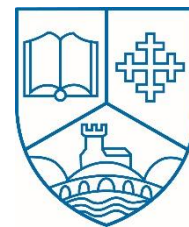


# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## **NEWSLETTER 28 – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**



### **Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – SEND coffee morning (Focus - Mental Health, an opportunity for parents/carers to share strategies and resources)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – David Attenborough Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 trip to Mary Arden's Farm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5 & Year 5/6 trip to Mary Arden's Farm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Teacher training day (school closed for children)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3/4 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Disco

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fayre

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – SEND coffee morning (Focus - Transition, how to prepare your child for change)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers service, 9:30am (year 6 parents invited)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – School finishes at 3:25pm for summer term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Teacher training day (school closed for children)

### **Notes/Reminders**

- If your child has sickness or diarrhea, they need to remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode
- If your child will be collected by another person, please notify the school office by 1:00pm
- Please remember to report your child's absence to the school office by 9:00am via emailing [admin3011@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3011@welearn365.com), calling 01789 773201, or through the School Gateway app.

### **Jewellery**

For health and safety reasons, we kindly remind families that children should only wear small stud earrings to school. Hoop or dangling earrings are not permitted, as they can pose a risk during play and physical activities.

If a child arrives at school wearing hoop or dangling earrings, they will be asked to remove them. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils.

## Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who supported our after-school book fair this week. It was lovely to see so many children excited about choosing new books to enjoy at home. Thanks to your generosity, £1,024.94 has been raised through book purchases, which the school will be able to spend on new books for our pupils. This will make a real difference to our classrooms and reading resources.

## David Attenborough Day



Get ready for a wild and wonderful celebration! On Friday 8th May, we'll be marking David Attenborough Day—a special occasion to inspire curiosity, appreciation, and care for the natural world and most importantly - celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday!!

All pupils are invited to come to school celebrating their favourite animal in any creative way they choose. They might dress up as their chosen creature, wear a t-shirt or outfit featuring their favourite animal, or even have their face painted to match! Other ideas could include bringing in animal-themed accessories (like ears, tails, or masks), creating a simple handmade costume, or wearing colours and patterns inspired by their animal (stripes for a tiger, spots for a leopard, green for a frog, and so on).



Throughout the day, pupils will take part in engaging activities linked to wildlife, conservation, and the incredible diversity of life on Earth, as well as learning more about the man himself - David Attenborough. It's a fantastic opportunity to spark imagination, learn about the planet, and celebrate the animals we love.



We can't wait to see the school filled with roaring lions, fluttering butterflies, slithering snakes, and more!

## Lateness

As we all know, mornings can be a busy time of the day, and we understand that from time-to-time families will be running late. However, we do want to promote the importance of being on time. We open the gates at 8:45 with the expectation that all children are in class, settled and ready to learn by 9am.

Children benefit greatly from routine, and arriving once a lesson has already begun can be unsettling. Late arrival may mean missing key instructions, making it harder to understand the task and potentially falling behind in their learning.

By being just five minutes late each day, this can equate to three missed days of learning a year!



I hope you have had an enjoyable week and made the most of the surprisingly good weather. This week has continued to be busy, with the children working hard on their learning. I am so impressed with the maturity and resilience that the children in our Year 6 have shown in preparation for their SATs, which will be taking place in a couple of weeks.

You can clearly see their dedication to learning, as they have been focused and have carefully considered how they can each reach their full potential. This is due in part to their own resilience and attitude, but also to the dedication of our teachers, who encourage the children to achieve their best while also reminding them what fantastic young people they are and what a unique set of talents they have—many of which are not tested by SATs.

Across the school, I have seen some amazing work and fantastic behaviour. Before half term, we will be sending out our new behaviour policy, which outlines new rewards and clearer expectations for both children and adults. We will also be offering an after-school meeting for anyone who wishes to come along and speak with the governors and senior leadership team about this. I can't wait to begin issuing some of our new rewards to the children in school!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and that the good weather continues!

Mr A. Morris



Celebrate Sir David Attenboroughs 100th birthday with us at Freedom Forest School!

Friday 8th May

2pm - 7pm

Free entry

Games, crafts, nature play, hot  
chocolate and smores

Bring some cash for goodies, all proceeds go to future projects



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