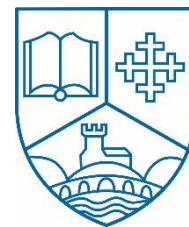


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 8 – 24th October 2025



Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

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

Monday 3rd November – School re-opens

Tuesday 4th November – Flu immunisations

Wednesday 5th November – Open evening for Reception 2026

Friday 14th November – School Disco

Tuesday 18th November - LKS2 TTR rockstars dress up date (see separate email sent out to LKS2 parents)

Thursday 27th November – Wreath making

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

Friday 12th December – Christmas Fayre

Harvest Donations

Please see a message below from Stratford Food Bank.

A huge thank you for your Harvest Festival donations. These weighed an enormous 103kg! We are blown away by all your wonderful generosity and community spirit. It is clear to see you all care deeply about ensuring everyone in our area has access to food, and we are so grateful for that.

Thank you so much for your support – We are so thankful for your brilliant school.

Times Table Rockstars is back!

From 18th–20th November, our Year 3 and 4 pupils will battle schools nationwide in a TTR competition! To kick it off, children can **dress as rockstars on Tuesday 18th**. Plus, on Friday 21st November we will be hosting a in school LKS2 vs UKS2 battle (no dressing up)— who will win the ultimate times table battle? Let's rock those times tables! 🎸

Reception

We are incredibly proud of how well the Reception children have settled into school life. They have enjoyed exploring their new learning environment and have been busy making new friends and learning new routines. We have also spent time talking about our families and sharing ideas about what makes a good friend. Stories such as *The Rainbow Fish*, *Sharing a Shell*, and *The Selfish Crocodile* have supported this learning. We have been exploring the theme of autumn, which included a walk around our school grounds, creating autumn tree pictures, and collecting lots of colourful leaves. As part of our harvest celebrations, we shared the story of *The Little Red Hen* and loved making our own bread rolls to eat. During the final week of the half term, we learned about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The children made clay diyas, created rangoli patterns, and took part in some Diwali dancing. The children have made an excellent start with our phonics programme, which will support them in developing their reading and writing skills.

After half term, we are looking forward to learning about people who help us in our local community and the important roles they play, such as police officers, firefighters, doctors, postal workers, and many more.

KS1

The team all agree that it has been a fantastic term, and the children have settled brilliantly into their new classes. It's wonderful to see them arriving each day with smiles and a real enthusiasm for learning. It was also a pleasure to meet so many of you at our consultations this week.

Our topic work has brought our learning together beautifully, and we have loved finding out about *The Great Fire of London*. In guided reading, we explored fascinating facts and a variety of text types, while our English lessons followed Boxton and Vlad as they escaped from Pudding Lane—helping us understand the human impact of the fire. In history, we used timelines to follow events and investigated how sources can help us learn about the past. Our 'WOW' days have been real highlights, with the children producing stunning artwork for our corridor displays and throwing themselves into each activity with great enthusiasm. In maths, we have focused on sorting, place value, and addition and subtraction. The children have worked incredibly hard to master these key skills, and it was lovely to share their progress with parents.

Other highlights include improving our basketball skills in P.E. and learning about animals in science—plus one teacher's excitement over a rare moth spotted in his garden! We are only at the start of our learning journey this year, with plenty more to explore and enjoy next term. We wish everyone a restful and happy half-term break.



LKS2

Since September, Year 3 and 4 have had a busy and exciting start to the school year!

We began the term by writing instructions inspired by the book *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*. The children found this story very amusing and loved creating their own versions about washing an animal of their choice. During this unit, they focused on using imperative verbs and enjoyed practising how to be 'bossy' in their writing! More recently, we have moved on to *Stone Age Boy*, where the children have been writing setting descriptions of a Stone Age camp, using expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases to bring their writing to life. Mrs Foster even typed Fox Class's descriptions into AI to see what images were generated — the children were fascinated by the results! Mathematical thinking has been another key focus, with lots of place value recap and plenty of challenge in addition and subtraction. Some pupils have even taken their first steps into exchanging.

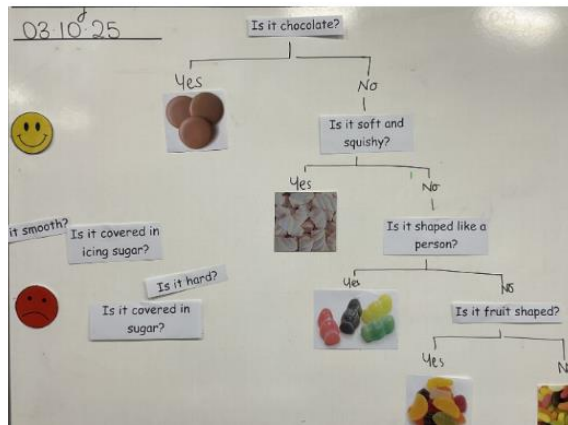
Turning back the clock, our History topic has taken us deep into the Stone Age. The children have explored tools, weapons, and homes across different periods, even designing and building their own models inspired by archaeological discoveries. To add extra excitement, Badger Class had the opportunity to interview a Neolithic farmer (via AI!) to uncover what life was really like during that time.

When it comes to Science, the children have been classifying vertebrates, searching for invertebrates in Forest School, and experimenting with classification keys — starting with sweets before moving on to animals of their choice. They also explored how issues such as flooding, deforestation, pollution, and new building developments can affect living things and their habitats.

Building on their reflective thinking, the children have been tackling the big RE question: "How might your worldview lead you to do hard things for good reasons?" This has led to thoughtful discussions about personal challenges, sacrifices, and how religious beliefs — such as fasting in Islam — link to doing difficult things for meaningful reasons.

Meanwhile, during Computing, Fox Class have been improving their typing speed with a touch of friendly competition against Mrs Foster, who's set some impressive scores to beat! Over in Badger and Hare Classes, pupils have been programming Micro: bits to display fun animations using LED lights.

Altogether, it's been a term filled with creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning — and we can't wait to see what adventures await us next! Don't forget our Stone Age Topic Day on Thursday 4th December — more information will be sent out after half term.



UKS2

This half term, Year 5/6 have been incredibly busy with a wide range of exciting learning experiences! In English, we explored *Tuesday* by David Wiesner, using it as inspiration for our journalistic writing — creating detailed news reports, eyewitness accounts, and even including direct speech to bring our stories to life. In Maths, we focused on number work, mastering addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. In Science, we explored electricity, investigating how to build and test electrical circuits. In Art, children developed their digital photography skills, creating collages from magazines and editing still images on iPads in the style of famous photographers, before designing their own album covers. During our Benin Art Day, pupils produced stunning animal sunset paintings and designed and made traditional African Mancala games. Our Year 6 children are still buzzing from their amazing trip to PGL, where they developed fantastic teamwork skills and made memories that will last a lifetime. To finish the half term, some of our children proudly represented Bidford at the Bellboating Regatta in Stratford-upon-Avon — they all had a fantastic time, did brilliantly, and represented our school exceptionally well!



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.



As we come to the end of what has been quite a long half term, it is lovely to reflect on the progress every child has made. We now look forward to an exciting and busy (but fun!) next half term.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our parent consultations last week and this week — such a valuable opportunity to celebrate your children's achievements and to look ahead to their new targets and challenges in the next stage of their learning.

I hope you all have a restful half term and manage to spend some quality time together as a family. There are lots of opportunities this time of year to enjoy walks in the woods in the crisp autumnal weather.

Mr A. Morris



October Holiday Clubs with Onside Coaching

All places booked online – www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

 Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th October  Active Kids Flexible Childcare This October for ages 5-11 At Bidford Primary School £22 per day COURSE TIMES 9.30am to 3.30pm Early Drop off available from 8.30am +£3 each 3 days for £60 WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & TAX-FREE CHILDCARE To book now visit onsidecoaching.co.uk	 Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th October  Half Term Football Flexible Childcare This October for ages 5-11 At St Benedicts High School £22 per day COURSE TIMES 9.30am to 3.30pm Early Drop off available from 8.30am +£3 each WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & TAX-FREE CHILDCARE To book now visit onsidecoaching.co.uk
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What will children need? Children will require suitable clothing including tracksuits and suitable footwear such as trainers or boots for football. Children should have a refillable water bottle and packed lunch. Shinpads are required for football club.

How to book? Please book online at www.onsidecoaching.co.uk. **Set Location to Redditch and Alcester**
This ensures that we have all the necessary details on our club register, which is essential for the safeguarding of the children in our care. Full details of where and how to book can be found overleaf.

To ensure you have space booked, we require full payment at the time of booking.
Any queries on the club or how to book contact us via email: Ireland.r@onsidecoaching.co.uk



KIDS CLUB
NEW FOR 2025

JOIN THE **ADVENTURE!**
Brand new breakfast club launching
at **Bidford Primary School**

STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER

£5
per session

Reception to Year 6
7.55am to 8.55am Every morning during term time

Bidford Primary School Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon, Alcester, B50 4QG

to register interest contact us at
redditch.alcester@onsidecoaching.co.uk

Bidford Breakfast Club

Have you checked out the breakfast club at Bidford Primary School yet??

With engaging activities and plenty of breakfast items to choose from it's a great way for children to start the day.

For more info or to book on for next half term drop us and email.

Ad-Hoc and block bookings available.

Now open from 7:45am

How to book online

[SIGN UP](#)[LOG IN](#)

Sign-up to a club on our website

www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

Making sure your Location is Redditch and Alcester

–This is so we have all the details we need, in line with Ofsted guidance for best practice childcare. Don't worry, we only use your data for our clubs and holiday schemes and will never share it with third parties.

To ensure you have space booked, we require full payment at the time of booking.

- Enter your contact details & add your children
- Click on 'Book Now'
- If booking for more than one child, select the names of the children you wish to book for select 'Extra-curricular clubs'



What would you like to view?

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Darling Daughter		Is in Year 3 at Best Primary School. (If this is incorrect you can amend it here) The following clubs are available for Darling's year group: [HIDE]						
Club	Letter	Term	Day	No of weeks remaining	Cost per week	Total to pay	Payment Type	Book
Marvellous Multisports		Autumn Term	Monday	13 Some Weeks Are Excluded	£4.00	£52.00	Pay with booking	Select
Fantastic Football		Autumn Term	Thursday	15	£4.00	£60.00	Pay with booking	Select

- Select one or more days from the list and press 'Continue' at the bottom of the page
- Continue through to the payment page, which will take you to a secure site where you can pay by all popular debit and credit cards or with PayPal.
- Once we receive payment we will send you a confirmation email. Please read this, as it will also detail anything else you may need to know about the club, including any dates on which the club isn't running.

You can click on 'Book now' and 'Holiday Childcare' at any time to view the table of clubs available at your school and see if clubs for future terms are yet available for booking. Letters providing all the details found overleaf can be downloaded by clicking on the letter icon next to each club.

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, November 11th to December 9th 2025.

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.

Cost - £45/child for the 5 weeks.

Please book direct with Su Lincoln.

E: 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



VectorStock



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.:





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Tues 28th October 10.30–12.30

Interest age 4-10 yrs approx.
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