancy for a Midday Supervisor (MDS). Please call into the office for more details and an application form or phone 01789 773201.

Contact Details & Consent (GDPR) – Please check the details carefully and amend as required. It is important that we have up to date contact information and safeguarding regulations require us to have at least **two** emergency contacts. Please remember to sign the form on the back page. All signed forms should be returned **ASAP**. Our Privacy Notice detailing how we use information about children is on our school website.

School Admissions – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2025 applications need to be made by 31st October 2024, you may find the following information from School Admissions helpful:

- Parent guide - providing guidance to parents to help decide and apply for a school place <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1980322935-2186>
- Video animation for parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

Book of the Week – Mr Nailor’s class have been reading ‘The Lion inside’ by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. Fed up of being ignored and forgotten by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!



We have once again been busy with our learning across the school. I’ve had some lovely opportunities this week to join the children for their lessons. It has been an absolute joy to see their enthusiasm within these lessons. 😊 I especially enjoyed teaching music to Year 1/2 and Year 1 this week. They are definitely performers of the future!

I also enjoyed celebrating today with all of the children in assembly. A huge ‘well done’ goes out to both our house captains and the children who applied for this role. They all definitely rose to the ethos of ‘Reach for the Stars’. I look forward to seeing some of you next week when we will once again be celebrating the children’s amazing achievements.

Have a most wonderful weekend!

Mr A Morris