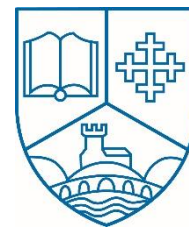


# Bidford on Avon

## Church of England Primary School



### **NEWSLETTER 30 – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

#### **Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> May – SATS for Year 6

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3/4 Boys Football cancelled

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Girls Football cancelled

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 singing concert 9.30am in the school hall – Parents invited

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – VE day Celebrations – Children to come dressed in red, white & blue

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> June – Multiplication Tables Test for Year 4 Pupils

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June to 13<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening for Year 1 & some Year 2 Pupils

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 9:30am Parent workshop 'Understanding your child's behaviour' (book via Eventbrite)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – School Disco

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – School Summer Fayre and Circus

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day (children to come to school in house colour t-shirt) Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will start at 9.15am & Rec, Year 1 & 2 at 1.15pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – School reports will be sent home during this week

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Secondary Transition Day (St Benedicts)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Secondary Transition Day (Alcester Academy, King Edwards VI, Alcester Grammar)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Children in Reception to Year 5 will meet their new class teacher

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Open classrooms - Parents welcome in school at 3.30pm to look at children's work

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Ocarina Concert – Parents welcome, Year 2 at 10am, Year 3 at 11am, Year 4 at 2.30pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Warwickshire Youth Choir Concert (Year 5) Link for Tickets -

<https://www.warwickshireyouthchoirs.org/sing-together>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Singtastic Concert at Coventry Cathedral (children arrive at 1.30pm concert at 5pm)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Play (parents invited) at 2pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Back up day for Sports Day

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Talent show (children only)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers service at 9.30am – Parents welcome

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – School Finishes at 3.25pm for pupils for the summer term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

**Reception** – have been reading the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. We have planted bean seeds and will be checking them regularly for signs of growth. We have discussed how we need to look after the bean seeds to enable them to grow. We have also shared the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and been discussing alternative ideas as to what could be at the top of a magic beanstalk. In maths we have been practising our counting. On Thursday during Collective Worship, the Reception children were welcomed in to their school house of either Mars, Saturn, Neptune or Jupiter. Each child has been presented with a certificate stating which house they are in.

**KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2)** – WHAT A WEEK! KS1 behaved impeccably on our trip to the British Motor Museum on Tuesday and Wednesday. They set a fantastic example for our school and we could not be more proud. We took part in a Lego workshop where we learnt about different road surfaces and the aerodynamics of cars before having a tour with one of our guides. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and our free time where we discovered the rest of the museum. We explored from the very first motor cars up until the most modern, seeing lots along the way. Some of the children even spotted cars that had been in films or TV programmes. Well done to all who took part!

**LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)** – have been exploring our new topic - . We have already learnt so much, please ask us about the structure of a volcano and how this links to the structure of the Earth! In Science we have continued our work on plants and have started to gain a better understanding of how water is transported through a plant. Poetry has been our focus in English and we have loved looking at poems all about food. We compared different poems and analysed how language is used by poets. The week ended with learning about VE Day and we found it interesting to learn more about the end of WW2.



**KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)** – Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on their final bits of revision, showing great focus and determination. They've all done an excellent job and should be very proud of their efforts. With SATs just around the corner, they're well-prepared and ready to give it their best. Well done, Year 6 — this time next week, it will all be over!

### **Football Match**

On Tuesday, our Y3/4 Boys Football team played Snitterfield Primary School. The boys played a good game and the final score was a draw of 2-2.

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 Girls & Year 5/6 Boys teams played Ettington Primary School. Both teams played a fantastic game, the boys' match ended with a loss of 7-6 and the girls' match ended with a staggering win of 16-0.

Thank you to parents for the transport and support.

### **11+ (Year 5 Parents)**

If you would like to register your child for the 11+, you will need to register between the 7<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please use the following link - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test/register-11-test#:~:text=For%20Secondary%20School%20Entry%20in,just%20started%20in%20Year%2006>.

### Notes/Reminders

DON'T  
FORGET

- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please leave a message on our absence line 01789 773201, Option 1, email to [admin3011@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3011@welearn365.com) or send a message on the school gateway app by 9.15am
- **NO Swimming** for Year 4 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May but PE sessions are still going ahead, so PE kit will be needed
- **PE Change** – Year 5 (Miss Waters class) will have PE on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May instead of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Year 6 (Miss Drissell's class) will have PE on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May instead of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>
- **SATs breakfast**, Year 6 children are invited for a breakfast top-up at 8.30am before SAT's

### Book of the Week – Miss Water's class have been reading 'The Umbrella Mouse' by Anna Fargher.

It is 1944 and London is under attack. Young mouse Pip Hanway's safe and quiet world is turned upside down when her home, umbrella shop James Smith & Sons, is destroyed by a bomb.

Orphaned and alone, she must begin a perilous quest to find a new home.

But the only way to get there is by joining Noah's Ark, a secret gang of animals fighting with the resistance in France, operating beneath the feet of the human soldiers. Danger is everywhere and as the enemy closes in, Pip must risk everything to save her new friends.



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I hope you had an enjoyable bank holiday weekend and made the most of the surprisingly good weather. This week has continued to be busy with the children working hard on their learning. I am so impressed with the maturity and resilience the children within our Year 6 class have shown in preparation for their SATS that will be happening next week. You can clearly see the dedication to their learning as they have been focused and looked carefully at how they can each reach their full potential. This is partially due to their own resilience and attitude, but also the dedication of our teachers who encourages the children to achieve their best without putting untoward pressure on them.


Yesterday, we all shared a two minute silence to honour those who served and suffered in the world wars and we look forward to celebrating properly on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, when we will be hosting a range of lovely activities to explore and learn more about VE day.

I also would like to say huge well done to the KS1 pupils who represented our school so well on their school trip this week. They all had a wonderful time at the Motor Museum and learnt so much. The Year 2 pupils were also lucky enough to witness a special VE Spitfire fly over!

As part of our school reward system, when pupils earn 80 gold stars they get to enjoy a 'Tea Party' with the Headteacher, this week, I got to enjoy my very first one. I was so impressed with the children's manners, their lovely conversation and their attitude to their learning/time in school. On top of all of that, the cakes were amazing!

Mr A. Morris

# Tips for coping with exam stress



Make a  
revision  
timetable

Create a revision  
timetable to keep you on  
track.




Take  
regular  
breaks

Try revising in short  
bursts—set a timer for a  
period of time and then  
have a break and  
stretch your legs.

Sleep well

Allow at least 30 minutes  
of winding down before  
bed.



Find what  
works for  
you

Everyone revises in  
different ways and you  
should find what works  
best for you. This could be  
alone or with friends; in  
the morning or in the  
evening.



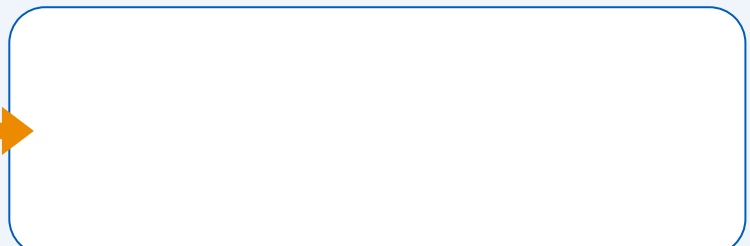

Eat well

Healthy eating  
boosts your energy  
and reduces stress.

Talk to  
someone!

Feeling stressed is  
normal. Identify a  
trusted person to spend  
time with and talk to  
when you are feeling  
stressed.

Can you share a tip of  
your own?



For support in college, our  
Mental Health Lead is:

# Accessing external support



**MHST:** visit our website for more information about our services.

[www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk](http://www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk)



**KOOTH:** find advice and information on their website for support.

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)



**Samaritans:** a 24 hour phone line ready to offer support, whatever you are going through.

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

Phone number: 116 123



**Rise Crisis Team:** For any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling **NHS 111**.

**How full is your Stress Bucket?**

The Stress Bucket explained:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TEeoQROLqM>





Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
2 - 4pm  
at St Laurence Church Bidford

Craft, activities, food and celebration for everyone

Families with children of all ages welcome

No need to book

Free (donation welcome) F

or more

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





# ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** at Bidford on Avon CE Primary School.

Venue - Bidford on Avon Primary School studio. 3:25pm – 4.30pm,  
**TUESDAYS, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup> 2025. (4 weeks)**

Details - This is a club for years Reception to Yr6.

Children come to the club straight from class.

We'll start with a snack (fruit/biscuit/cake) and then a weekly selection of arts and crafts to get creative with! And often end with a game or two.

Crafts involved include painting wooden and porcelain models, designing pictures, collage, decorating boxes etc., cake/biscuit icing, seasonal crafts when applicable, playdoh, beading, sticker art, scratch art and many more.

Cost - £38/child for the 4 weeks.

Please book direct with Su Lincoln.

E: [sulincoln.sl@gmail.com](mailto:sulincoln.sl@gmail.com) M: 07813 993206

....Places are limited....

Payment to be made in advance to:

Mrs S. Lincoln

Bank account: 01438663

Sort code: 30 98 26

Reference: your child's name



**PLEASE CONFIRM PLACE BEFORE PAYMENT**

Information also required.

Childs full name:

Parent/carer name:

School year:

Any Allergies:

Allowed to walk home? (years 5 and 6 only):

Emergency tel. no.:

