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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 06.11.26

Attendance

WWC	97%
FFC	98%
MOC	94%



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break and had the opportunity for some well-deserved rest and time together as families.

It has been a really positive first week back at Bitterley. The children have settled quickly back into their routines and have returned with enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning. It has been lovely to see classrooms busy with purposeful learning and children demonstrating our school values through their interactions with one another.

This week, we were delighted to welcome back our wonderful Open the Book team, who shared another engaging story with the children.

The story carried an important message about the value of every individual and reminded us that everyone is important and has something to contribute, not just those who are in positions of power or those who shout the loudest.

It was a lovely opportunity to reflect on our school values of love, strength and courage and the sense of belonging to a school and wider community. We talked about how everyone has

their own strengths, talents and ideas, and how important it is that we listen to and value one another. Every child has a voice and a part to play in making Bitterley the caring and inclusive community we want it to be.

As always, the children thoroughly enjoyed the assembly, and we are very grateful to the Open the Book team for continuing to give their time to our school.

Today, we were honoured to welcome Reverend Parker, who joined us to lead our Remembrance Service.

It was a special and meaningful occasion, giving the children an opportunity to reflect on the courage, sacrifice and service of those who have served, and continue to serve, our country.

Remembrance is an important opportunity for our children to develop an understanding of the past and to reflect on the importance of peace, kindness and gratitude. The children listened respectfully and thoughtfully throughout the service, and we are very proud of the maturity they showed.

A sincere thank you to Reverend Parker for taking the time to join us and lead such an important moment of reflection.

We are really looking forward to seeing many of you at our PTA Book and Cake Sale this afternoon!

This is another lovely opportunity to bring our school community together, enjoy a treat, perhaps find a new book to read and support our school at the same time.

A huge thank you to our PTA and everyone who has helped organise the event, donated items or contributed their time. Your continued enthusiasm and support make such a difference to the opportunities we can provide for our children.

We hope to see lots of you there!



A reminder that next Friday, 13th November, is our Children in Need fundraising day.

Children are welcome to come to school wearing **something spotty** in exchange for a minimum donation of £1.

Whether it's a spotty jumper, socks, accessories or a whole outfit, we look forward to seeing a wonderful collection of spots around school!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to think about how we can help others and make a positive difference, reflecting once again our school values of love, kindness and community.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a lovely start to the second half of the autumn term, and we are looking forward to the many exciting events and opportunities ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs West and the Bitterley team

After school club update.

Shrewsbury Town Football Club is running our Sports After School Club on Wednesdays. This was initially just for children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2. Due to low numbers, children in Fantastic Firs and Mighty Oaks can join too. Please let the school office know if your child would like to attend this club.

Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Felicity for sharing her pipe cleaner creations with her friends to cheer us all up!				
Wondrous Willows	Jack for his great determination in our maths work and for Sophia for her perseverance in her counting work.				
Fantastic Firs	Josh for showing great determination to show all the school values this week.				
Mighty Oaks	Nova for fantastic collaboration with her learning partner during lessons and being a role model to the class.				

Little Acorns

Eddy the Teddy is going home with Harley for great listening and joining in!

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Theo
Fantastic Firs	Reuben
Mighty Oaks	Josie

Upcoming PTA Events



Xmas 4 Schools orders

Please remember the closing date for the Xmas 4 schools online ordering is midnight on **Sunday 8th November**. Please put your orders in via the ordering portal to be able to get them delivered in to school before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has already put their orders in.

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 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
Oaks Class Coffee morning and Christmas decorating at Bitterley Village Hall – 27th November

December

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 9th December
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 10th December
Christmas Craft Day – Tuesday 15th December
Christmas Service -TBC
Carols around the tree – Wednesday 16th December (more details to follow)
Pantomime Trip Yr R – Yr6 – Thursday 17th December
Class Christmas parties and bring in a board game – Friday 18th December
End of term – Friday 18th December

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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