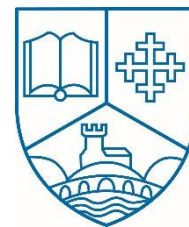


# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** – First swimming lesson for Hare Class (Year 4)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September** – PGL presentation/meeting 6pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** – House Captain Elections (Year 6 pupils only)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Open classroom, meet your child's new teacher, presentation at 3:30pm & 4:30pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – School council elections

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Owl Class (Year 6) Bell-Boating

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Bear Class (Year 5) Bell-Boating

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Deer Class (Year 5/6) Bell-Boating

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September till 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Year 6 attending PGL

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual & sibling photographs

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – School finishes at 3:25pm for half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Children return to school

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance assembly (pupils only)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes at 3:25pm, end of term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Teacher Training Day (pupils not in school)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school



### 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.

### Mobile Phones/Collection



As the children come out of school at the end of the day, we would really appreciate it if we could all put our phones away and give them a big smile and a warm welcome!

There's nothing better for our children than seeing a friendly, familiar face waiting for them at the end of the school day! We want to make sure we are giving them our full attention as they come out of school, rather than being distracted by our phones.

A smile, a wave and a "How was your day?" can make all the difference! So, when the school bell rings, phones down and smiles at the ready!



## **Absence**

Good attendance is essential to ensure your child achieves their full potential. The Department for Education highlights that being in school underpins your child's learning, wellbeing and wider development, and we are committed to working in partnership with you to support this.

## **Expectations for Attendance**

As set out in [\*\*Working together to improve school attendance: July 2026\*\*](#)

- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a suitable full-time education.
- Children should attend school every day unless there is a valid reason, such as illness or authorised absence.
- Regular attendance supports not only academic progress, but also friendships, confidence and a sense of belonging.

## **Establishing Strong Daily Routines**

To support good attendance, we ask all families to:

- Ensure your child has a consistent morning and bedtime routine
- Make sure your child arrives on time and ready to learn each day
- Reinforce the importance of school and positive expectations about attendance

Developing these routines helps children feel secure, prepared and able to engage successfully in school life.

## **Reporting Absence**

If your child is unable to attend school, it is essential that you:

- Contact the school on the first day of absence as early as possible, providing a reason
- Continue to inform the school on each day of absence unless otherwise agreed
- Understand that, if we do not hear from you, the school will contact you to establish the reason for absence.

This process ensures that we can safeguard pupils and provide appropriate support where needed.

## **Working in Partnership**

The national guidance is clear that improving attendance is a shared responsibility between families, schools, and local authorities.

We are committed to working with you to:

- Understand any barriers to attendance
- Provide support at an early stage
- Help your child attend school regularly and successfully

If you are experiencing any difficulties that may impact your child's attendance, please contact the school so we can work together to find a solution. (Contact 01789 773201)

## **Dogs on school site**

We know how much our furry friends are loved, and we appreciate that many families like to bring them along on the school run. However, please could we ask that dogs are not brought onto the school site, including at drop-off and pick-up times.

This helps us to make sure that our school environment remains safe, comfortable and welcoming for everyone.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation — we really appreciate your support!



## **Reception**

We would like to say a huge hello and welcome to all our new Reception families. All of the Reception children have settled so well and we are so proud of them. As part of our usual start-of-year routine, we carry out some informal assessments, as required by the government. These help understand each child's starting point so we can support and build on their existing knowledge. If you'd like to find out more, please click the link for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back this week. It is a real privilege to see them embark on the next step of their learning journey. It has been especially wonderful to see our new Reception children settling into the routines of their new school. Their confidence is developing with each passing minute, and it has been fantastic to see them enjoying exploring their new learning environment.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our celebration assemblies at 2:45pm on Friday afternoons, where we have the opportunity to celebrate your children's amazing achievements, both inside and outside of school.

Our Open Classroom meetings will take place on Tuesday 15th September at 3:30pm and 4:30pm. These sessions will provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher, hear about the routines and topics they will be covering this year, and visit their new classroom. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

We also have our PGL information evening taking place at 6:00pm on Wednesday 9th September for Year 6 parents and children.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to catching up with you all next week.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr A. Morris



## **Bidford Kids Club is Here!!!**

**A full Wrap Around provision is now available at Bidford Primary School.**

### **Key Details:**

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club **Times:** 07:45am to 08:55am

#### **After-School Provison**

Session 1 Kids Club **Times:** 15:25-16:30

Session 2 Late Kids Club **Times:** 16:30-17:45

**Cost:** £6 per session, sessions can be booked as a block or an ad-hoc basis. Ad-Hoc Bookings are released 7 days before the club session begins.

Clubs will run every day during term time.

### **What you get:**

Breakfast club includes a selection of cereals, toast and pastries. Activities that get children ready for the day including daily shake ups.

After-school sessions will provide a variety of activities for children to take part in. Early session children will receive a snack and later session a light tea.

### **Booking Info:**

All bookings must be made via our website and paid for at the time of booking. Autumn Term 1 bookings are available now!!!!

**Website:** [Bidford.onsidelive.co.uk](http://Bidford.onsidelive.co.uk)

For more information on the club, issues with booking or general queries Email: [bidford@onsidelive.co.uk](mailto:bidford@onsidelive.co.uk)

**Need more information, speak to the team on Monday, Wednesday and Friday WC 7<sup>th</sup> September we will be outside at home time to answer questions**

# 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, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> to Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2026. (4 weeks)**

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 - £38/child for the 4 weeks.

Please book direct with Su Lincoln.

E: [sulincoln.sl@gmail.com](mailto: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



**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.

