

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 25 – 21st March 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

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)

Monday 31st March – Girls Football club cancelled

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

Thursday 10th April – Easter Church Visit (Children only)

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 been learning about polar bears. They have been sharing the rhyme Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear? By Bill Martin & Eric Carle. They created their own versions of the rhyme using pictorial story maps and have been using these to retell their rhymes using patterned language from the original book. In maths we have been learning about odd and even numbers.



KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – have been finishing off our information pages about penguins. We have researched and become experts when it comes to Emperor Penguins. The children have enjoyed making these information pages designing everything from the front cover to the individual captions of the images. Furthermore, we have moved onto working with grams and kilograms. The children have enjoyed using the balancing scales and experimenting with different weights to gain more of an understanding of mass.

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – Another creative week in Year 3 and 4! Badger Class have begun making their class sculptures whilst Fox and Hare Class have painted their dragon eyes, ideally using a maximum of 3 colours which harmonise together, finally adding a silver, gold or bronze metallic paint to highlight certain features. In English, we have started planning a news report based on the events of Thor's Day Thursday in *How To Train Your Dragon*. Most events of the day went swimmingly, however not the Young Viking Initiation Test! The children have found writing in past tense and sticking to the facts quite a challenge.

KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – have been researching the life of Adolf Hitler, exploring his childhood, young adult years, and his family. They will be using what they've learned to create creative topic pages about him. This morning, the children also had a special production from Loudmouth, where they learned the acronym PANTS to help remind them how to stay safe both in and outside of the home. It's been a week of both history and important life lessons! (Please see the attached leaflet for more information, only accessible to Year 5 and 6 only)

Science Competition

We have been overwhelmed with the entries to this year's science competition. All of entries were of a very high standard and we can see that a lot of hard work has gone in to all of them. The range of themes was also amazing. Mrs Satchwell, our science coordinator, enjoyed looking at all the entries and found it very challenging to choose the winners, but after a lot of deliberation here are the results:

Reception – Joint 1st place, Ella and Sarah

KS1 - 1st place Ricardo, 2nd place Adria and joint 3rd place, Izzy and Olivia

LKS2 1st place Mads, 2nd place Ollie and 3rd place Emilia

UKS2 1st place Isaac, 2nd place William and joint 3rd place, Maya and Alarnah

We had a very exciting assembly on Monday when prizes and certificates were given out. All children received a certificate and a gold star for all their hard work.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

Starting on Monday 24th March our school community will be working together to take part in the Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs until the 4th April and we would love everyone to be involved.

Where possible we would like children to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as they can during the event. Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Comic Relief – Friday 21st March

Thank you for all your donations towards Comic Relief, we raised an amazing £291! This year Red Nose Day is celebrating 40 years of going big! 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.



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.

Notes/Reminders

- With some warmer weather now approaching please ensure your child has a named sun hat/cap and that sun cream is applied before the start of the school day. Please also check that jumpers and cardigans are clearly named.



Book of the Week – Mrs Jones & Mrs Flavell's class have been reading 'A Monster ate my packed lunch' by Pamela Butchart.

Izzy and her friends are on a school trip to a big lake. Gary Petrie is excited because the lodges where they're staying have ROBES AND SLIPPERS! The lake is dark and deep and a bit scary. But it's when they open their packed lunches that they know! There's a MONSTER in the lake and it's coming for their CRISPS!



It has been another very busy week with the week starting off with our enrichment day for Key stage 1. It is always lovely to see the children enjoying the practical side of learning and having a fantastic day being scientists, forest explorers and experts at pickle ball!

They had such a wonderful time and I know lower key stage 2 will be looking forward to their enrichment time on Monday!

The school has been a sea of red today as children have worn their own clothes and something red to support Comic Relief. It is great to see them supporting a fantastic charity and also enjoying dressing up in their own clothes!

It's hard to believe how each week is so busy! Next week I can see the year 5 children will be continuing their work on the twinning project after receiving their letters from their pen pals; very exciting! We will also have some children taking part in an Ogden Trust science day where we get to encourage our scientists of tomorrow.

Every week is so busy, it is important to have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we get some Spring sun!

Mr A. Morris



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BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Date for your diary:

Non-Uniform Day Friday 28th March

Please bring a chocolate donation to school next Friday – these will be used as prizes for our exciting Bingo event on Friday 4th April.

**Limited number of tickets still available for sale after school next week
- £3.50 per person.**

Full bar and snacks will be available to purchase on the night.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

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

Find us on Facebook – 'Bidford School BSA'



Eat well, move more



Swap sugary drinks for water or milk.



Check portion sizes and give children smaller plates.



Make exercise fun with active games.



Walk, cycle or scoot for short journeys.



For help to stay healthy go to:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/eatwellmovemore