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BBC 500 Words Competition

Congratulations to Charlie H, who has successfully made it through to the second round of judging by the Reading Agency in the BBC 500 Words competition! Out of tens of thousands of entries, only around 5,000 have advanced to this stage, which is a remarkable achievement. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who participated in this event. The shortlist will be announced in January.

Christmas service

Just a reminder that the Christmas service will be held at Bitterley Church at 10am on Tuesday 16th December. Willows will be leading the traditional nativity, with classes providing festive entertainment. All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

Art Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no Art Club running next Tuesday. We will issue a refund for this session.

PTA Christmas Fayre

On Saturday, families and friends of Bitterley School were treated to a wonderful Christmas Fayre! There were craft stalls showcasing lovely handmade goodies, and the talented GKY dance group provided some fantastic entertainment. To top it all off, we had a special visit from Santa himself! A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this fantastic event.





Hereford Cathedral Advent Service

This week, pupils from KS2 had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust (DHMAT) Advent service at the magnificent Hereford Cathedral. With around 400 pupils from the twenty Trust schools forming a delightful choir, the atmosphere was simply magical. The children should be really proud of their behaviour, as they contributed to such a memorable event.



Christmas Dinner

Our pupils celebrated the occasion with festive crackers and brightly coloured hats, adding a splash of joy to the feast.





Christmas Play 2025

What an amazing week of activity we've had in school as we celebrated the festive season! The highlight, without a doubt, was the school Christmas play. Everyone performed with such confidence, and they should be incredibly proud of their achievements. A massive thank you to everyone who lent their support to make this event possible—whether you helped learning songs, contributed to costumes, or cheered from the audience, your involvement made a real difference.









Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Save the Children Christmas jumper day. The money raised will help children in the UK and all around the world stay safe, healthy and learning - and change their future for good.





Creative Homework

This creative homework invites you to learn all about Outer Space. Please complete one of the following tasks and bring your work into school by Thursday 18th December. Projects will be displayed in school.

Write A Report
Research space facts about the planets, the galaxy or even the moon. Find out about shooting stars or the black hole.

Outer Space Quiz

1. What is a black hole?
2. What is a shooting star?
3. What is the nearest planet to the sun called?
4. Which is the biggest planet?
5. Which is the hottest planet?

Solar System Mobile
Use string or hangers to make a hanging mobile.



Acrostic Poem
Write an acrostic poem of anything related to space.

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Solar System Model
Make a solar system model.



Creative Writing
Imagine if you were an astronaut visiting another planet. What adventures would you have? What if you were swallowed by a black hole? What if an alien landed on Earth? What would they do?



Visit Your Local Library
Visit your local library or Ideas Store and find some fiction and non-fiction books about outer space. Can you make a list of all the titles of the books about Space.



Design An Astronaut Outfit
Make items from an Astronaut's outfit. What materials would you use?



Sketch
Sketch an astronaut. What type of pencils would you use? Would you use charcoal? Think about the shading techniques. How would you create a reflection?



Paper Mache Planets
Make paper mache planets using balloons and newspaper. Think about the colours of the planets.



Book review
Write a review on your favourite book about Outer Space.



Diary Entry
Pretend you are an astronaut. Write a diary entry of one of your days in space.



Rockets

Make a rocket using bottles, toilet rolls and bottle tops, or cut out shapes and create a rocket using card.



Paint A Galaxy



Paint a galaxy with a range of cosmic colours. How would you create the desired effect?

Fact File



Research and write a fact file about a female astronaut. What challenges did they face?



Cooking

Make some snacks that are out of this world!



Use strawberries, bananas and pineapples to make a rocket. Bake some star and moon shaped biscuits. Take photos!






Online Safety

How to support your child at home:


NSPCC Keeping children safe online

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Holly and Ava for remembering and following our class rules when going out to play in the garden.				
Wondrous Willows	Olive for her determination to complete every piece of learning that she attempts. Jack for his perseverance in all of his learning.				
Fantastic Firs	Ashleigh and Lucas for showing excellent perseverance during their academic tests.				
Mighty Oaks	Jess for super creativity in English. James for super maths work using fractions.				

Christian Vision awards

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<p>Harry for being kind and helpful towards his friends this week.</p> <p>Theo for helping adults at playtime.</p> <p>Daniel for looking after others at playtime.</p> <p>Ashleigh for helping with the Christmas dinner.</p> <p>Nova for helping adults at the advent service.</p> <p>Milo for supporting his peers.</p> <p>James for being an inspirational sports leader.</p> <p>Caspar for being an inspirational sports leader.</p>

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Addison
Fantastic Firs	Dougie D.
Mighty Oaks	Zara



TTRS AWARDS

Albert - super effort
James - super effort
Zara - super effort
Charlie H - super effort

PTA Dates for the diary

Quiz at Ludlow Golf Club - Friday 6th February 2026

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 the diary



December

Tuesday 16th December - Church Service - 10.00am

The Staff Team