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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 09.10.26

Attendance

WWC	97%
FFC	97%
MOC	99%



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week at Bitterley, with lots of positive learning taking place across the school. The children are now thoroughly settled into their routines and are engaging well with their learning. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm, confidence and independence they are developing as the term progresses.

This week, we were delighted to welcome back our wonderful Open the Book team for another engaging assembly. With the help of some of our children, they brought stories from the Bible to life through drama and storytelling.

The children always thoroughly enjoy these visits, particularly the opportunity to take on different roles and become part of the stories themselves. A big thank you to the team for continuing to give their time and enthusiasm to our school.

On Friday afternoon, we had a wonderful treat as all classes took part in a tennis workshop. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their skills, try something different and enjoy being active together.

The children approached the sessions with great enthusiasm, and it was lovely to see everyone having the opportunity to get involved. Experiences like these are an important part of school life, helping children to develop confidence, teamwork and a love of being active.

Friday was also our exciting non-uniform day, organised to support our upcoming PTA Bingo Night.
A huge thank you to everyone who brought in colourful contributions towards the prizes. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will help make our first big PTA fundraising event of the school year a great success.

We are really looking forward to our **PTA Bingo Night on Friday 16th October** at Bitterley Village Hall.
Doors open at 6.30pm, so please come along, bring your dabbers and join us for what promises to be a fun evening!
It will be a wonderful opportunity to bring our school and village community together, enjoy some friendly competition and, most importantly, raise valuable funds to support our children and the school.
We would love to see as many families and friends there as possible, so please do spread the word!

As we approach the final weeks of this half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It is lovely to see our school community coming together, whether through supporting learning, taking part in school activities or contributing to our fundraising events.
We are very fortunate to have such a supportive school community, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our bingo evening next Friday.
Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs West and the Bitterley team.

Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Harry for determination, courage and bouncing back!				
Wondrous Willows	Olive for her determination in our fact family work in maths. Athia for her creativity in our Kandinsky inspired artwork.				
Fantastic Firs	Reuben for determination in all his work and attention this week.				
Mighty Oaks	Freddy for his enthusiasm and perseverance in class learning and homework tasks.				

Little Acorns

Eddy the Teddy is going home with Ettie - for being so helpful when getting our younger children ready for Forest School.

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Ava
Fantastic Firs	Payton
Mighty Oaks	Mylo

Wanted!

Little Acorns are in need of some children's music and audio story CD's. Any donations of these will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

Secondary Application deadline – 31 October 2026

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2026 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications. The link for the website is – Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to name four preferences, particularly if you reside in the Shrewsbury area. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Upcoming PTA Events

Thank you for all the donations that came in to school today for the Bingo Hampers and Raffle. They all look fantastic.

Don't forget Family Bingo Night Friday 16th October. Family and friends are all welcome!

The children will be bringing home their Christmas Cards designs today. If you would like to order anything, please fill your details on the back of the design and return it to school by Friday 16th October 2026.

These will be returned to the company and they will then send an email to you with how to order.

Did you know the PTA have a Facebook page? Keep up to date with all the PTA events on Bitterley Friends (school PTA).

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

Bitterley C of E Primary
Family Bingo Night

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Friday 16th October

at

Bitterley Village Hall

SY8 3HQ

Doors open at 6.30pm

eyes down at 7pm

Cash Only

Light Refreshments available to purchase

Brilliant prizes and hampers to be won

QUIZ

& CAKE

Bitterley Village Hall

Friday 9th October

7.30pm

£5 per person,

4 max per team

Come and we'll find you a team

More 'Chase' than 'Mastermind'

Bring your own drinks

Ring 01584 890670 for more info

BITTERLEY VILLAGE HALL

HARVEST SUPPER

Sat 17th October

7.00 for 7.30pm

£12.00 adults : £6 U 15's

with Dangerous Bends folk group

Good food, good company

Bring your own drinks

Please ring 890670 for tickets

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 at St. Mary's Church, Bitterley – Friday 23rd October 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.
26.10.26 to 30.10.26 – Half term

November

Remembrance Service & visit by Justin Parker – Friday 6th 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

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