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

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Attendance

WWC	96%
FFC	88%
MOC	85%



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in assemblies, our school community has been exploring the themes of determination and embracing opportunities. Across the school, children have reflected on what it means to persevere when faced with challenges and to make the most of the opportunities available to them. As part of this learning, pupils have also explored the lives of people in different countries and considered the experiences of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. These discussions have encouraged empathy, gratitude, and a greater understanding of the wider world.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the Year 4 Multiplication Check Workshop. Your support at home plays a vital role in helping children develop confidence and fluency with their multiplication facts, and we greatly appreciate your attendance and engagement.

We were also delighted to see so many children taking part in Children in Need today by wearing something spotty. The children looked fantastic and embraced the spirit of the event with enthusiasm. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised a total of £52 for this wonderful cause. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Looking ahead to next week, Monday is Odd Socks Day, which marks the start of our Anti-Bullying Week activities. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to celebrate individuality and raise awareness that everyone is unique, different, and wonderful in their own way. It promotes kindness, inclusion, respect, and standing up against bullying.

Children are invited to wear any odd socks with their school uniform on Monday. We look forward to seeing a colourful collection of mismatched socks as we celebrate what makes each of us special.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	All the Little Acorns children for their Remembrance Day and Children in Need learning and activities.				
Wondrous Willows	Ava for enthusiasm in our history drama work. Elen for enthusiasm in her writing.				
Fantastic Firs	Ottilie for great enthusiasm towards all learning this week.				
Mighty Oaks	Tanya for her fantastic attitude to learning and always trying her best.				

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Ana
Fantastic Firs	Josh
Mighty Oaks	William

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

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
MOC trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre – Tuesday 17th November
MOC trip to Oakerwood Leisure – Friday 20th November
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