

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 5 – 3rd October 2025



Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Monday 6th October – Open evening for Reception 2026

Wednesday 8th October – Harvest Assembly, parents welcome. KS1 (Y1&2) 9:15-9:50am, KS2 (Year's 3-6) 10:45 – 11:20am

Thursday 9th October – Open evening for Reception 2026

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

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

Thursday 4th December – LKS2 Topic Day (More information to follow)

Friday 12th December – Christmas Fayre

Great Fire of London Day

On Thursday, the Year 1 and 2 children were transported back to 1666 as they delved into the events of the Great Fire of London. They had a fantastic time creating fiery artwork using collage and blow-painting techniques. The children also explored traditional weaving methods and crafted their own woven pieces. To top it all off, they used real quills to write in Samuel Pepys' secret code, just like people did in the 17th century. It was an exciting and hands-on way to bring history to life!



PGL

From Wednesday to Friday, our Year 6 pupils embarked on an unforgettable adventure at PGL. Over the three days, the children challenged themselves with a range of exciting outdoor activities, including the giant swing, zip line, buggy building, survival activities and raft building. There was plenty of laughter, teamwork, and courage on display as they stepped out of their comfort zones and encouraged one another to try new things. It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, strengthen friendships, and make lasting memories in their last year at primary school. Well done, Year 6 – we're proud of you!



Attendance

Regular attendance and staying for the full school day are key to every child's learning and sense of belonging. Arriving on time ensures that children are settled, ready to learn, and that they don't miss the important start-of-day, which lays the foundation for the rest of their learning. Even a few minutes late each day can add up to hours of lost learning over time. Our end-of-day assembly is also an important time where we come together to celebrate achievements, share news, and strengthen our school community. When children are collected early, they miss not only valuable lesson time but also the opportunity to be part of these shared experiences. We kindly ask that early collections are made only when absolutely necessary and with prior agreement. Supporting your child to be on time and attend fully each day helps them feel included, confident, and ready to succeed. We appreciate your support to ensure all pupils are in school for a full day of learning, fun and time as a school community.

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

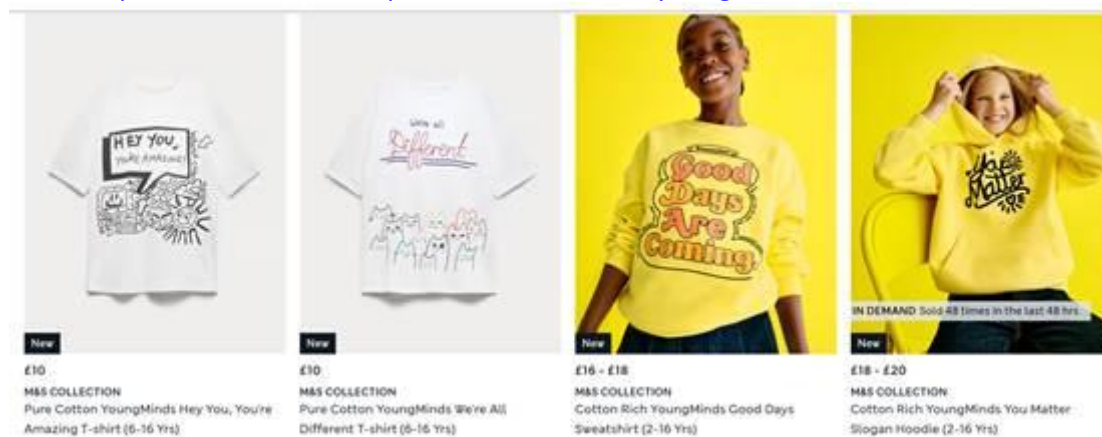
🌸 World Mental Health Day – Thursday 9th October 🌸

This year, our school will be supporting **World Mental Health Day** on **Thursday 9th October**. Pupils are invited to come to school **wearing yellow instead of their uniform** to help raise awareness of mental health.

In return we ask that you make a donation to **YoungMinds** (<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>) to support this important cause. Every contribution helps provide vital mental health support for young people. Please click the link below to make a donation.

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/Bidford-on-AvonPrimarySchool/hello-yellow>

We are excited to share that M&S are supporting this initiative as well! They have a special clothing range available in-store and online to celebrate World Mental Health Day. You can explore the range here: <https://www.marksandspencer.com/content/youngminds>



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.



It has been another busy week at school, especially with our Year 6 children embarking on their PGL adventure. I had the pleasure of visiting them on Thursday and was truly impressed by their positive attitude toward the challenges they faced, the support they showed one another, and their excellent behaviour throughout. Trips like these are only possible thanks to the dedication of our staff who go above and beyond to make them happen. A huge thank you to Mrs Moore, Mrs Satchwell, Miss Waters, Mr Lay, and Mr Steele for their commitment. The children certainly seemed to be having a fantastic time—though they might be a little tired now!

Looking ahead to next week, we will be holding our Harvest assembly, where we will sing traditional Harvest songs and take time to give thanks for the wonderful food we enjoy. As always, we will be selling the produce at the end of the school day to raise funds for 'Water Aid,' a charity that Bidford Primary School has proudly supported for many years.

Additionally, parent consultation letters will be sent out soon to arrange appointments for this term. Please note that consultations for Year 6 pupils will be postponed until Miss Drissell returns.

I kindly ask that all KS1 parents wait at the first gate and encourage their children to walk independently to their classrooms. This not only helps develop an important life skill—independence—but also allows staff at the gate to maintain clear supervision and ensure no child leaves the premises unnoticed.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend filled with quality family time.

Mr A. Morris



Messy Church

Saturday 11th October

2 - 4pm

at St Laurence's Church
Bidford



Fun, activities, food and celebration for
families with children of all ages with a

No need to book

Free (donation welcome)

For more information email
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