Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 37 – 4th July 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Monday 7th July – Year 6 PE (Changed from Wednesday)

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

Monday 7th July – Open classrooms - Parents welcome in school at 3.30pm to look their child's work

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

Wednesday 9th July – UKS2 Enrichment Day (come to school in PE kit)

Wednesday 9th July – Year 3 PE (Changed from Monday)

Thursday 10th July – LKS2 Enrichment Day (come to school in PE kit)

Friday 11th July – Warwickshire Youth Choir Concert at Coventry Cathedral (Year 5) - (children arrive at 1.30pm concert at 5pm) Link for Tickets/T-shirts - <u>https://www.warwickshireyouthchoirs.org/sing-together</u>

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

Wednesday 16th July – Back up day for Sports Day

Thursday 17th July – Talent show (children only)

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Bowling trip

Friday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers service at 9.30am – Parents welcome

Friday 18th July – School Finishes at 3.25pm for pupils for the summer term

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

<u>Reception</u> – On Monday, we walked to the post box to post our teddy bear picnic invitations. In drawing club, we designed our own pictures of the three bears' cottage. We have continued exploring changes in breakfast foods and this week we made and tasted toast. In maths we have continued our learning on creating our own repeating patterns.







<u>KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2)</u> – have been working extremely hard on our D&T project making cars. The children have used their imagination extremely well to create a cartridge based on their own design. They have spent the week learning about cars and the various parts like the chassis and axel to create something great. We are very pleased with their work and dedication. They have also had a very active and fun enrichment day, which involved tennis, acting and eating S'mores!

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have been continuing their work on earthquakes and volcanoes by locating famous volcanoes on a world map and carrying out research using the iPads to create fact files. In English, we have written lots in the role of a variety of characters from our book, *The Butterfly Lion*. Fox Class have amazed Mrs Foster and Mrs Belfort with their empathy towards the characters and for producing fantastic poems related to the bravery shown by Bertie, the main character. All three classes have started their art project by exploring how artists create natural disaster themed work ready to produce their volcano landscape.

KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – have been hard at work continuing their play practise for their upcoming musical, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork as the performance approaches. They've had fantastic support from Year 5, who have been busy helping to prepare props for the show – a wonderful example of collaboration across year groups. This week has also been filled with excitement as the children returned from their transition days at their new high schools. They've come back buzzing with energy, full of stories and anticipation for the next stage in their journey. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they prepare for both their final performance and the exciting adventures ahead.

Junior Apprentice Success!

Following a hugely successful Junior Apprentice project, the Year 5 and 6 children showcased their entrepreneurial spirit by forming small teams to design and launch their own mini businesses. Last Friday evening, the school was buzzing with excitement as they took to the playground to sell their creative products and ideas. This week, the children calculated their revenue and worked out their profits after repaying any start-up loans. In total, they raised an incredible £1,162.52! Thanks to a generous £350 donation from the BSA, the full cost of the Year 6 leavers' bowling trip is now covered.

We may just see some budding Etsy shops popping up over the summer from our talented young entrepreneurs!

School uniform policy

Please ensure your child is wearing stud earrings and not hooped as outlined in our uniform policy <u>https://www.bidfordonavon.warwickshire.sch.uk/pdfs/policy-uniform.pdf</u>. Unfortunately, if your child is wearing unsuitable earrings, you may get a phone call to come in and change them.

Thank you to all parents for supporting our stricter jewellery policy. We have seen a significant improvement with less children wearing jewellery to school - We are also implementing stricter measures to address the rising incidence of pupils wearing jewellery to school. Any jewellery removed from children will be available to be collected from the school office at the end of the day. Bracelets and necklaces are not permitted to be worn.

Free parenting courses

From the 7th October we are extremely excited to be hosting a 10 week free parenting programme called 'Solihull Approach to Understanding your Child'.

'Understanding Your Child' is intended for parents and carers who want to know more about sensitive and effective parenting. It aims to develop a framework of thinking about parent/child relationships that can be developed into a lifelong skill. This in turn promotes effective behaviour management.

The programme explores issues such as:

- Tuning into children
- Exploring feelings
- Parenting styles
- Communication and what may be being communicated through behaviour
- Temper tantrums and anger why they happen and how to support your children to regulate their emotions
- Sleep
- Behavioural difficulties

Please see the poster attached for more information and how to register your interest

There are still spaces available on the following courses as well: <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-family-and-relationship-support--71623337213</u>

School struggles on Tuesday 9th September 2025 7pm to 8pm

After school meltdowns on Tuesday 23rd September 7pm to 9pm

Scan the QR codes to book you tickets or click here





School struggles

After school meltdowns

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/warwickshire-children-and-families/ Solihull Approach to Understanding Your Child (10-week programme) Wednesdays 9:30am – 10:30am 7th October – 16th December 2025

Notes/Reminders

 If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please leave a message on our absence line 01789 773201, Option 1, email to <u>admin3011@welearn365.com</u> or send a message on the school gateway app by <u>9.15am</u>



• With some warmer weather now here, 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 Foster and Mrs Belfort's class are still reading – *The Train to Impossible Places* by *PG Bell.*

Suzy has woken up to a train running through her living room where mum and dad are under a spell. She has boarded the *Impossible Postal Express* and met Ursel, Stonker and Wilmot, who are off to the five corners of reality to delivery parcels!



It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the Summer Fair last Friday. The children all had huge beams on their faces as they went to see the circus and spend their money on the wide variety of stalls. Huge thanks once again go out to the BSA for organising such an amazing event. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to the children in Year 5 and 6 for their enterprise projects. Their commitment to their projects was quite amazing and they managed to raise a huge amount of money.

The dedication demonstrated shows that we will definitely have some entrepreneurs in the future.

Huge apologies for the need to postpone sports day on Monday. As I put in my email it was the last thing I wanted to do, but the priority and well-being of the children has to always be paramount.

Today your children will have brought home their school report which will indicate their hard work and progress over the year. Next Monday, we are looking forward to the children having a transition session in their new classes, which will help reassure them of the next step in their education journey. It also means that you will be able to not only visit their current classroom in our open classroom session after school on Monday, but also their new classroom.

I hope you all have a restful weekend in readiness for the end of term excitement.

<u>Mr A. Morris</u>



THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to everyone that helped make our Summer Fayre last Friday so fantastic, and a massive thank you also to our lovely team of volunteers for helping to get everything ready for the event and run the stalls – we loved having the circus back at school too!

We hope everyone who attended had a great time and are delighted to let you know that the event raised an amazing:

£2,665.73

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

The BSA Team xxx



Reception to Year 6

7.55am to 8.55am Every morning during term time

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