



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 28.11.25

Attendance

WWC	96%
FFC	89%
MOC	94%



Parent/carer maths drop-in

On Tuesday 2nd December, you are invited to join us for a special maths drop-in. During the workshop you will find out about maths mastery then take part in maths games alongside your child.

Fond Farewell

We are sorry to announce that Miss Rees will be leaving us for pastures new at the end of the Autumn term. Over the past two and a half years, Miss Rees has demonstrated commitment to our school. She will be greatly missed.

As this was a late appointment, we are unable to recruit a permanent replacement until Easter. However, we are pleased to confirm that we have appointed Mrs Morris on a short-term contract for Fantastic Firs. Mrs Morris is an experienced teacher who has worked for many years within Key Stage 2. She will be visiting the school on Monday 15th December, providing an opportunity for pupils and parents to meet her.

We wish Miss Rees all the best in her future endeavours and look forward to welcoming Mrs Morris to our school community.

School Effectiveness Visit

On Tuesday, we had a special visit from our chair of governors, Mr Hughes, and the deputy CEO of the trust, Mrs McKeown. During their time with us, they focused on safeguarding, behaviour, and the progress being made across the school. Both Mr Hughes and Mrs McKeown were delighted to witness the super behaviour of our pupils in lessons. They were particularly impressed by how well the students explained their learning, showcasing their understanding and enthusiasm. They would like to thank staff and pupils.

Safer Schools Parent Survey

Our school safety committee is exploring ways to enhance safety around our school. We kindly invite parents to complete a safer schools parent survey. Your feedback will help us identify what's working well and guide our next steps. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/vVxyQHwtzN?origin=lprLink>



Careers

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Joy Harwood into our school. Joy shared her experiences as a paramedic, highlighting the vital role she plays in our local community. The students were captivated by her stories and the importance of this career in saving lives and providing care. We would like to thank Joy for her time and inspiration.

Raffle ticket reminder

Please return all raffle ticket stubs, unsold tickets and money to school by Friday 5th December. Thank you.

PTA Wreath Making

On Thursday night, our community came together to create beautiful Christmas wreaths. It was an atmospheric evening filled with mince pies, mulled wine, and festive music. A heartfelt thank you to the PTA for their hard work in raising funds for our school.



In school this week

Little Acorns



Our Little Acorns Class our children have had great fun playing in our 'babies' role play area, they have been feeding and dressing the baby dolls, taking them for walks, changing their nappies, reading them stories, teaching them our sound of the week and even potty training them, so they were very excited this week when a real life baby came to visit us! Thank you to Daniels Mummy, Kyra, for bringing baby Dylan in to meet us.

Wondrous Willows Class

This week in WWC we have been thinking about our No Outsiders project and how wonderful it is to be different by exploring the meaning in the Elmer story.



We have also been using The Colour Monster book to think about our feelings. We have been colour mixing and even have our own mixed up colour monster!



Fantastic Firs Class








This week in science, Firs have been casting a scientific enquiry to find out which materials cast a shadow. They concluded that opaque materials create the darkest shadows because most of the light is blocked.

Mighty Oaks Class





This week the class have been practising for the Christmas play. During history we used historical evidence to learn about the lives of evacuees. During PE we learnt team tactics.

Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Lottie showed great creativity and lots of determination as she practices drawing her mummy on our outdoor black board.				
Wondrous Willows	Daniel for his enthusiasm in all our learning. Sophia for her wonderful enthusiasm during our Art Day.				
Fantastic Firs	Josie for showing excellent perseverance during our project. Alistair for showing excellent creativity during our project.				
Mighty Oaks	Millie for her creative writing in English. Daisy for her enthusiasm in DT.				

Christian Vision awards

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	<p>To all of our Wednesday Little Acorns who showed such care and kindness towards our 4 month old visitor Dylan.</p> <p>Ashton for helping to put away playtime equipment from a peer.</p> <p>Charlie H for being kind and caring to others from a peer.</p> <p>William for supporting others with their work.</p> <p>Reuben S for showing kindness to others.</p> <p>Sofia S for having the courage to speak to an advisor.</p> <p>Effie for having the courage to speak to an advisor.</p>

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Olive
Fantastic Firs	Fern
Mighty Oaks	James



TTRS AWARDS

Pippa - for super effort

Ottilie - for super effort

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 11 in your Maths Homework books</p>	<p>Y3</p> <p>Maths p22-23</p> <p>Comprehension p22-23</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 p18 and 19 A Letter from E.B.White</p> <p>Maths workout 9</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 – these, new, shriek, claw, want</p> <p>Complete page 10 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 – foxes, humming, wishes, fizzes, there</p> <p>Complete Workout 9 on pages 18 & 19 in your Maths Homework books</p>	<p>Y4</p> <p>Maths p22-23</p> <p>Comprehension p22-23</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 P18 and 19 The Lord of the Rings</p> <p>Maths workout 9</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p> <p>Review in green reading log</p>

Complete page 9 in your Reading Comprehension books		
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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 GROTTO
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

Tuesday 2nd December - Maths Parent/carer drop-in, 9.00am - 10.00am

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