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Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 16.1.26

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year!

We trust that you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the festivities and the time with your children. The children were excited to tell us about the lovely things that you have been doing in the holidays.

Please find below some initial information which we thought you may find useful for the term ahead. We have an exciting calendar of enrichment activities lined up for this term, including sporting events, and visitors coming into school. There's always something happening, so do keep an eye on the dates and our newsletter. We'll do our best to provide as much notice as possible regarding upcoming events and any changes that may arise. If you feel you could offer any support, please do not hesitate to email the admin. We look forward to a fantastic term ahead.

Attendance & Punctuality

At Bitterley Primary School we place an emphasis on the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe through good attendance at school children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives. Each week we report the attendance figures for each class. The aim of this is to promote good attendance for the children in our school and, as parents, we need your help and support to ensure your child reaches his or her full potential.

Please ensure you notify school by 9.30am if your child is ill and will not be attending school.

PE

All classes have PE on a Wednesday with Mr Bufton from Shrewsbury Town Partnership. Children should come to school in PE kits. FFC also have PE on a Thursday.

Anti Bullying Alliance

Last week, we kicked off our Antibullying Alliance work. Both adults and children came together to learn about the various types of bullying that can occur. Through engaging role play, the children acted out different scenarios, which sparked meaningful discussions about possible resolutions. If any pupils are interested in becoming an antibullying ambassador, they can complete a form next week.

Attendance

WWC	96%
FFC	95%
MOC	96%



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who purchased items in our Xmas4schools fundraiser. It has raised £90.00 for the school.

This Week in School

Willows Class



This week in WWC we have been designing paper bag outfits for our story characters linked to our class model text of "The Paper Bag Princess". In this story a fearsome dragon leaves Princess Elizabeth with only a paper bag to wear!

Fantastic Firs



This week in Fantastic Firs, we've been diving into self-esteem. We explored different situation cards and sorted them by how they might make people feel. In maths, we've been busy learning our times tables.

Mighty Oaks



STEM Workshop

Last week, Mighty Oaks had the pleasure of welcoming Paul Gerrie, a science and technology specialist. He shared his insights on the importance of science in our everyday lives, sparking curiosity among our pupils. The highlight was when students got hands-on experience using coding to control a micro: bit, which was both exciting and educational! We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Paul for his time and enthusiasm.



This week pupils designed and created stuffed toys. This is reminiscent of the toys used by children in World War II.

Stuart Anderson Post about Bitterley School on Facebook

"There was a clear focus from the children at Bitterley Primary School when it was their turn to receive a visit from me recently. Despite their (understandable!) reluctance to take part in SATs, they had spent time examining the local community playground and identified a real need to update the equipment and benches to make it more accessible for wheelchair users. It was heart-warming to see their empathy and drive, recognising the importance of inclusivity so all their friends can play and enjoy the playground."






We look forward to working alongside the village hall committee and parish council with our upcoming ideas.





Severn Trent Visit

On Tuesday, our pupils enjoyed a special assembly where a member of the water board shared insights about the importance of the new pipeline in our community. We discovered fascinating facts about water usage, including how much is consumed during a 10-minute shower, a full bath, and while watering the garden. At the end of the workshop, the pupils had the exciting opportunity to sign the waterpipe, which is expected to last for 100 years! We're also looking forward to visiting the site next month to lay the pipe together.

Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Wondrous Willows	Leila for her determination to complete our maths assessment. Sofia for her creativity in our "Moving Monsters" DT work.				
Fantastic Firs	Payton for showing excellent determination with her spellings. Elsie for excellent perseverance in writing.				
Mighty Oaks	Rose for super science work about forces. Joe for super science work about forces.				

Christian Vision awards

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	<p>For showing kindness and care to others at BASC club - awarded by Mr Lawrence. Kurt, Myla, Ethan, Paisley, Joshua, Grace, Reuben, Alistair, Rose, Freddy, Joe.</p>

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Kurt
Fantastic Firs	Josie
Mighty Oaks	Marshall



Kurt - Iron



TTRS AWARDS

Harper - Busker

Homework

Wondrous Willows	Fantastic Firs	Mighty Oaks
<p>YR:</p> <p>This week homework will be to read your school reading book.</p> <p>Complete page 12 in your Maths Homework books</p>	<p>Year 3</p> <p>Maths spring workout 1 pages 26-27</p> <p>Reading p22-23 Anisha, Accidental Detective</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Maths workout Spring 1 p22-23 The Wind In the Willows (musical)</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p>
<p>Y1:</p> <p>Read your school reading book</p> <p>Practise your mental calculations using NUMBOTS</p> <p>Practise for our spelling test on Monday - fly, grow, huge, phone, where</p> <p>Complete page 18 in your Maths Homework books</p> <p>Y2:</p> <p>Read your school reading book every day and ask an adult to record your reading in your Reading Record books</p> <p>Practise your mental calculations using NUMBOTS</p> <p>Practise for our spelling test on Monday - gnat, knitter, knock, gnash, wrapper</p> <p>Complete Workout 11 on pages 22 & 23 in</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Maths spring workout 1 pages 26-27</p> <p>Reading p22-23 Reign of the Sea Dragons</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 15 minutes a day</p> <p>record yellow reading log</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>Maths workout Spring 1 p22-23 I asked the River</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p> <p>Review in green reading log</p>

your Maths Homework books Complete page 11 in your Reading Comprehension books		
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Please note that YR and Y1 reading books need to be returned to school on Monday morning. Y2 will need their reading books and Reading Records in school every day.

Maths books and Y2 Reading Comprehension books are now due in by Thursday.

Learning Overviews

Each term, our classes provide a learning overview that gives you a snapshot of the topics we'll be exploring. This summary not only outlines the key subjects but also highlights the knowledge pupils will gain along the way. It's a great way for parents and carers to keep track of what we're teaching in the coming term. If you think you might be able to lend any extra support, share information, or provide resources to enrich our learning, please do get in touch with the class teacher. Your help is always appreciated.

Overviews for each class can be found as attachments to this newsletter email.

Lost coat

A new black Berghaus coat has been lost since before Christmas. It is aged 13 years and has the name Milo on the tag. If found, please hand it in to school. Thank you.

PTA Dates for the diary

Quiz at Ludlow Golf Club - Friday 6th February 2026

Dates for the diary

Please note that there may be occasions when a date may need to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Further detail about each event will be sent nearer the time.



January

22.1.26 Year 1 and 2 strike and field festival, Ludlow Leisure Centre

February

2.2.26 Fire and rescue visit to school - Fantastic Firs

4.2.26 Team Athletics, Church Stretton School - Mighty Oaks

10.2.26 Safer Internet Day

9th-13th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Half term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

26.2.26 Kwik Cricket Ludlow Mighty Oaks

March

5.3.26 World Book Day and reading breakfast with parents and carers - 9am

9.3.26 Science enrichment day linked to national science week

12-13th March - Bike ability, Year 6

18.3.26 Primary school swimming gala - selected pupils from KS2

19.3.26 High 5 netball match - year 5/6

19.3.26 Year 5 Taster Day at Lacon Childe School

20.3.26 Reports to parents

24.3.26 Easter service at Bitterley Church - 10.00 am. Parents and carers welcome

24.3.26 Parents evening - 3:30-6.00pm

The Staff Team



Bitterley C.E. Primary School
School Term and Holiday Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term

Term Starts Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term Monday 27th October 2025- Friday 31st October 2025
Term Ends Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

Term Starts Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026
Term Ends Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

Term Starts Monday 13th April 2026
Half Term Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026
Term Ends Thursday 16th July 2026

Staff Development days—children not in school

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 5th January 2026

**Please note: these dates differ slightly from those published by the
Local Authority.**