



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 19.12.25

Dear Parents & Carers,

Here we are at the end of the Autumn Term and the close of 2025. Autumn Term is always a long, tiring period, but there's so much happening! A few highlights include careers day, the visit from the High Sheriff of Shropshire, the Santa dash, expressive art day, cross country tournaments, the Christmas Fayre, and a special visit from our MP, Stuart Anderson.

We've had a wonderful time with our Christmas play, advent service, pantomime, Christmas lunch, and our special church nativity service.

Thank you to everyone who completed the safer school survey; it highlighted a need for better signage. The school safety committee will be designing signs for BASC and Little Acorns in the new year.

We have recently joined the Anti-bullying Alliance, which is run by the Princess Diana Trust and will be appointing anti-bullying ambassadors in the new year, more information about this will follow in January.

We wish you a relaxing holiday and a joyful Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for an exciting start to the New Year, with plenty more planned.

Don't forget - we start back on Tuesday 6th January.

Have a wonderful break,
The Staff Team



MP Visit

Last Friday, MP Stuart Anderson made a special visit to our school following an invitation from Mighty Oaks. During his time with us, we learned about his journey to the Houses of Parliament, which was truly inspiring. Pupils had the chance to ask questions that mattered to them, covering topics such as inheritance tax, transport, and broadband access.

One important issue raised was disabled access to the village hall play area. The village hall committee has already taken steps by arranging for the car park to be resurfaced with disabled access in mind. However, our pupils believe more can be done to improve the play area itself. Stuart Anderson has kindly agreed to meet with the parish council to explore additional funding for this project. A big thank you to MP Stuart Anderson for taking the time to answer all our questions.



Nativity Service

On Tuesday, the whole school gathered at Bitterley Church for a delightful traditional Nativity service. It was lovely to hear the familiar carols and watch our children retell the Christmas story. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support.



This week in school

Willows Class

This week WWC have been completing and evaluating their "Moving Monsters" as part of their DT work. The designs were amazing and the mechanism using a split pin method worked brilliantly!



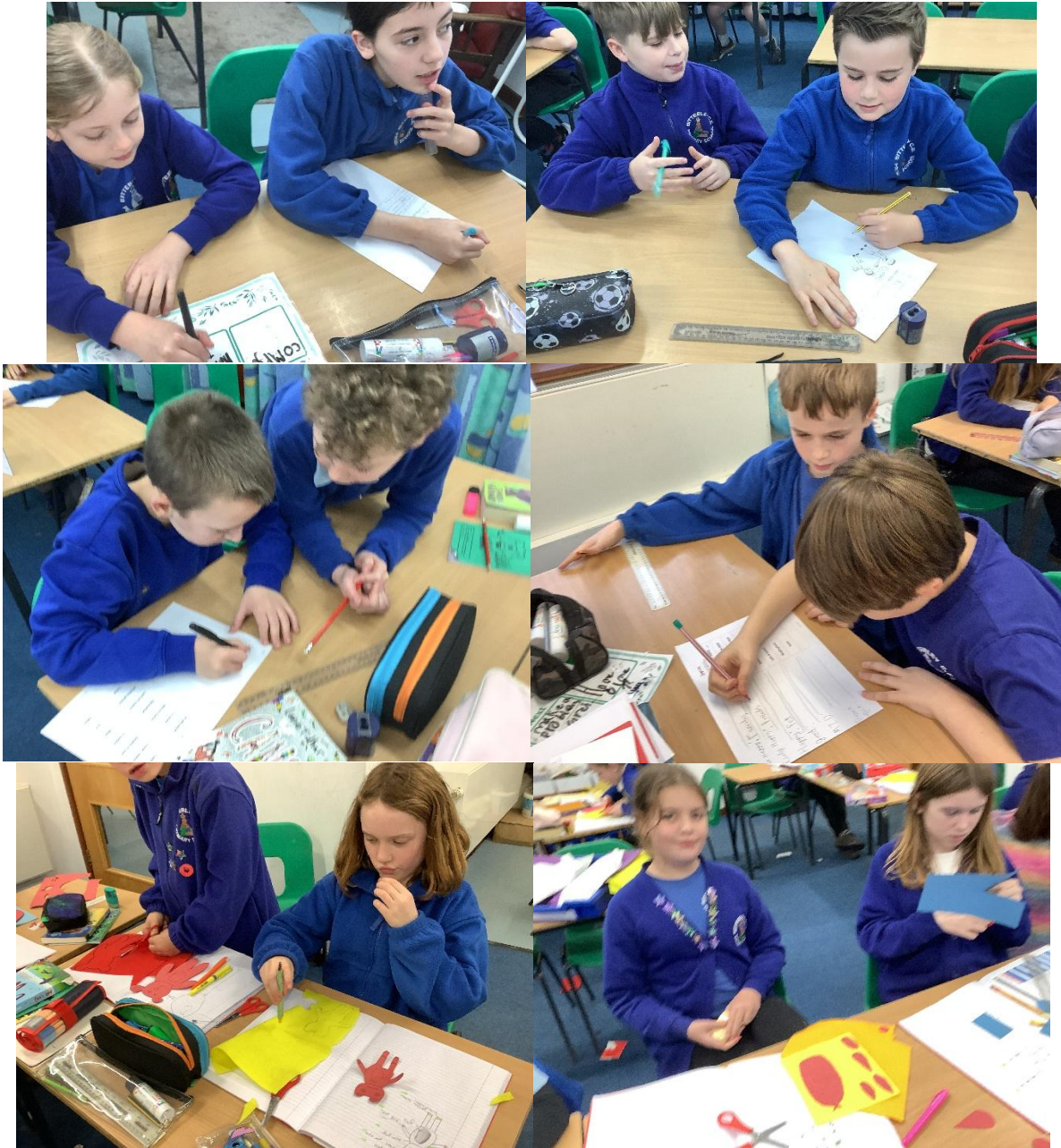
Firs Class

This week in Firs Class, we have been investigating how changing the distance of a light source affects the size of an object's shadow. We used a torch to observe a shadow puppet when it was close, a little farther away, and very far away. We concluded that the farther away the light source is, the smaller the shadow becomes.



Mighty Oaks

This week at Mighty Oaks, we've had a fantastic time exploring toys from the past! Our pupils have been busy designing and starting to create their very own stuffed toys, and we can't wait to see their finished designs after Christmas. On Wednesday, we delved into the world of fairtrade, learning about the production of chocolate. It was an eye-opening experience that helped the children understand the importance of ethical choices.



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.



Term starts - Tuesday 6th January (Staff development day on Monday 5th January)

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

Tuesday 24th March - Parents/Carers Evening

Term ends - Friday 27th March

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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.**