



*Be courageous; Be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)*

# Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 03.07.26

## Attendance

WWC	96%
FFC	98%
MOC	89%



## School Photographs

Please ensure that all photograph orders are returned to the schoolboy **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** as they are being collected by the photographer. Thank you.

## Free School Meals are changing in September 2026

From September 2026 the eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM) is changing, which means that more families will become eligible. Please see the attachment with the newsletter for more information.

## Open the Book

This week Open the Book hosted a special assembly about the wise man who built his house upon the land and the foolish man who built his house upon the sand. It was great to see everyone taking part and understanding that solid foundations are important to our lives.





## Bitterleys' Got Talent -Wednesday 15th July 2-3pm

Do you have a talent that you would like to share with our school community?

You could:






- perform a poem, song or rap
- play a musical instrument
- perform a magic trick
- perform a dance routine
- performance art
- showcase football skills
- or something else...

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to shine on stage.

**Auditions for the second round are taking place on Friday 10th JULY.**

SPECIAL NOTICE - Parents and carers are welcome to perform alongside pupils if you wish. Please let Mrs France know if you would like to perform.

## Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Aurora for perseverance in her mark making activities.				
Wondrous Willows	Sophia B. for her determination when planning a recount of our trip to Ludlow Castle. Sophia W. for her perseverance in practising her counting.				
Fantastic Firs	Joshua for super maths work. Alistair for a great persuasive advert.				
Mighty Oaks	James for being a super role model. Lizzie for clear debate writing.				

## Little Acorns

Eddy the Teddy is going home with Felicity for being a kind and co- operative friend.

## Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Olive
Fantastic Firs	Tanya
Mighty Oaks	Lizzie

## Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge!



Take part online or at your local library.

On Wednesday we had a special visitor from Ludlow library to introduce this year's summer reading challenge. Can you read six or more books before the end of the summer holiday?



### **1. Sign up**

Visit your local library and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



### **2. Read books**

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



### **3. Earn rewards**

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!\*

For more information go to this link: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Remember to bring your medals into school to show everyone after the summer holidays.

## 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.



### June

- 2.6.26 School photographs
- 1-12 June Multiplication and times table check, Year 4
- 8-12 June Phonics Screening, Year 1
- 9.6.26 Ludlow Castle Trip, Wondrous Willows
- 16.6.26 Visiting author - Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3 parents welcome (10.00am)
- 23.6.26 Sports afternoon with parents and carers - 12.15pm
- 30.6.26 Back up sports afternoon
- 25.6.26 Year 6 leavers service at Hereford Cathedral (pupils only)
- 29.6.26 New Reception Parent meeting, 5-6pm

### July

- 6-7.7.26 Year 6 transition days at Lacon Childe School
- 7.7.26 Meet the new teacher
- 7.7.26 Optional Parents evening
- 7.7.26 Moving on morning
- 8.7.26 National sports week alternative sports session
- 8.7.26 Year 6 induction Day at Tenbury School
- 10.7.26 Meet the new teacher
- 14.7.26 Year 6 leavers assembly, 2:00pm
- 14.7.26 Year 6 leavers disco (whole school welcome)
- 15.7.26 Bitterley's Got Talent
- 16.7.26 End of summer term

**The Staff Team**



## **Bitterley CE Primary School**

### **School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/27**

#### **Autumn Term**

Term starts Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

Half term, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Term ends Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

#### **Spring Term**

Term starts Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Half term, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Term ends Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

#### **Summer Term**

Term starts Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Half term, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

Term ends Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027

#### **Staff Development days – children not in school**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027

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