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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 02.10.26

Attendance

WWC	90%
FFC	93%
MOC	87%



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Bitterley, with lots of wonderful learning taking place across the school. Classrooms are beginning to be full of enthusiasm and hard work. Pupils have continued to challenge themselves in their learning and have shown great determination when tackling new concepts. It is always a pleasure to see children taking pride in their work and celebrating their achievements with one another.
Our continued focus remains on positive behaviour, kindness and fostering a strong sense of community. We want every child to feel valued, supported and proud to be a member of the Bitterley family. It has been lovely to see so many examples of children demonstrating our school values through their learning, friendships and interactions with others throughout the week.

First Aid Workshop with Mr Kinsey

One of the highlights of the week was welcoming Mr Kinsey into school to work with our Key Stage 2 children during a first aid workshop.
The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were fascinated by the practical skills they were learning. They particularly loved having the opportunity to practise bandaging injuries and learning how to respond safely in different situations. The workshop also helped pupils understand what actions to take if an emergency occurs and how important it is to remain calm and seek help from an adult or emergency services when needed.

The children were highly engaged throughout the session, asked thoughtful questions. Learning these important life skills helps to build confidence and develop a sense of responsibility, and we are very grateful to Mr Kinsey for giving his time to support our pupils.
We are pleased to let families know that **Karen Youngman, our Family Learning Mentor,** will be in school on **Wednesday morning**.
Karen provides valuable support for children and families and can offer advice, guidance and a listening ear on a range of matters. If you would like the opportunity to meet with Karen for an informal chat, please get in touch with me and I will be happy to arrange an appointment.
We are committed to working closely with families and ensuring support is available whenever it is needed.

PTA Reminder

A reminder that next Friday will be a non-school uniform day. Please see the message from the PTA for full details and any suggested contributions.
We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our PTA, whose hard work continues to make a positive difference to school life. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time and energy to supporting the school and our children.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school is invaluable and plays such an important role in helping our children thrive.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend with your families.
Mrs West and the Bitterley Team

Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Harley for great listening and co-operation this week.				
Wondrous Willows	Ella for such determination in our phonics work. Addison for showing great perseverance in our maths work.				
Fantastic Firs	Louie for great determination in maths.				
Mighty Oaks	Daisy for demonstrating independence and having a great start to Year 6.				

Little Acorns

Eddy the Teddy is going home with Felicity for courage as she adapts to a new routine.

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Elen
Fantastic Firs	Ottilie
Mighty Oaks	Nova

Upcoming PTA Events- Reminder

Non School Uniform day - Friday 9th October (Bingo hampers)
Autumn Bingo - Friday 16th October

In exchange for Non School Uniform please could children bring in something from these colours:

Mighty Oaks - Red
Fantastic Firs - Blue
Wondrous Willows - Orange
Little Acorns - Green

This could be things such as, bottles, sweets, chocolate and toiletries.
Please could all items be unopened, unused and in date. These items will be used for the bingo hampers.
We are also looking for Raffle Prizes for the Bingo Night. If anyone has anything they would be happy to donate, please bring it into school on Friday 9th October. Thank you.

Bitterley C of E Primary School PTA

DIARY DATES

2026/27

Friday 9th October	Non school Uniform day	Oaks - Red Firs - Blue Willows - Orange Little Acorns - Green
Friday 9th October	Children will be bringing their Christmas designs home	
Friday 16th October	Christmas Designs must be returned back to school	
Friday 16th October	Family Bingo Night	Bitterley Village Hall 6.30pm for 7pm
Friday 6th November	Second hand book fair and cake sale	3.15pm at school

Monday 9th November	Raffle Tickets coming home with children
Date to be confirmed	Sponsored Santa Run
Friday 5th February 2027	Quiz Night



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 3:15pm – 28th September 2026
First aid workshop KS2 - 29th September 2026
Phonics workshop 9am (Reception parents) – 30th September 2026

October

Black history month
Non- uniform day – Friday 9th October
Year 5/6 Condover 2027 Residential parent meeting – Wednesday 14th October
Autumn Bingo night – Friday 16th October
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

Pantomime Trip Yr R – Yr6 – Tuesday 8th 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