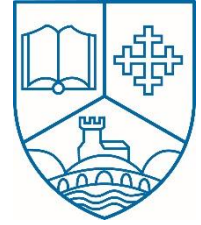


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 24 – 14th March 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Monday 17th March – KS1 Sports Enrichment (Come to school wearing clothes sensible for Forest School and PE. Wellies and waterproofs will be needed – please bring them in a separate bag)

Thursday 20th March – Class Photos

Thursday 20th March – No girls football

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief Day

Monday 24th March – LKS2 Sports Enrichment (Come to school in PE kit)

Friday 28th March – Non uniform Day (chocolate donation)

Monday 31st March – UKS2 Sports Enrichment (Come to school in PE kit)

Friday 4th April until 11 April – Book Fair

Friday 4th April – Easter Bingo

Monday 7th April – EYFS Sports Enrichment (Come to school in PE kit)

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 13th June – School Disco

Friday 27th June – School Summer Fayre and Circus

Monday 21st July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Reception – have continued their learning about farm animals with a focus on animals and their young. They have been talking about the features of animals and wrote their own clues for their friends to work out which animal was being described. Linking in with our learning about farms and farm animals, all of the children have worked on a collective corridor display called On the Farm.



KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into activities related to British Science week. Firstly, we observed how animal's feet have adapted to suit their environment. We compared different creatures and looked at their differences. Next, we thought about animals which live in the Arctic and specifically Polar bears and how their blubber keeps them warm. We completed an experiment whereby we tested how long we could keep our hand in cold water for. Afterwards we used lard as an insulator and realised that it helped us keep our hand warm and therefore keep our hand in the freezing water for longer.

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – What a creative week in LKS2! The children have been designing their own dragon eye sculptures. Fox and Hare Class have begun using clay to create their sculptures and following their designs carefully - taking onboard that modifications will need to happen to ensure our sculptures don't break. Mrs Foster and Mr Plumbe are super impressed with the patience and creativity the children have demonstrated; Mr Thackway is excited to get sculpting with Badger Class!



KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – have been learning about the fascinating process of wastewater treatment, exploring how water goes from being "black water" to clean river water. As part of their studies, they have conducted an experiment to investigate how different toilet papers, rolls, and wipes break down in water. This hands-on activity has allowed the children to observe and analyse how these materials degrade and impact the water cycle. The children are continuing to explore their findings, with further analysis scheduled for next week as they work to understand the environmental effects of everyday products.

Science Fair

A big thank you to the children for their amazing projects, it has been very difficult for staff & governors to choose winners as every child had clearly put a lot of time and effort into their project and they all should be very proud of what they achieved. The results will be announced during Monday's assembly when some of our governors will be in to present the awards.



Free parent course

We are excited to share with you a range of parenting courses/workshops available to Warwickshire families for **free**. The courses range from 'Managing after school meltdowns', 'Understanding you child's behaviour' and a wide range of courses around **understanding autism**. Please see the attached letter for more information and how to sign up.

School Dinners

We continue to work closely with our meal providers Educaterers, and they have asked us to inform you of a price increase that will be introduced starting on the 1st April 2025. Paid pupil meals will have a 10p increase per meal, they have held off making this increase for as long as possible, however unfortunately the time has come to have to implement this. The new pricing that will show on school gateway from 1st April 2025 will be £2.85 per meal.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Families of children throughout all years within the school can apply for free school meals. The entitlement of free school meals and pupil premium is dependent on household incomes. We would like to encourage all our families that are not already in receipt of this to fill in the application form using this link www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling [01926 359189](tel:01926359189).

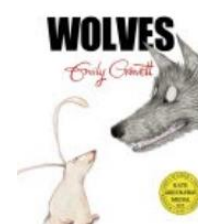
Although Children in Reception, year 1 and 2 do not pay for their meals, if you are eligible for free school meals, by completing the form we can claim Pupil Premium of up to £1385 to help support your child in school.

Comic Relief – Friday 21st March

This year Red Nose Day is celebrating 40 years of going big! We would like to welcome the children to come to school in their own clothes and something red for a £1 donation. Each year Comic Relief work hard to raise money which helps to put food on plates and roofs over heads, keep little ones safe and help to support families affected by conflict here in the UK and around the world – all of your donations will be gratefully received by them.



Book of the Week – Mr Nailor's class have been reading 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. Rabbit borrows a book about wolves from the library. Straightforward enough. But it's not long before a sinister figure with sharp claws and a bushy tail starts to creep right off the pages. You won't believe your eyes - especially if you're a rabbit.



It was lovely to see so many entries for the Science Fair at our school. The standard was so high with amazing science, fantastic presentation skills and such interesting facts. Next week we will be announcing the winners, but everybody who has taken part will receive a certificate and a gold star for their reward charts!

It has been a hive of activity in our Lower Key Stage 2 this week with some amazing artwork that has been completed by the children. So far I have seen the work in Fox and Hare classes and this was truly out of this world!

I think these children definitely have a future in art and design!

Next Friday we will be celebrating 'Comic Relief' day where we will be dressing in something red and donating £1 towards this fantastic cause. Don't forget to wear your red noses if you have one!!

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and manage to have some well-deserved family time together.

Mr A. Morris

Managing after school meltdowns

We have been made aware of a free course which we wanted to share with you called '8 Sensory Strategies to Manage after School Meltdowns'. This exciting 45minute course is led by Jessica Kirton, who is an Occupational Therapist and Advanced Sensory Integration Practitioner and she will be sharing easy and practical strategies to support children who bottle up their sensory integration difficulties all day at school and then melt down as soon as they are safely home. The course is designed for parents and families, with quick and easy strategies for the first hour after coming home from school.

If you are interested, here is the link to enrol:

<https://www.sensoryhelpnow.org/courses/p03-8-sensory-strategies-to-manage-after-school-meltdowns>

Warwickshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Inclusion Strategy

The new [Warwickshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029](#) has been published and is now live on the County Council website, and parents, carers, and others with an interest in SEND, are invited to sign up to a one-off webinar on **Tuesday 18 March, 12.30 - 1.30pm** to learn more.

The first part of the session will consist of a presentation outlining the main aims and six priorities included within the strategy and the actions identified to deliver these over the next five years. This will be followed by a live Q&A, providing an opportunity for attendees to ask questions about the strategy.

Register today - to sign up to the webinar please [complete this short form](#).

For those unable to attend on the day, the presentation element of the session will be recorded and made available after the event on [Warwickshire's Local Offer pages](#).

Read more - [this news article](#) has more information about Warwickshire's SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029.

Understanding your child's behaviour

Being a parent is exciting and rewarding but there are also times when children behave in ways that are challenge us. This 2-hour in person interactive workshop looks at some of the reason's children behave the way they do and offers insight and strategies to help guide their behaviour. This workshop is for parents with children aged from 2 yrs - 12 yrs.

Some of the areas the workshop covers:

- **Understanding and meeting children's needs**
- **Behaviour as a form of communication**
- **Feelings and thoughts**
- **Supporting your child when they experience strong emotions such as anger**
- **Giving Instructions**
- **Looking after ourselves as parents/carers**

This workshop will take place on Studley Infant School at 9:30-11:30 and is free to Warwickshire parents.

This is an opportunity to meet with other parents to discuss children's behaviour and strategies to support.

Act for Autism workshops/course

Regulating Emotions

Date: MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2024

Time: 7:30-9 PM GMT.

Free ticket link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/regulating-emotions-tickets-1263937885239?aff=erelexpmlt&keep_tld=1

The Most Effective Way to Connect with your Autistic Child

Date: Monday, 24th March 2025

Time: 8 – 9 PM GMT

Reserve Your Free Ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-most-effective-way-to-connect-with-your-autistic-child-tickets-1137883753939?aff=odtdtcreator>

Sensory Processing in Autism

Date: online – on demand, access at a time to suit you

Free ticket link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/3-sensory-processing-in-autism-on-demand-parentcarer-webinar-tickets-439513515757?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&_gl=1*1trntec*_up*MQ..*_ga*NTAwMDcxNTg4LjE3NDE5NjQ5OTQ.*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*MTc0MTk2NDk5NC4xLjAuMTc0MTk2NDk5NC4wLjAuMA..

Sleeping difficulties and Autism

Date: online – on demand, access at a time to suit you

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Understanding Autism

Fear of loud noises and fussiness around food. Intolerance of change and dislike of crowds. Meltdowns and anxiety, stimming and phobias. Gender dysphoria and low self esteem All this and more, what does it all mean?

Date: online – on demand, access at a time to suit you

Free ticket link: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-on-demand-understanding-autism-parentcarer-training-session-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1-on-demand-understanding-autism-parentcarer-training-session-tickets-166033555835?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&_gl=1*1y4m9z6*_up*MQ..*_ga*NTAwMDcxNTg4LjE3NDE5NjQ5OTQ.*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*MTc0MTk2NDk5NC4xLjAuMTc0MTk2NDk5NC4wLjAuMA..)

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Demand avoidance and Autism, including PDA

Date: online – on demand, access at a time to suit you

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Positive wellbeing and Autism

Date: online – on demand, access at a time to suit you

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BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Date for your diary:

Easter Bingo **Friday 4th April**



**Doors open 5.30pm -
Eyes down and first game at 6pm.**

Full bar and snacks will be available on the night.

Lots of lovely chocolatey prizes to be won!

**Tickets on sale after school from next
Wednesday 19th March
- £3.50 per person**

Thank you in advance for all your support of our events, and if you could spare any time to help us out with future fundraising, please contact us via Facebook or leave a message at the school office.

Thank you – The BSA Team xx

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