Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 6 – 10th October 2025

CALENDAR

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

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

Harvest Festival

We were delighted to celebrate another wonderful Harvest Festival this year! A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to join us for the celebration. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing songs and poems that reminded us all of the importance of gratitude and community spirit at harvest time.

We are also extremely grateful for the generous donations of food produce brought in by you all. These contributions helped us raise £78.34 for WaterAid, supporting access to clean water around the world. Any leftover food items will be donated to the Stratford Foodbank, ensuring that nothing goes to waste and that our local community benefits too. Thank you once again for helping make our Harvest Festival such a meaningful and successful occasion!





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

World Mental Health Day

A huge thank you to all our pupils for taking part in our World Mental Health Day celebration on Thursday! The school was filled with sunshine and smiles as everyone came together wearing yellow, helping to create a warm, cheerful, and positive atmosphere throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and support for such an important cause.

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an incredible £455 — far exceeding our original target of £300! The funds will go to Young Minds, supporting their vital work in promoting children's mental health and wellbeing. Well done to everyone for your kindness, energy, and community spirit — you truly made our school shine!



Early pickup

We are still having a very high number of families coming to collect their children earlier from school. This is meaning we are having to collect them assembly which can be quite disruptive.

Therefore, if your child has an appointment at the end of the day, we ask that you:

- inform the school prior to the day of the appointment
- collect at 2:45 so it is before they go
- Bring evidence of the appointment so it can be put on your child's record and marked as authorised

Thank you for your cooperation

Exploring a Smartphone-Free Childhood

As part of our ongoing focus on pupil wellbeing, we'd like to share a thought-provoking initiative that some families may find interesting: Smartphone Free Childhood.

This parent-led movement encourages open conversations about when and how children should access smartphones and social media. It's not about strict rules or one-size-fits-all answers — rather, it's about helping families make informed choices that feel right for them.

Over the coming months, we hope to host some informal parent sessions in local schools, supported by the Smartphone Free Childhood team. These will offer a chance to explore the topic together, hear from other parents, and reflect on how we can support our children to grow up well in a digital world.

If you're curious to learn more, you can visit www.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk.

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's been another busy week, with everyone continuing to work incredibly hard. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday—thank you for your generous donations, which were greatly appreciated. Yesterday, we marked Mental Health Day with a cheerful yellow theme! Both children and staff enjoyed the day, and it provided valuable opportunities to discuss ways we can support our mental wellbeing. I must say, the sea of yellow—and the costumes worn by Miss Hickman and Mrs Moore—are sights I won't soon forget! Parent consultations will take place on the 16th and 21st of October, and we're looking forward to sharing your children's achievements with you. Year 6 consultations will be held after half term, once Miss Drissell has returned. I hope you all enjoy the bingo event this evening and have a restful weekend ahead. Mr A. Morris



Pick your own Pumpkins

Oversley Hill Farm, Near Alcester B49 6LW
Open 10am - 3pm

Except Sunday 5th October 12 - 4pm

4th & 5th October Saturday & Sunday

11th & 12th October Saturday & Sunday

18th & 19th October Saturday & Sunday

25th - 31st October Saturday - Friday

Colouring - Craft Activities

& Refreshments

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