

Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 7 – 18th October 2024

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 21st October - Flu Immunisation

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

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

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents evening 4:00-7:00pm (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

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

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 learning about the role of firefighters in the community. They have enjoyed dressing up as firefighters in their role play and have drawn some wonderful pictures of fire engines. We have noticed a change in the weather and have started to discuss autumn time. On Monday we are planning to go on an autumn walk around the school grounds. Please send your child's wellies to school in a carrier bag on Monday.

KS1 - have been writing in their special writing books! They have re-written the classic Billy Goats Gruff traditional tale. The children's writing was brilliant and were incredibly proud of them. The children are looking forward to starting the new unit all about autumnal poetry. KS1 have also moved onto addition and subtraction in mathematics. They have been using many different manipulatives to represent calculations and are showing a brilliant attitude to learning!

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have been working hard finishing their Greedy Zebra stories. They used lots of examples of figurative language such as similes, metaphors, personification, onomatopoeia and alliteration. In Science, they have been learning about skeletal muscles and their importance in movement of the skeleton. The children have completed their French unit of work and can now say how old they are, what their name is, where they live and what nationality they are in French. Ask them to tell you one of the French phrases they now know!

UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – have been learning to write informally by writing an interview for an Ancient Greek Gossip Magazine. We have been interviewing the guests of Zeus’ wedding! However, there was a lot of gossip and scandal as Zeus accidentally double booked his own wedding and had two brides instead of one!

Bikeability – A number of our Year 6 pupils took part in a cycling course this week developing their skills, knowledge and understanding about how to cycle safely on the roads. The programme is part of a national scheme taught first on the school playground and then out on the roads by experienced cyclists. Pupils learn about starting and stopping journeys, passing stationary vehicles, understanding road signs and markings, how to negotiate junctions and how to share the road with others.

School Photographs – orders should be made online direct with Tempest by Sunday 20th October to avoid P&P charges. If your child has not brought home the ordering details please contact the school office.

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 – Mrs Jones & Mrs Flavell’s class have reading a The Huge Bag of Worries, by Virginia Ironside. A beautiful picture book about Jenny, a young girl with a big blue bag of worries, which follows her around. She has little and big worries, but she learns that sharing her worries with someone really helps and even the big worries become manageable.



It is a great story to share with children of any ages <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTj0AKZpwxw>

The children were reminded about our class Talk Box and the importance of using it if there is something they want to share with the adults in school.

It was so lovely to see so many of you at parent consultations this week finding out about how your child/children are doing at school. I always think what a special time it is to share with your child their learning and see how far they have come. I am looking forward to next week, when I will see more of you share the news of the good progress your child has made in settling into their new classes.

Our new children in reception have settled in so well and it is fantastic to see them going about their learning within the classroom. It is so special seeing them making new friends and developing confidence within their new learning environment.

Another highlight this week has been seeing the year 6 children enjoying their Bikeability, always a popular and important opportunity for the children. Next week we look forward to some class trips across our lower keystage 2 where they will get to bring their learning to life.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and hope to see some of you at the Bingo later!

Mr A Morris