

Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 22 – 28th February 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Tuesday 4th March – KS1 Frozen Topic day (more information will be emailed)

Wednesday 5th March – Reception trip to Oversley Farm

Thursday 6th March – World book day – 9.05am parent stay and read sessions

Thursday 6th March – No Girls Football

Monday 10th March – No Boys Football

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

Tuesday 6th May – Y1 trip to Transport Museum

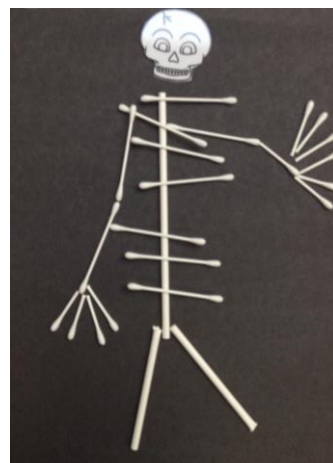
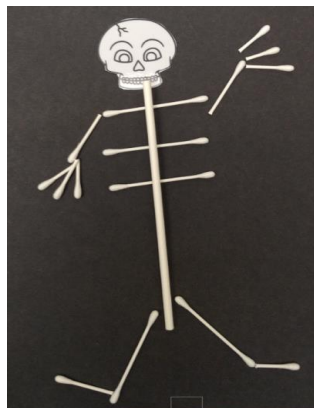
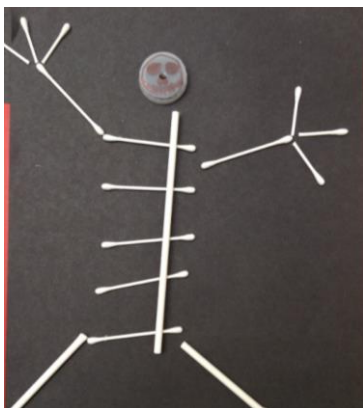
Wednesday 7th May – Y2 trip to Transport Museum

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 – have started their new topic; 'All Creatures Great and Small'. The focus for this week's learning has been on humans. The children have been looking at baby photographs and made observations as to how they are growing and changing. They have been naming parts of the body and used the story 'Funny Bones' to learn about our skeleton. They made their own skeleton pictures using cotton buds, straws and chalk. They have also explored finding one more than a given number in maths.



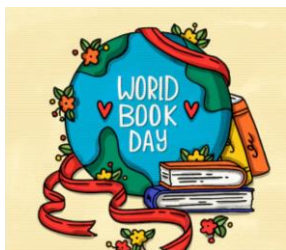
KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – have settled back into school life and our routines really well. Year 2 have been learning all about the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Whilst Year 1 have been revising place value, addition and subtraction. In English, we have been looking at instructional writing, practicing being bossy with our imperative verbs and adding adverbs to our writing. The children have really enjoyed following instructions to make jam sandwiches and writing/editing instructions to accompany this experience. Plus, we also really enjoyed eating them! We are very excited for our Frozen planet topic day next week.



LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have come back to school after half term with a super attitude! The children have started to look at how advertising can be used, and focused on the importance of features such as hyperbole - they're very good at exaggerating things! They will be using the features to write their own advert for Thor'sday Thursday from 'How to train your dragon'! History has seen us completing research about the life during the Viking period - an event that includes the ugliest baby competition, gull's egg eating competition and the dragon initiation test. Fox Class have been working hard on consolidating their division skills especially with remainders. Year 4 have enjoyed their first computing lesson about animation and impressed with their funny animations using frames.

KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – have been learning about the Coventry Blitz, which took place on November 14, 1940. During this devastating event, over 30,000 incendiary bombs were dropped on the city, causing widespread destruction. One of the most significant losses was Coventry Cathedral, which was nearly destroyed by the bombing, though the ruins have since become a symbol of resilience and peace. As part of their studies, the children have begun writing their own short newspaper excerpts about the bombings, reflecting on the impact this historical event had on the city and its people. Year 6 Pupils have also made a positive start to their SATs practice.

World Book Day



We welcome children to come to school on Thursday 6th March dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please do not feel you need to purchase a costume, homemade costumes are perfect!

At 9:05am we would like to welcome parents to come in and read with their child.

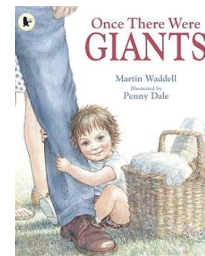
Unfortunately, we will not be able to have parents moving freely around the school, but we would like you to select a class to visit and sit and enjoy a story with your child in that class.

Note/Reminders

- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to remain absent from school for 48 hours from the last episode
- Change to Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th March, school dinner menu

Book of the Week – Mrs Ellwood’s class have been reading ‘Once There Were Giants’ by Martin Waddell.

Once there was a baby in the house - and to that baby, Mum and Dad and Jill and John and Uncle Tom were giants. But little by little, that baby grew up - until she became a giant too! Martin Waddell says of the book, "Small children live in a world designed for big people. I wrote this story to help them understand it, and the idea of growing older."



Welcome back to another busy half term, I hope you managed to enjoy some quality family time together during half term.

We have started this half term with some exciting things happening. The first being the school has now got a new set of iPads for the children to use, courtesy of the BSA. These new iPads will allow the children to use technology across the curriculum and enhance their learning experiences. Things like this wouldn't be possible without the support of all of the parents and our fabulous BSA.

It has also been lovely to welcome some new teaching assistants within the school. We hope that Mr Lay, Mr Steele and Miss Grub will all be happy in their new roles as teaching assistants at our school and that the children will enjoy benefiting from their experience, skills and caring personalities.

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day where we will once again get to dress up as our favourite book characters. I can't wait to see the wide array of characters we will have this year!

I would also like to mention how fantastic our celebration assemblies are where we get to celebrate achievements both in and out of school. It is a real privilege to see the children 'Reaching for the Stars'.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and you get a well-deserved rest and some quality family time.

Mr A. Morris

St Matthew's Church presents



Tuesday
11th March

6-7 pm



Join us at Church for a special 1 hour performance exploring many of the parables of Jesus by theatre company '4Front' with energetic songs and interactive storytelling.

This show is suitable for the whole family, with enough fun to keep little ones engaged and enough laughs to keep the grown-ups smiling the whole way through.

£3 per person.
Follow the QR code to
prepay for tickets





Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

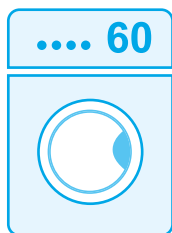
- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear

DO



Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants



DON'T



Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)

MOST NEEDED THIS MONTH DONATE HERE

WHAT TO DONATE

- Coffee
- Tinned meat meals
- UHT milk
- Hand wash
- Tinned fruit
- UHT fruit juice
- Instant mash
- Shaving foam
- Washing up liquid

WHERE TO DONATE

STRATFORD

Tesco
Morrisons
Waitrose
Lidl
Aldi
Sainsbury's Local

OTHER AREAS

Bidford Co-Op & One Stop
Claverdon Community Shop
Mickleton Village Shop
Tiddington Spar
Trinity Mead Co-Op
Wilmcote Village Stores

FOODBANK WAREHOUSE TIMES: Fred Winter Centre, 41 Guild Street, Stratford CV37 6QY Mon and Wed 2-4pm, Sat 9.30-11.30am

Please note, we cannot accept food donations outside these times.

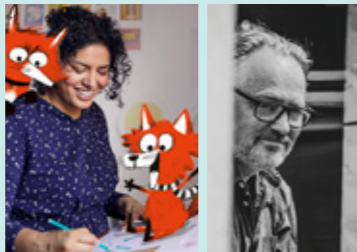
There is a donation basket in the foyer area of the Fred Winter Centre for small donations



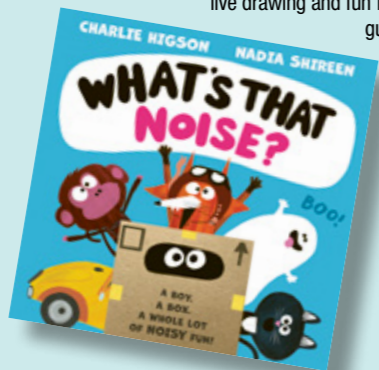
Events for Families

Saturday 10th May

**Nadia Shireen
and Charlie Higson**
What's That Noise?
£8 | 10-11am | Age 4+



Join author, actor and comedian Charlie Higson and award-winning illustrator Nadia Shireen for this fast and funny event based on their brand-new picture book, *What's That Noise?* Laughs, noisy games, live drawing and fun for all the family guaranteed!



Saturday 10th May

Dame Jacqueline Wilson
The Seaside Sleepover
£8 | 10-11am | Age 6+



One of the UK's bestselling children's authors (and a Festival Ambassador) brings you the latest in her hugely popular *Sleepovers* series featuring Daisy and her friends - and Daisy's sister Lily. The summer holidays have finally arrived, and Daisy longs for a proper holiday at the seaside, building sandcastles, eating lots of ice cream and maybe even spotting a mermaid in the sea. Daisy's sister, Lily, wants to come too, but she uses a wheelchair which can make trips to the seaside tricky. Especially with all that sand! Then Scruff arrives in their life...



Saturday 10th May

Bunny vs Monkey Trail
FREE | All day

Can you find mischievous Bunny, Monkey and their friends around the Festival site? Go on a hunt for these beloved characters in this family-friendly trail created especially for us by *Bunny vs Monkey* author and illustrator Jamie Smart.



**FREE
drop-in
FUN!**



Saturday 10th May

Superhero Drop-In and Do
Drawing, craft and games!
FREE | 11am-1pm | Age 5+

Pop along and get creative with superhero craft and games, plus create your own character with *The Phoenix Comic* artist Abby Bulmer.



In partnership with The Phoenix Comic

Saturday 10th May

Maz Evans
Oh What a Knight!
£8 | 11.30am-12.30pm | Age 7+



Embark on a madcap journey with superstar author Maz Evans - from the Maya Underworld, through Ancient Egypt and all the way to Camelot to find Excalibur and save the world. Join in the fun and games and discover ancient myths and Arthurian legend in this hilarious, energetic event.





Saturday 10th May

Gareth P Jones
Fairytale Musical Mash-Up
£8 | 1-2pm | Age 5+



Author, performer, musician. Gareth does it all! Come and sing, laugh and learn along as he brings his books to life in an interactive musical performance based on his fairytale retellings: *Rapunzel*, *Snowy White* and *Cindergrilla*.



Events
for Families

Saturday 10th May

Comic Workshop
With The Phoenix Comic
£10 | 2-3pm | Age 8+



Channel your inner artist and get creative in this interactive comic creation workshop with cartoonist and comic artist Abby Bulmer as seen in *The Phoenix comic*, *Sonic the Hedgehog* and *My Little Pony*.



Saturday 10th May

Introduction to
Dungeons and Dragons
£10 | 3.30-4.30pm | Age 11-16



Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons but not sure where to start? Or perhaps you are a Dungeon Master looking for tips and tricks? Bring your friends along to this interactive D&D workshop where you'll explore how to play, how to create characters and how to run your own game at home!

Please note: Adults are also expected to buy a ticket to events.

See full terms and conditions.

Terms and Conditions

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- » All events take place at the venue printed on your ticket. You will be contacted by email in advance of an event if the venue or any details change.
- » Tickets are sold through an external box office. Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged. All tickets booked by phone or online incur a booking fee. This booking fee is charged by our external box office. Postal ticket delivery is an additional £2.50. Should a ticket be refunded because of an unavoidable cancellation or circumstances beyond the Festival's control, the booking fee will not be returned.
- » Tickets will be on sale at the Festival information desk during the Festival, unless an event is sold out. The booking number and online booking link can be found on each page of our programme and on our website.
- » All seats are unreserved. Some events may have staggered pricing based on where you will be seated in the auditorium.
- » No animals are permitted into the Crowne Plaza Hotel except assistance dogs.
- » Accessibility: all venues can accommodate wheelchairs and those with mobility issues, and there is an accessible toilet. All venues have step-free access. Please contact us on info@stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk if you have particular needs or require a seat close to the stage due to hearing or sight challenges. All speakers use a microphone.
- » Children under 14 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18 years of age). We cannot accept responsibility for unaccompanied children. Children over 14 may attend alone but must be delivered and collected by a responsible adult and are not the responsibility of the Festival. Adults attending children's events are expected to buy a ticket unless otherwise stated. Children under 2 and babes in arms who do not require a seat do not need a ticket.
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- » All events are an hour long unless otherwise stated. Books are available to buy at each event and authors will sign copies of their books after each event. Books featured at the Festival and those signed at earlier events will be on sale at Waterstones, 8 High Street. We request that you do not bring copies of books for signature not purchased at the event.
- » Some events may be filmed or recorded. By buying a ticket you are giving your consent to be filmed or recorded as a member of the audience. Please let one of the Festival team know if you do not wish to be in a photograph.
- » All details and prices are correct at time of going to press.

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