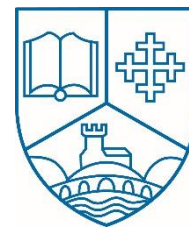


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 4 – 26th September 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd October – Year 6 attending PGL

Monday 6th October – Open evening for Reception 2026

Thursday 9th October – Open evening for Reception 2026

Thursday 9th October – World Mental Health Day (come to school wearing yellow)

Friday 10th October – BSA Bingo evening

Friday 10th October – Individual and sibling photographs

Thursday 16th October – Parents evening (Link to book will be sent week commencing 29th Sept)

Tuesday 21st October - Parents evening (Link to book will be sent week commencing 29th Sept)

Friday 24th October – Teacher Training day (school closed for children)

Monday 27th – 31st October – Half Term, school closed

Monday 3rd November – School re-opens

Wednesday 5th November – Open evening for Reception 2026

Friday 14th November – School Disco

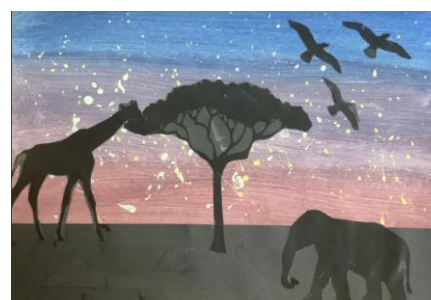
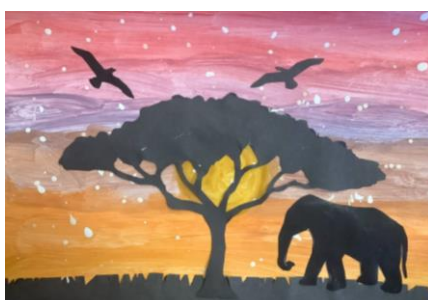
Thursday 27th November – Wreath making

Friday 12th December – Christmas Fayre



Year 5 & 6 – Benin Day

Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed an exciting Benin Art Day, where they explored African inspired creativity. They designed their very own 'Mancala' game using egg boxes, crafted clay counters, and decorated their boards with vibrant colours and traditional African patterns before learning how to play the game. The children also produced stunning African sunset artworks by creating a rich colour wash and layering striking black silhouettes of trees and a variety of African animals. A final thank you to parents for sending in so many egg boxes!



Volunteers – We are always grateful for volunteers to come and help support us with activities e.g. reading, sewing, school trips. We also need some help with Forest School on a Wednesday and Friday morning. If you would be able to help us please call into the school office. A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check would be required.

School Admissions – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2026 applications need to be made by 31st October 2025, you may find the following information from School Admissions helpful:

- Parent guide - providing guidance to parents to help decide and apply for a school place <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1980322935-2186>
- Video animation for parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

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 admin3011@welearn365.com or send a message on the school gateway app by 9.15am
- If your child will be collected by someone different, please contact the school office before 12pm on the day.



We've had another busy and exciting week of learning across the school!

Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of visiting Upper Key Stage 2 during their topic day and was absolutely amazed by their fantastic artwork—it truly was impressive! I also spent time with our Lower Key Stage 2 classes and was equally wowed by their detailed knowledge of animals—they certainly put my own knowledge to the test! These learning moments tied in beautifully with our assemblies this week, where we explored the theme of Wisdom and discussed how knowledge gained through experience helps us grow wiser each day.

Next week, we're looking forward to welcoming our Reception parents to the 'Early Reading and Phonics' sessions led by Mrs Ellwood. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to find out how you can support your child with those important early steps in reading.

A quick reminder to our Key Stage 1 parents: we kindly ask that you begin encouraging your child to walk independently from the first gate to their classroom. We understand this can be a big step, but it really supports their growing independence and helps staff ensure that all pupils are safe and secure during arrival.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend—and a special shout out to our Year 6 children and families. We hope you enjoy a restful break before heading off on your exciting PGL adventure next week!

Mr A. Morris