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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 16.10.26

Attendance

WWC	98%
FFC	95%
MOC	99%



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Bitterley, with lots happening both in school and within our wider community. As we approach the end of our first half term, it is lovely to see the children continuing to work hard, enjoy their learning and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

This week, Firs Class enjoyed a visit to Bitterley Village Hall, where they took part in some bulb planting and helped to create table decorations in preparation for the village's Harvest Supper tomorrow.

It was a lovely opportunity for the children to contribute to a community event and take pride in doing something for others. We are always keen to strengthen our links with the village, and activities like these help our children understand the importance of being active, caring members of their local community.

A big thank you to everyone, especially the village hall committee, involved in organising this opportunity for the children.

In our assemblies this week, we have continued to explore our school value of Love, thinking particularly about how the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

We have talked about how something as simple as a smile, a kind word or taking the time to help someone can completely change their day. The children have been encouraged to think about the little things they can do to make others feel happy, valued and included.

It is an important reminder that showing love and kindness doesn't always require grand gestures. Often, it is the small, everyday actions that have the greatest impact. These are the values we want to see at the heart of our Bitterley school community.

PTA Bingo – Tonight!

Tonight is our much-anticipated PTA Bingo Evening at Bitterley Village Hall, and I am really looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Doors open at 6.30pm, so don't forget your dabbers and come ready for an evening of fun, laughter and hopefully a few prizes!

A huge thank you to our PTA and everyone who has worked hard behind the scenes to organise the event, as well as all those who have donated prizes and supported our fundraising efforts.





Events like these are a wonderful way of bringing our school community together while raising valuable funds for our children. We really appreciate your support.

A reminder that we will be holding our Harvest Festival next Friday afternoon, at St. Mary's Church, Bitterley at 2.00pm. More details will be sent via Dojo.

Harvest is a special opportunity for us to come together, reflect on all that we have to be thankful for and think about how we can help those who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

As part of our celebrations, we will be collecting donations for Ludlow Food Bank. If you are able to, we would be very grateful if you could send in a donation of non-perishable food items to support local families in need.

Every contribution, however small, will make a difference and is another lovely way for our children to put our school values of love, kindness and community into action.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for everything you do to make Bitterley such a special school community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at bingo this evening and hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs West and the Bitterley team

Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Aurora for perseverance and patience when engaged in an adult led rhyming activity.				
Wondrous Willows	Holly for enthusiasm in her story telling. Lottie for her enthusiasm in PE.				
Fantastic Firs	Charlie for great determination in his independent writing this week.				
Mighty Oaks	Ashleigh for a wonderful attitude to her learning and always tackling a challenge with determination and enthusiasm.				

Little Acorns

Eddy the Teddy is going home with Harley for playing so nicely and joining in much more with the other children.

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Jack
Fantastic Firs	Reuben
Mighty Oaks	Archie



Special Menu

There is a special Halloween menu on Friday 23rd October. On Eduspot, please order a jacket potato if your child wants cheese and potato pie and order pizza if your child would like meatballs. There is no vegetable korma on this day.

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

Parents Evening Reminder

Parents evening for Willows, Firs and Mighty Oaks classes take place on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October. Please contact the school office if you have not booked an appointment to see your child's teacher but would like to do so.

Upcoming PTA Events

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

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