



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 11.09.26

Attendance

WWC	94%
FFC	100%
MOC	98%



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our second week, I am delighted to say that we have had a very positive start to the new term. The children are settling back into their routines brilliantly and it has been lovely to see them engaged, enthusiastic and learning well across the school. On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome our Open the Book team back into school for assembly. It was wonderful to have them join us and share a Bible story with the children. Our visitors also took the time to comment on how calm and purposeful the learning environment was throughout the school. This was lovely to hear and is a real credit to our children and staff.

ClassDojo

A reminder that this term we have introduced ClassDojo as our new communication platform for parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who has already connected with their child's class.

As we continue to get the new system fully up and running, some information will still be sent to you by email. We hope that by next week everyone will be connected to their child's class and that ClassDojo will then become our main way of communicating with families.

Please do keep an eye on ClassDojo for messages, reminders and updates from school and your child's class. If you are having any difficulties getting connected, please let us know so that we can help. We will be introducing ClassDojo to Little Acorns parents and carers over the next few weeks too.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a really encouraging first two weeks, and we are looking forward to all that the term ahead will bring.
Have a lovely weekend.

Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Finley for showing courage and perseverance as he starts BASC and Little Acorns Class for the very first time.				
Wondrous Willows	Ana for her enthusiasm in all our work and for caring for the younger children. Daniel for working so hard and collaborating so well.				
Fantastic Firs	Payton for showing great enthusiasm in her first week back.				
Mighty Oaks	Fern for fantastic enthusiasm and for being ready to learn every lesson.				

Little Acorns

Eddy the Teddy is going home with Hazel for being so brave and already making friends as she joins us in Little Acorns Class.

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Addison
Fantastic Firs	Joshua
Mighty Oaks	Rosie

Dance Club reminder

Mrs Archer is running an after-school Dance club for Year 1 & 2 children starting on Monday 14th September. We have just a few children currently interested in attending. Please could any parents/carers of Yr1/2 children who would like to attend let the school office know by Monday. **We will send a text out on Monday as to whether this club will be running dependent upon numbers.**

Home School Agreements & GDPR permission forms

Children in Yr R to Yr 6 are being sent home with updated Home School Agreements/GDPR permissions forms today. Please can you complete these forms and return them to school by Friday 18th September. Thank you.

Message from The School Admissions Team

Dear Parents & Carers of children in year 6,

*Your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027. The online application process opens on the 1 September 2026 and closes on **31 October 2026**. A letter has been sent home with your child, outlining the process. Alternatively, please follow this link - [Apply to start or transfer school | Shropshire Council](#) which takes you to the Shropshire Council Admissions website. Details about secondary school open evenings can be found in the Parents' Guide to Secondary Education in Shropshire booklet, on the same website*

Applications received by Shropshire Council after the closing date will be classed as late, which may result in your child being disadvantaged, so please ensure you make your application on time. Late applications will not be processed until all on-time applications have been offered.

You can name up to four schools on your application - we encourage parents to make full use of these preferences. If only one preference is named, and we cannot offer this, we will have no choice on National Offer Day but to offer a place at the next nearest school with a vacancy, which could be a considerable distance from your home address.

The School Admissions Team

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.



Dates for autumn and winter events will be coming out over the next few weeks.

September

3.9.26 - Start of Autumn term

October

26.10.26 to 30.10.26 - Half term

The Staff Team



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School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term

Term starts Thursday 3rd September 2026

Half term, Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026

Term ends Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

Term starts Wednesday 6th January 2027

Half term, Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027

Term ends Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term

Term starts Monday 12th April 2027

Half term, Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027

Term ends Tuesday 20th July 2027

Staff Development days – children not in school

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Tuesday 5th January 2027

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