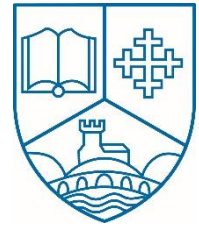


Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 21 – 14th February 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

- Monday 24th February – Children return to school
- Tuesday 4th March – KS1 Frozen Topic day (more information will be emailed)
- Thursday 6th March – World book day (details below)
- Thursday 20th March – Class Photos
- Friday 21st March – Comic Relief Day
- Friday 28th March – Non uniform Day (chocolate donation)
- Friday 4th April until 11 April – Book Fair
- Friday 4th April – Easter Bingo
- Tuesday 8th April – UKS2 WWII Trip
- Friday 11th April – Easter Eggstravaganza activities
- Friday 11th April – Break up for Easter
- Friday 23rd May – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)
- Friday 27th June – School Summer Fayre and Circus
- Monday 21st July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Reception – children dressed up and enjoyed a day of space activities. Pupils made clay aliens, created iced planet themed biscuits and enjoyed using crates and tyres to build rockets and moon buggies to use for their role play. Space adventures were continued indoors in a space station. The children also had the opportunity to make space ships for their clay aliens and investigated how to launch mini paper rockets. A group of children went to the Co-op at the start of the week to buy items needed for our planet themed biscuit activity. The children have enjoyed sharing their knowledge about what they have learnt throughout our space theme. Thank you to all the parents in supporting us with providing space themed outfits for the children to wear.



KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – have focused on internet safety and been working really hard to understand our SMART rules for being safe online. In addition, the children have been learning about who Jesus was. They explored this topic through a Christian worldview and also linked this to other moments that make Jesus who he was. For example, the children really enjoyed learning about 'Salvation' and the Easter story as we approach this important time in our calendar. In addition, please see attached some of our Nerys Levy Paintings from last week.

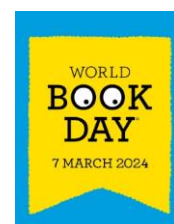


LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have had a brilliant week and have worked so hard, the children have been exploring Viking longships and why they were such a successful form of transport. It took the Vikings over 60 days of 24/7 sailing to reach Newfoundland in USA from Norway the equivalent distance of 18,000 laps around the school field! In Maths, our focus has been division, specifically short division! They learnt lots this week about the importance of being aware of phishing when using the Internet. They also learnt about how to spot a scam - ask your child about it! Thank you to all our parents for helping us this half term.

KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – our Year 5 children had a fantastic visit from local firefighters, who taught them all about fire safety! The firefighters shared important tips on how to keep themselves and their families safe, including the best precautions to take in case of a fire. The children learned the importance of having a fire escape plan, what to do in an emergency and why checking smoke alarms regularly at home is so important. A huge thank you to Alcester Fire Service for an engaging and informative session.

World Book day Challenge

As well as asking all our pupils to dress up for World book Day, we would also like you to join in with a half term challenge! The theme for World Book Day this year is 'Read You Way', and this is what we would like to see. Over the term break we would love you to send in photos of your child 'reading their way' – this could be in a cosy den, hanging upside down on their bed, or any other fun and quirky way your child likes to read. Please send your photos to admin3011@welearn365.com with the subject name World Book Day. We are really looking forward to see them. There will be a book token for the wackiest way of reading for each Key Stage (Reception, Key Stage 1, Upper Key stage 2 and Lower Key Stage 2) we are hoping staff will join in too! The deadline for sending in your photos are Friday 28th February.



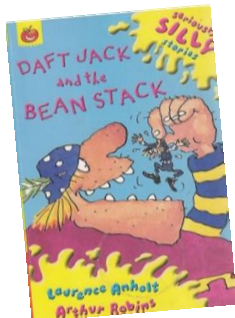
Change Makers

This week, all of our children had an enjoyable assembly lead by Change Makers. There were great discussions about healthy eating and lifestyles. We are very excited to be working with Change Makers next half term with the workshops which will be taking place. If you are interested in joining our healthy lifestyles programme, please fill in the form that was sent home and hand it in to the office. The sessions will be running every Thursday after school from 27th February to 3rd April, with the opportunity for you to work with your child/children to learn about healthy decision making through fun games and activities.



Note/Reminders

- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to remain absent from school for 48 hours from the last episode
- Please can we ensure bikes/scooters are kept in the bike rack and are away from the entrance to the library entrance
- If some different is collecting your child/children, please make the office aware by lunchtime of that day



Book of the Week – Mr Nailor’s class have been reading ‘Daft Jack and the Beanstack’ (seriously silly stories)

Daft Jack is such a silly-billy. Who else would swap a cow for some baked beans - and think it's his lucky day?

What a busy and fun packed end of this half term, from aliens walking around the school to the police and fire service visiting us.

The amount of fun and engaging learning that has taken place this half term has been amazing to see, and it is great to see such a hive of activity across the school. The vibe during the parent consultations brought a lovely atmosphere to the school as well, with such positive feedback from everyone – I think we are all ready for the term break!

We wish you all a great week and hope you all come back refreshed and ready to go ago next term.

Miss R. Hickman



Saturday 15th February

2 - 4pm

at St Laurence Church
Bidford



Come and ring a bell- chance to ring church bells and handbells (children and their adults)

And the usual Craft, activities, food and celebration for everyone on a music and bells theme

Families with children of all ages welcome

No need to book

Free (donation welcome) For more

information email

c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk



February-April Timetable

24th February -
11th April
2025

Barnardo's Warwick District Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to age 25 with SEND

Email: warwickdistrictcfc@barnardos.org.uk
<https://instagram.com/warwickcfc/>

<https://www.facebook.com/warwickchildrenscentres/>



Interested in volunteering with us? Please contact :
sally.hesselworth@barnardos.org.uk

Monday

Lillington

Postnatal Fitness Class
for families - Drop In
9.30-10.30am

Kingsway ARTY PARTY

3.45-4.30pm
After School Activity
Arts and crafts for families
From 3rd March
Booking is essential

Kingsway C&FC
Baker Avenue
Leamington Spa
CV31 3HB
01926 336793

Westgate C&FC
Bowling Green Street
Warwick
CV34 4DD
01926 490629

Tuesday

Sydni Centre

Family Time
10.00-11.30am
Booking is essential

Kenilworth Scout & Guide Centre

NEW Baby Time
9.15-10.45am
From 4th March

NEW Kingsway

Baby Chatter Matters
11.30am-12.30pm
From 18th March
Booking is essential

NEW Lillington

Home Education
Parent Led Group
1.30-3.30pm
For children 5-11 years
and younger siblings
are welcome to join
Booking is essential

Wednesday

Lillington

Toddler Time
10.00-11.30am

Westgate

NEW Baby Time
10.00-11.30am

Toddler Time
11.00am-12.30pm

NEW Baby Chatter Matters

2.00-3.00pm
Booking is essential

Kingsway

Toddler Time
10.00-11.30am

No sessions
on 2nd April

Sydni Centre Cottage Square

Sydenham
CV31 1PT

Thursday

Kingsway

Baby Time
9.30-11.00am

Toddler Time
1.30-3.00pm

NEW Presto

Baby
Chatter Matters
1.30-2.30pm
Booking is essential

Presto Music

23-25 Regent Grove
Leamington Spa
CV32 4NN

Friday

Lillington

Baby Time
9.30-11.00am

St Margaret's Church

Toddler Time
10.00-11.30am
Booking is essential

Woodloes

Family Time
12.00-1.30pm

NEW Lillington

Family Time
2.30-4.00pm

Saturday

Lillington

GOGOMAKERS
Saturday Club
Drop & go session
For children aged
5-11 year olds
10.00-11.30am
1st, 15th, 29th March
Booking is essential

Do you need a smaller
group?

We have a nurturing
session called
"Stepping Stones".
If you think this is a
better fit for you and
your child.

Please contact :
karen.chin@barnardos.org.uk

Lillington C&FC
3 Mason Avenue
Lillington
CV32 7QE
01926 887597



FREE

Most of our Baby, Toddler and Family Time sessions are DROP IN SESSIONS. Please note our sessions do have limited spaces. When we are full we can not have any more families in the room for safety reasons. If there are any changes we will inform you on our Eventbrite and Facebook page.



BARNARDO'S

Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



Baby Chatter Matters is a session dedicated to early communication, with singing, stories and activities! Ideal for 6-14 months.

Booking is essential:

<https://warwickdistrictcfc.eventbrite.com>
or scan the QR code



St Margaret's Church

Church Close
Whitnash
CV31 2HJ

Woodloes Community Centre

Deansway
Warwick
CV34 5DF

Speech Concern?

Please contact Helen on
07703 381764 or
helen.keaney@barnardos.org.uk



Barnardo's Warwickshire Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to age 25 with SEND



To improve outcomes and life chances for all children, young people (pre-birth to 19 or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) and their families with a particular focus on the 1001 critical days, from conception until age 2.

Advice and Support

Our staff are on hand to provide information and signposting on a wide range of issues for families, for example: Baby/Toddler, Sleep, Breastfeeding, Children's Behavior Speech and Language, Finance, Benefits, Debts, Housing and the Home environment, SEND and 2Help.



Baby Time

For families with babies that aren't walking, sessions provide inspiring activities to support multi-sensory experiences with your baby and activities to develop gross and fine motor skills.

Baby Massage

A course to support positive attachment and bonding with baby; creating a calm and relaxing environment to improve quality of sleep, reduce discomfort of colic, wind and constipation and can help stimulate babies' circulatory system.

Chatter Matters™

Our Early Years Practitioners are trained to deliver Baby, Toddler and Pre-School Chatter Matters,™ These courses are designed to support the early language development of babies and young children through singing, play and sharing stories.

Toddler Time

For families with toddlers, sessions provide stimulating activities to support and develop all areas of learning, including: communication, language, physical, social and emotional development.



SEND

Sessions offer fun activities for children with sensory/additional needs and also provides opportunities for parents and carers to meet and share experiences and speak to staff for advice.

Partner & Agency Contact Details

Family Information Service

Providing information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0-25 across Warwickshire

Call: 01926 742274

Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Early Help and Targeted Support Team

Family Support Workers are available across Warwickshire to listen, support and offer advice and guidance to families and professionals.

To speak to a Family Support Worker over the telephone or to arrange a face to face consultation Call 01926 412412 Monday to Friday - 9am-4pm

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies



Health Visiting

HV Advice Line for Kingsway, Warwick, Kenilworth & Lillington HV teams: 01926 567143

HV Appointments only, please call:

Kingsway: 01926 626531/626536

Warwick: 01926 567141 Ext 3630 or 07768 615632

Kenilworth: 01926 852087

Lillington: 01926 887309

Warwickshire Health Visiting Text Chat Service:

07520 615293 - Monday to Friday - 9am-5pm

Midwifery

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Midwives - Bluebell Clinic @ Warwick Hospital

01926 495321 Ext.: 6974 or 6977

Early Breastfeeding Support Team

01926 626529

Other Useful Contact Details

Act on Energy: Email: advice@actonenergy.org.uk. Call: 0800 988 2881

Adult & Community Learning. Email: acl@warwickshire.gov.uk. Call: 01926 736392

Citizens Advice: Monday to Friday - 9am-5pm. Call 0808 250 5715

Refuge's Domestic Violence and Abuse Service Warwickshire. Call: 0800 408 1552

Warwick District Foodbank. Call: 07850 293383. www.warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

Wright Hassall Legal Clinic. Email: enquiries@wrightthassall.co.uk. Call: 01926 886688.