

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER 8 – 24th October 2024



Dates for your Diary:

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 autumn time. They began their learning with a walk around the school grounds and enjoyed collecting leaves of different shapes, sizes and colours. We read the story of “Leaf Man” by Lois Ehlert and created our own pictures using natural resources. The children have created some beautiful autumn tree pictures too.

KS1 – have been learning about the golden rule in Christianity. We have explored our own world view and focused on Sikhism and Hinduism. The children have been extremely respectful and have enjoyed learning about the collective duty of the Sikh people. In addition, we have been reading autumn poetry and the children have enjoyed going on an autumn walk. To conclude, the children have worked extremely hard this half term and should be proud of themselves.

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – absolutely loved their trip to Bishops Wood and their Roman experience. The children learnt lots of new Latin phrases and discovered lots of things that the Romans introduced to our country. These included stinging nettles, cats and carrots! They were also given the opportunity to perform a Roman play for the Emperor! Plays included: The eruption of Mount Vesuvius, The origin of the seasons and How Julius Caesar was murdered! Most of the children's favourite activity was to put up their own tents and building their own Roman road. We were very impressed with the children's Roman knowledge on the day, and it was fantastic to see them having such a wonderful time, learning new things.



UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – In science, we have been researching Charles Darwin. We have studied his early childhood, education and career, as well as his famous voyage on the HMS Beagle! The children enjoyed learning about the discoveries he made whilst he explored the Galápagos Islands, which eventually led to his Theory of Evolution.

Bellboating Regatta – Children from Year 5/6 took part in the bellboating regatta on the River Avon at Stratford Upon Avon today. All children had loads of fun and really enjoyed themselves.

The children competed in six races in total and managed to get into the final. It was very close: the children came second overall by only a millisecond according to the clock, but VAR may have shown we actually came first! It was a very exciting and a tense final. The adults also had great fun: competing in a race as well. Thank you to Miss Drissell, Mrs Mansbridge, Mrs Kidd and Mr Perry for taking all the children. Please come along to the first celebration assembly back where children will get their certificates and trophy.



Stratford-on-Avon Foodbank – A huge thank has been sent from the team at Stratford-on-Avon foodbank who welcomed the donations collected during our Harvest Festival. They weighed it in at 85.5kg which is around £200.27 worth of food.

Stratford-on-Avon foodbank are asking “could you help us with our Reverse Advent calendar this year?”



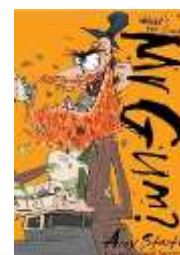
Winter is the most difficult season for people on a low-income as finances are stretched to cover additional costs of heating. Hidden behind closed doors, there will be many families and individuals with little to look forward to at Christmas. However, this is also a season of great generosity, which foodbanks can harness to help make Christmas a happier time for local people in need. We will be supporting the Foodbank to run a reverse advent calendar this year and are asking our school communities to come together to create advent boxes of donated items. We are asking for the calendar to run in **November**, rather than December because it gives us time to get all your generous donations out in our Christmas hampers, which we make over the second weekend in December. More information will follow next half term.

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 Gum's back! But what's he up to this time? Oh, dreadful things my friends, dreadful things indeed. It seems he's found himself a brand new treat - rancid kebabs just dripping with dirty grey sauce. And he just can't get enough of them. He's gotta have more! More! Less! I mean, More! But not everyone's too happy about Mr Gum's new dinnertime arrangements and soon the town of Lamonic Bibber is gearing up for war. Can Polly and her friends save the town from being torn apart? Will Mr Gum's hunger ever be satisfied? And who on earth is Thora Gruntwinkle? All will be revealed when you read "What's For Dinner, Mr Gum?" You'll see a gingerbread man driving through London! You'll see an annoying little monkey driving everyone mad! You'll see Friday O'Leary falling asleep in a hedge! Yes, it's all there in glorious black and white, my friends. Except for the cover, which is in colour. It's Bonus.



It has been a busy week with the children busily continuing their learning in preparation for our final parent consultations this week.

It has again been lovely to meet more of you and talk to you as you await your meeting. It is also so special seeing the smiles of the children as they show their special work in school.

Reflecting back over this half term I feel lucky to have joined your community and to be part of the fantastic Bidford Team. I am so pleased with everything that has been achieved this half term and hope that you enjoy a lovely half term break and return with all of your energy, as we prepare for our build up to Christmas! (Don't worry it's still a long way off)

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November.

Mr A Morris