

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 16 – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices concert (Email has been sent this week with more info)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Reception phonics workshop at 2.15pm (more information to follow)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Reception phonics workshop at 9.15am (more information to follow)
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening (appointments available to book week commencing 23/01)
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening (appointments available to book week commencing 23/01)
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Reception space theme dress up day (more information to follow)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – KS1 Frozen Topic day (more information will be emailed)
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World book day (Theme/focus TBC)
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Comic Relief Day
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Non uniform Day (chocolate donation)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April until 11 April – Book Fair
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bingo
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – UKS2 WWII Trip
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Eggstravaganza activities
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

**Reception** – have launched their new topic '5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Blast Off!' this week. They are learning to retell the story orally with the use of pictures and props. They are enjoying designing and creating their own rockets using a variety of resources such as construction equipment. Some fabulous pictures of rockets have been drawn using shapes. In maths, the children have been comparing and ordering heights of rockets and using vocabulary such as tall/short, taller/shorter, tallest/shortest within their comparisons.



Mrs Roberts and Mrs Ellwood even managed to visit the moon after school on Tuesday! "It was very nice to be back in time to welcome the children into school Wednesday morning."

We will be holding a space themed dress up day on Wednesday 12th February. A letter with additional information was sent home in your child's book bag before the Christmas break.

**KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2)** – have returned to school really well and have settled well back into routine. They have begun learning about money in Year 2, and Year 1 are recapping place value before moving their learning on. In English, KS1 have started to read 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. The children have really enjoyed hot seating as Superworm and joining in with the rhyming words. They have also begun explored Antarctica and what explorers would wear in the freezing temperatures. Our new topic, Frozen Planet, is really appropriate with the weather in the UK at the moment!

**LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)** – have been participating in discussions about their new book for the term, '*How to train your dragon*'. Whilst most children haven't read the book but have watched the film (which are not the same) they used the images on the cover to decide whether it would be a book they'd pick or not. Some children who have already read the book, wrote recommendations for their friends.

Fox Class (Year 3/4) started exploring the world of animations. They were extremely impressed with how *Steamboat Willie* was created and attempted to make their own with post-it notes. Once on the computers, they used 2Animate to create a moving face.

To kick-start their history sessions about *How horrible was history?* they had a topic day where the children learnt about Anglo-Saxon place names local to Bidford and what they mean, which artefacts would have lasted and how Anglo-Saxons communicated by using runes. They even tried writing their own names!



**UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)** - have started an exciting new science unit on Properties and Changes of Materials. They have been busy comparing and grouping items based on their materials, as well as exploring how these materials are used in everyday life. They have also been thinking like scientists by coming up with their own curious questions to investigate. We're looking forward to some fascinating experiments in the weeks ahead!

**Termly Overviews** – so you can find out more about what your child will be learning over the Spring term, topic overviews will be sent out to you next week and will also be available for you to access on the school's website.

### Notes/Reminders

- **School day**, starts at 8.55am, school gates open at 8.45am
- **Absence from school**, please leave a message on 01789 773201, email admin3011@welearn.co.uk or message through the school gateway app to report your child's absence

**Book of the Week** – Mrs Roberts class have been reading 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. The moon and back before bath time? Whatever next! Join Baby Bear as he finds a rocket, makes friends with an owl and has a picnic on the moon!



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Welcome back to a new year! I hope 2025 will be a fantastic year for everybody.

Whilst the weather has certainly been cold the children's smiling faces and enthusiasm this week has certainly warmed us all up.

It has definitely been a highlight today seeing all of the fantastic costumes and exciting work that has been taking place in year 3 and 4 today. The children have really enjoyed their exciting start to their Saxon and Viking topic and I think it is wonderful to see them so engrossed in their learning.

We were very lucky in KS2 to have Peter visit from Armonico choir on Tuesday and share the opportunity for them to join a community choir that is being run at Meon Vale each week. Definitely some talented singers within our school!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy a well-deserved, rest after the first full week in January!

Mr A Morris



Messy Church

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January

2 - 4pm

at St Laurence's Church Bidford

Crafts, games, food and celebration

Families with children of all

ages welcome

No need to book

Free (donation welcome)

Come and have some fun

For more information email [c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk)

