



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 05.12.25

Attendance

WWC	89%
FFC	93%
MOC	92%

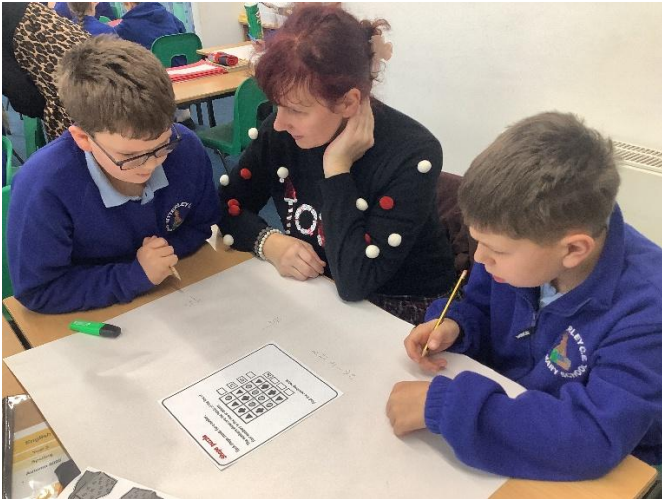


Advent Has Arrived

This week we celebrated the beginning of advent by lighting the first candle of our advent ring. Reverend Parker discussed the importance of waiting and hope at this time of year.



Maths Drop In



Thank you to everyone who supported the maths drop in this week. Pupils, parents and carers learnt about the importance oracy - discussing mathematical ideas before forming an answer. Why not try these sentence starters at home to support your child.

This reasoning mat is to help you explain your ideas to others

Select the sentence starter that best fits what you

The thing I noticed was

When I saw this it made me think about

I know this is true because

I realised this couldn't be right because

When I got stuck I decided to try

The connection I think is important is

The thing that helped me see the connection was

I thought the answer looked right because

The way I would describe the pattern is

I wondered what would happen if

I already knew so this helped me work out

The strategy I used was I chose this strategy because

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Christmas Trees



A big thank you to Rushmere Nursery and also Mr Lawley for donating our fantastic Christmas trees! The pupils absolutely loved decorating them for this festive season. We

really appreciate your kindness and generosity at this time of year. It's made our celebrations even more special.

Christmas Play Reminders

Dress rehearsal **Monday 8th December**.

Join us on **Wednesday 10th December** for the afternoon performance at 1:30pm at the village hall. All children will be taken back to school for collection afterwards. For those of you attending the evening performance, please arrive by 4:45pm for a 5:00pm start. Remember to send children to the village hall in their costumes. Children in Mighty Oaks can arrive from 4:30pm to allow time to change into costumes. There will be additional parking at the school for the 4.30pm performance.

Christmas Lunch Reminder - Wednesday 10th December



The menu this year is: Roast Turkey with Chipolatas or Festive Quorn fillet (V) Herby roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, stuffing, gravy & cranberry sauce; Christmas tree cookie or festive pudding & custard. We will assume all children are having a Christmas lunch on this day unless you inform us otherwise. Please can you let Mrs Parry or Mrs Rennel in the school office know if your child does not want a school dinner on that day and will be bringing a packed lunch instead. Please also inform the office if your child would like the vegetarian option. Jacket potatoes are not available on this day. Please let us know by **Monday 8th December** to help with catering. Children can bring in a Christmas hat to wear during lunch on this day.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 11th December



On Thursday 11th December 2025, Save the Children's **Christmas Jumper Day** is back. Children are welcome to come to school in their choice of jumper for a suggested donation of £1. This event coincides with the visit to the pantomime at Ludlow assembly rooms:

School Pantomime Trip - Thursday 11th December

On 11th December, children in Yr. R - 6 are being treated to a trip to the Ludlow Assembly Rooms to see Aladdin. This trip is being kindly funded by the PTA. We are leaving school at 9.30am and travelling by coach into Ludlow. We will be returning to school for about 1.15pm where another treat of a late lunch will be waiting. Children will have hot dogs, vegetarian hot dogs, chips and cookies! (or they can bring a packed lunch). On Eduspot, if your child would like a hot dog, please order the roast pork, or for the vegetarian option, the shepherdess pie. There will be no jacket potatoes available on this day.

Short term data reports

This week, pupils may have mentioned our termly assessment tasks. We appreciate that keeping parents and carers informed about progress is really important, and on Wednesday 17th December, you will receive a short termly data report via email. This report will give you a snapshot of how your child is doing, enabling you to 'stay in the loop' and support their learning journey.

Christmas Card Post Box



On Monday pupils can bring in Christmas cards to post to people in school. Please ensure all cards are clearly labelled with class name and pupil name so that we can make sure that it is delivered correctly!

In school this week

Open the Book

On Thursday, we learnt about the great escape in the Bible, focusing on the pouring down of the ten plagues and the parting of the Red Sea. The pupils really enjoyed performing this story, bringing it to life.



Little Acorns

What a wonderful time all of our Little Acorns and their families had when we went to visit Father Christmas yesterday!



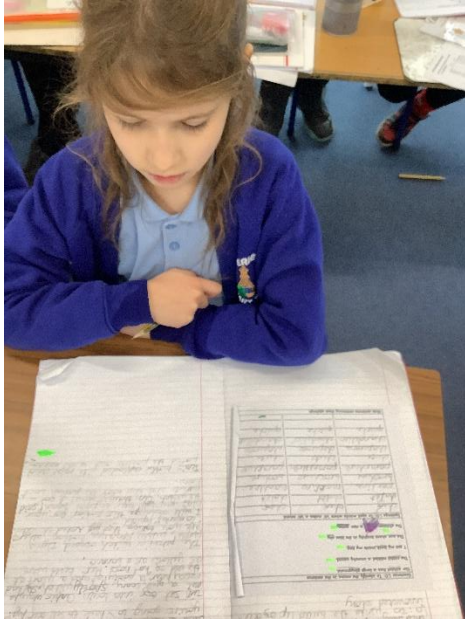
Wondrous Willows Class

This week we have been continuing our learning about The Great Fire of London. We have been thinking about why the fire spread so quickly. We found out about the equipment that was used to fight the fire and acted out the scene!



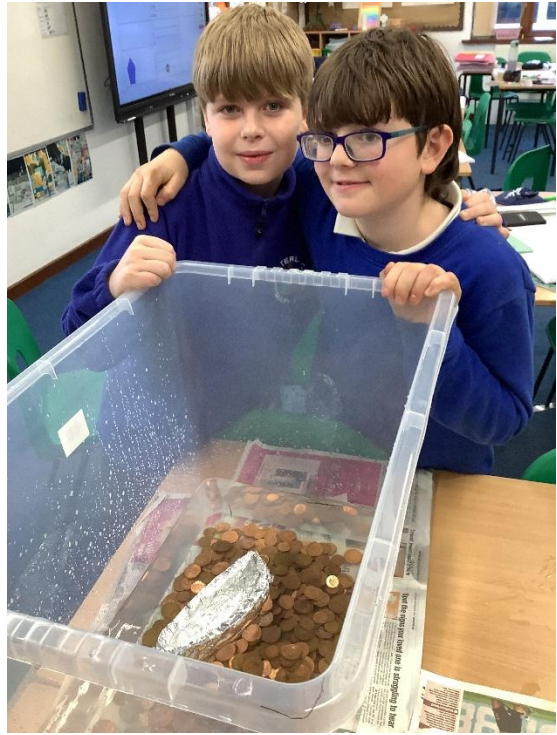
Fantastic Firs Class

This week in Firs Class, we have been innovating our class text, by creating a story about a mystery object.








Mighty Oaks Class

This week, we've been diving into the concepts of water resistance and upthrust. The pupils had a great time investigating the best design for a boat. We even managed to create a foil boat that could hold an impressive 1.5kg! Everyone learned a lot while having fun.





Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Teddy for great enthusiasm and perseverance whilst working with Alice this week.				
Wondrous Willows	Ethan for his amazing collaboration in our trio work, particularly during Maths. Myla for her great determination at reading new words in our Phonics lessons.				
Fantastic Firs	Charlie for showing excellent collaboration in English. Rosie for showing excellent enthusiasm in English.				
Mighty Oaks	Harvey for his determination in maths. Jordan for super determination in maths.				

Christian Vision awards



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Amelia H for showing not only great listening but also kindness when she heard a child asking where a certain toy was, Amelia found it and brought it straight to the child.

Kurt for helping adults tidy up at playtime.

Amelia J for having the courage to explore new games at playtime.

Effie for being a good buddy.

Charlie D for being a good friend.

Nova for looking after others.

Dougie T for having the courage to learn a new skills in maths.

Handwriting Heros

Wondrous Willows	Leila
Fantastic Firs	Ashleigh
Mighty Oaks	Effie



TTRS AWARDS

Pippa for super effort
Charlie for super effort



Numbots Awards

Theo:
Iron Level

Homework

Wondrous Willows	Fantastic Firs	Mighty Oaks
<p>Reception</p> <p>This week homework will be to read your school reading book.</p> <p>Complete page 30 in your Maths Homework books</p>	<p>Y3</p> <p>Maths p24-25</p> <p>Comprehension p24-25</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 15 minutes a day</p> <p>Comment in yellow reading log</p>	<p>Y5</p> <p>Reading comprehension p20-21 Video Gaming Grandma</p> <p>Maths workout 10</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p> <p>Review in green reading log</p>
<p>Year 1</p> <p>Read your school reading book</p> <p>Practise your mental calculations using NUMBOTS</p> <p>Practise for our spelling test on Monday – time, spray, open, being, sure</p> <p>Complete page 44 in your Maths Homework books</p> <p>Year 2</p> <p>Read your school reading book every day and ask an adult to record your reading in your Reading Record books</p> <p>Practise your mental calculations using NUMBOTS</p> <p>Practise for our spelling test on Monday – hiding, seeing, having, making, carried</p> <p>Complete Workout 10 on pages 20 & 21 in your Maths Homework books</p> <p>Complete page 10 in your Reading Comprehension books</p>	<p>Y4</p> <p>Maths p24-25</p> <p>Comprehension p24-25</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 15 minutes a day</p> <p>Comment in yellow reading log</p>	<p>Y6</p> <p>Reading comprehension P20-21 Queen Victoria's Diary</p> <p>Maths workout 10</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p> <p>Review in green reading log</p>

Please note that YR and Y1 reading books need to be returned to school on Monday morning. Y2 will need their reading books and Reading Records in school every day.

Y1&Y2 Maths books and Y2 Reading Comprehension books are now due in by Thursday.

PTA Dates for the diary

Christmas Fayre - 6th December

Quiz at Ludlow Golf Club - Friday 6th February 2026

BITTERLEY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS

FAYRE

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

11AM~1PM

BITTERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SY8 3HF

MARKET STALLS
SANTAS GROTTTO
GKY DANCE PERFORMANCE
CHRISTMAS CAROLS

FREE ENTRY!

RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES
GAMES & CRAFTS

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT BITTERLEY SCHOOL PTA

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

Saturday 6th December - School Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 9th December - Y4-5 Advent Service, Hereford Cathedral

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas play at Bitterley Village Hall (1.30pm & 5.00pm performances)

Thursday 11th December - Whole school pantomime trip to Ludlow Assembly Rooms

Tuesday 16th December - Church Service

The Staff Team