



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 18.09.26

Attendance

WWC	88%
FFC	98%
MOC	95%



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has passed at Bitterley, and we are now well into the normal routines of school life. It has been lovely to see the children settled, engaged in their learning and enjoying all that school has to offer.

We continue to have a strong focus on our school value of Love and belonging. Throughout school, we are encouraging the children to think about what it means to belong to our school community and how we can show care, kindness and respect to one another. A sense of belonging is such an important part of school life. We want every child to know that they are valued, that they have an important part to play in our school community and that Bitterley is a place where they are known, supported and encouraged to flourish.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent parent coffee morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers there and to have the opportunity to chat in a relaxed and informal setting. These events are also an important opportunity for us to hear your views. We really value your feedback and parent voice, as working together helps us to continue developing and improving the experiences we provide for our children. If you were unable to join us this time, please do come along to our next coffee event if you can. Everyone is very welcome, and we would love to see you there.

We are delighted to welcome Karen Palmer, who will be taking on the role of Family Learning Mentor. Karen will be working with children and families to offer support in a range of areas, including attendance and wellbeing, as well as helping families to overcome any difficulties that may be affecting a child's experience of school. Karen will be splitting her time between Bitterley, Burford and Tenbury Primary Schools, and we are very pleased to have her working as part of our wider school team.

We know that family life can sometimes bring challenges, and there may be times when a little additional support or simply having someone to talk things through with can make a real difference. If you feel that you or your child may benefit from Karen's support, please contact the school. We will be very happy to arrange an initial meeting with her to discuss how she may be able to help.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for playing such an important part in our school community. I hope all of our children and families have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West and the Bitterley team.

BASC New premises

"We have recently moved the Before and After School Club from the old demountable classroom into the brand-new area attached to the school hall that was formerly the old kitchen. The benefits of the move include easier access for collecting children, better toilet access for the children, use of the main school hall and easier access to the play area beyond. Of course, all the old activities games arts and crafts have all moved too so that the children can continue enjoying the new space going forward. If you have not yet seen the space, please just ask when you are collecting your children and they will show you around".

Mr Lawrence and Mr Thomas





PTA Meeting

We are holding a PTA meeting on Wednesday 23rd September at the school at 6.30pm. We would welcome parents and carers to come and join us for the meeting to discuss fund raising ideas for the school for the upcoming year. Please join us if you can.

Morning drop off

Please could parents and carers ensure that their children are not left unattended on the playground in the mornings before the gates open. Thankyou.

Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Erin for helping a friend who was quite literally 'stuck' and needed a helping hand.				
Wondrous Willows	Teddy for always being ready and setting such a great example to all his friends with his wonderful collaboration. Luca for being such a super role model and showing excellent collaboration!				
Fantastic Firs	Sophia B. for great perseverance in PE this week.				
Mighty Oaks	William for showing a conscientious approach to all of his learning.				

Little Acorns

Eddy the Teddy is going home with Izzy for showing empathy, kindness and compassion to a child who was sad.

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Kurt
Fantastic Firs	Grace
Mighty Oaks	Tanya

Home School Agreements & GDPR permission forms

Please can all forms be completed and returned to school by Monday 21st September. Thank you.

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.



September

Coffee with Mrs West 2pm - 23rd September 2026

Coffee with Mrs West 3:15pm - 28th September 2026

First aid workshop KS2 - 29th September 2026

Phonics workshop 9am (Reception parents) - 30th September 2026

October

Black history month

Careers Day - 19th October 2026

Parents Evening 3:30- 6pm - 19th October 2026

Parents Evening 3:30- 6pm - 20th October 2026

Harvest service - TBC

26.10.26 to 30.10.26 - Half term

November

MTC workshop (Year 4 parents) 2:45pm - 11th November 2026

Children in need - 13th November 2026

Anti-bullying week - Break the silence - 16th November 2026

Odd socks day - wear an odd pair of socks - 16th November 2026

Remembrance service - TBC

December

Christmas Jumper day - TBC

Christmas Craft Day - TBC

Christmas Dinner - TBC

Christmas Service TBC

End of term - Friday 18th December

The Staff Team



Bitterley CE Primary School

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