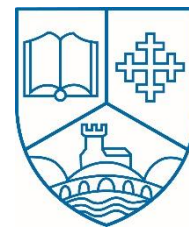


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 32 – 21st May 2026

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Friday 22nd May – Teacher training day (school closed for children)

Monday 25th May – 29th May – Half Term

Tuesday 9th June – BSA AGM, 6pm at school

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

Wednesday 17th June – Year 3 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Thursday 18th June – Year 4 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Friday 19th June – Non-uniform day (bring a bottle donation)

Friday 19th June – Summer Disco

Friday 26th June – Summer Fayre

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

Monday 13th July – Year 6 leaver's play (Year 6 parent's invited), 1:30pm

Tuesday 14th July – Sports Day (children to come to school in house colour t-shirt) Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will start at 9.15am & Rec, Year 1 & 2 at 1.15pm

Thursday 16th July – Sports Day reserve

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

Friday 17th July – School finishes at 3:25pm for summer term

Monday 20th 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, calling 01789 773201, or through the School Gateway app.

11+ (Year 5 pupils)

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 can now register their child to sit the 11+ entrance test. If you would like your child to be considered for a grammar school place, please ensure registration is completed before the closing date of 30th June 2026.

Further information and the registration link can be found here: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test>



BSA AGM

Our BSA will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 9th June at 6pm at the school, and we would love to welcome all parents to join us. This is a great opportunity to find out more about what being involved in the BSA is all about, meet other parents, and see how you can get involved.

We are always keen to welcome new members—whether you have lots of time to give or just a little. Your support helps us run enjoyable events and raise valuable funds that benefit all our pupils.

We hope to see many of you there!

Year 5 & 6 trip

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Mary Arden's Farm, where they were fully immersed in the sights, sounds, and experiences of Tudor life.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of hands-on activities, including playing traditional Tudor games, designing intricate sugar subtleties—beautiful decorative items used at Elizabethan banquets—and painting their own wall hangings. They also explored a Tudor farmhouse, learning about daily life and food production during this fascinating period in history. Adding to the experience, the pupils enjoyed Tudor music and dancing, as well as creating their own lavender bags. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life, and the children represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm and curiosity.



Reception

What a wonderful and busy half term we have had in Reception! The children have shown such enthusiasm and curiosity throughout all of our learning experiences.

This half term, our topic has focused on growing and changing in humans, plants, and living creatures. We explored how living things grow and change over time and discussed what all living things need to survive and stay healthy. We had great fun planting seeds and learning about the conditions needed for healthy plant growth. The children were fascinated to observe the changes in our classroom plants over time.

We also enjoyed discovering the life cycle of a butterfly through the much-loved story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The children learnt to sequence the stages of the butterfly's life cycle, as well as being creative and inventing their own versions of the story, which they retold through pictorial storyboards.

During our Forest School sessions, the children became mini explorers as they searched for minibeasts in their natural habitats. We carefully observed a variety of creatures and learned about their features, similarities, and differences. Celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday gave us the perfect opportunity to learn even more about the incredible variety of creatures that share our planet.

Our healthy eating learning was inspired by the stories *Oliver's Vegetables* and *Oliver's Fruit Salad*. The children explored a range of fruits and vegetables through tasting, discussion, and beautiful observational drawings. We also learned about where our food comes from and why eating a balanced diet is important for keeping our bodies healthy.

Next half term, we will begin to prepare the children for their transition into Year 1. This will include visits to the Year 1 and 2 classrooms, becoming familiar with Key Stage 1 staff, and spending time on the Key Stage 1 playground. The children have also recently started joining the rest of the school for some of the collective worship times.

We are very proud of all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm this half term. Thank you for your continued support at home.

KS1

The children in Key Stage One have had a fantastic term filled with exciting learning experiences. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked and the positive attitudes they have shown every day. Their confidence, enthusiasm, and determination to do their best have really shone through.

In topic lessons, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the seaside in the past. They explored how holidays, entertainment, and transport have changed over time and loved comparing seaside experiences from long ago with those we enjoy today. A real highlight of the term was our Seaside WOW Day, where the children took part in a range of creative and engaging activities that brought their learning to life.

Our artwork has been based on seaside scenes, and the children have loved creating their compositions. In English, they have read and explored a variety of seaside stories and information texts. They have developed their reading, writing, and discussion skills while also learning about the important issue of plastic pollution in our oceans. The children showed great maturity when discussing how we can all help to protect our environment and keep our beaches clean.

Well done to all the children for a brilliant term—they should feel very proud of everything they have achieved.

LKS2

Lower Key Stage 2 have been extremely busy over the past few weeks, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning across the curriculum.

In English, the children have been exploring the classic poem and story *The Spider and the Fly*. They particularly enjoyed creating their own endings from the fly's perspective—deciding whether the fly cleverly escaped or met an unfortunate end in the spider's web! Unsurprisingly, many of the children chose dramatic endings in which the spider was victorious, and it was wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm in their writing.

In Science, the children have loved learning about electricity. They have explored how simple circuits work and greatly enjoyed the practical investigations, especially building and testing their own circuits. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity and teamwork during these activities.

Meanwhile, in Art, we have begun learning about the famous artist Claude Monet. The children are looking closely at his beautiful water scenes and will soon be creating their own paintings inspired by his work. We are very much looking forward to seeing their artistic talents shine.

UKS2

In English, Year 5 have explored a wide variety of poems, including calligrams, kennings, limericks, and performance poetry. They also researched and wrote biographies about William Shakespeare. In Maths, Year 5 have been learning about shape, position, and direction.

In Science, both Year 5 and Year 6 have been studying classification and microorganisms. They explored different types of microorganisms, including viruses, bacteria, and fungi, and learned about helpful microorganisms and how they are used in everyday life.

The children have now finished their Tudors topic, in which they learned about Tudor crime and punishment—some of which were quite gruesome! They also studied the death of Henry VIII. To conclude the topic, the children enjoyed a fantastic “Tudors Alive” trip to Mary Arden's Farm, where they took part in many engaging activities.

Year 6 worked incredibly hard during their SATs and should be very proud of themselves. To celebrate finishing, they enjoyed shredding their old SATs papers and making “snow angels” with them! The pupils also marked the end of SATs week with a fun-filled day, including a silent disco, sports games, and art activities.

Finally, Year 6 have read through their play and auditioned for parts. Over half term, they will begin learning their roles in preparation for rehearsals.

I can't believe that we are almost at the end of the academic year and have only one-half term to go!

It has been a really lovely week, with children continuing to work very hard. I've heard exciting things from the hall as the Year 6 children have begun to learn the songs for the school play and have also started the audition and rehearsal process.

The children in Upper Key Stage 2 have enjoyed their class trip to Mary Arden's Farm—a fantastic opportunity to learn about local history.

We have also had a buzz of excitement in Key Stage 1 as the children have enjoyed their 'Seaside Day'. I have seen them completing some wonderful activities and learning about what seaside holidays were like in the past. They certainly looked dressed for summer as they arrived at school!

There are lots of things planned as we look ahead to next half term, including the summer fayre, Year 6 production, leavers' assembly, sports days, and more. So, we certainly won't be winding down—more like building up to a big finale!

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and manage to spend some well-earned time with your families.

Mr A. Morris

ZX St Laurence's Church, Bidford

Churchyard Safari

Saturday 6th June 9:30am - 12:00pm



Fun activities for children and families,
to include Tree Bingo and Bug Hunt

Come and learn about the fascinating wildlife that can

THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK

