



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 24.10.25

Attendance

WWC	93%
FFC	92%
MOC	95%



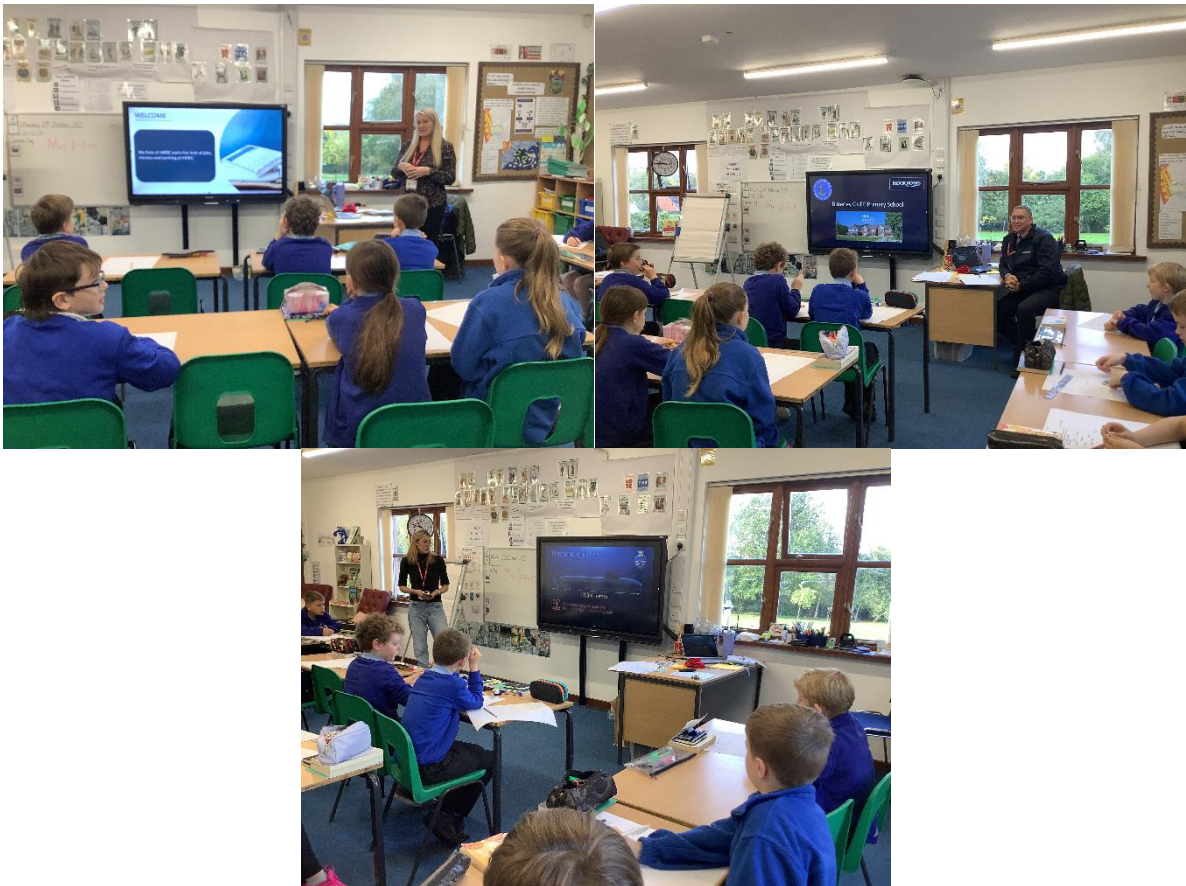
Wall of remembrance - creative homework

We would like our school community to come together to mark Remembrance Day by creating a beautiful wall of poppies in the school grounds. Whether you prefer knitting, sewing, or crafting poppies out of recycled materials, your contributions will help us honour this important occasion. Please remember to return your poppies by **Tuesday 4th November**, to ensure we have them ready for display.

Careers Day

On Monday, the whole school dived into a fantastic Careers Day, exploring a range of jobs within our community. It was an eye-opening experience as we had the pleasure of meeting some truly inspiring professionals. We spoke with a property developer who shared insights into the real estate world, and an accountant who clarified the intricacies of finance. A BAE Systems developer provided a glimpse into the fascinating world of engineering, while a policewoman highlighted the importance of serving our community. We also met a dedicated carer and even a pilot, whose stories of adventure left us all dreaming big.

A massive thank you to all the parents and visitors who contributed to making this event both educational and enjoyable. Special mention goes to Mr and Mrs Allen, Mrs Castell, Mrs Albert-Styles, and Harminder for their support and enthusiasm in helping us all learn about these exciting career paths.





Harvest Service

On Tuesday, we had a wonderful time celebrating Harvest at Bitterley Church. A big thank you to all the parents, carers, and friends of Bitterley for making this event so special.



Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Ludlow Food Bank. Your generosity means so much, and all items have been gratefully received. Together, we're making a difference in our community.



Pupil Voice

Allowing pupils to have a voice is really important. It empowers them to express their thoughts and feelings, contributing to a more inclusive learning environment. This term, pupils have joined worship crew, school council, sports leaders, and safety committee.

School Council



Worship Crew

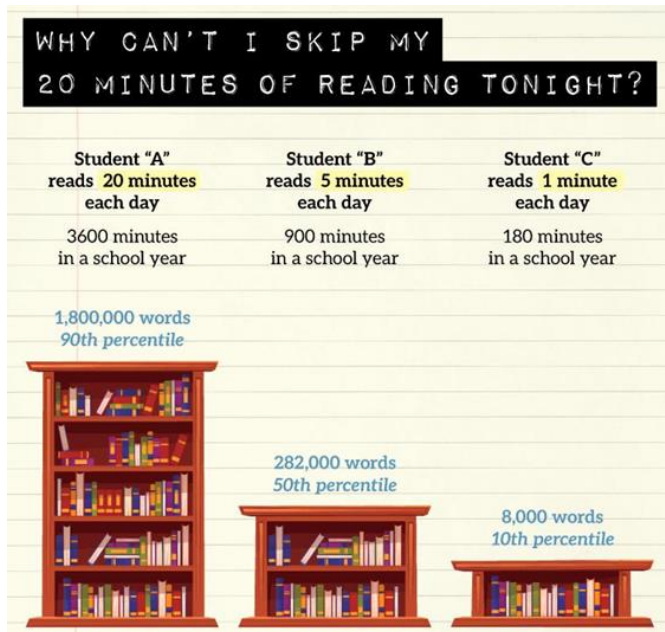


Sports leaders



Reading Challenge Update

For every book a pupil reads, their name goes on the reading wall if they can answer three questions about their chosen book. So far, we have 14 books as a school. If we all read enough to reach the top of the pole, we'll celebrate with a special themed curriculum day! How many books can we read together?



FFC Swimming reminder

After half term children in FFC will be swimming every Monday, starting on Monday 3rd November. Please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit every Monday.

Open Day

On Tuesday 18th November, we're hosting an open day for prospective parents. We've posted about it in the Ludlow Local, West of the Clee, and it will also feature in the newspaper after half term. Please help us spread the word and invite anyone interested (Poster is attached as flyer).

In school this week

Little Acorns Class



Happy Diwali everyone from Little Acorns Class

Wondrous Willows Class



This week in WWC we have been reviewing, evaluating and improving our architectural models.

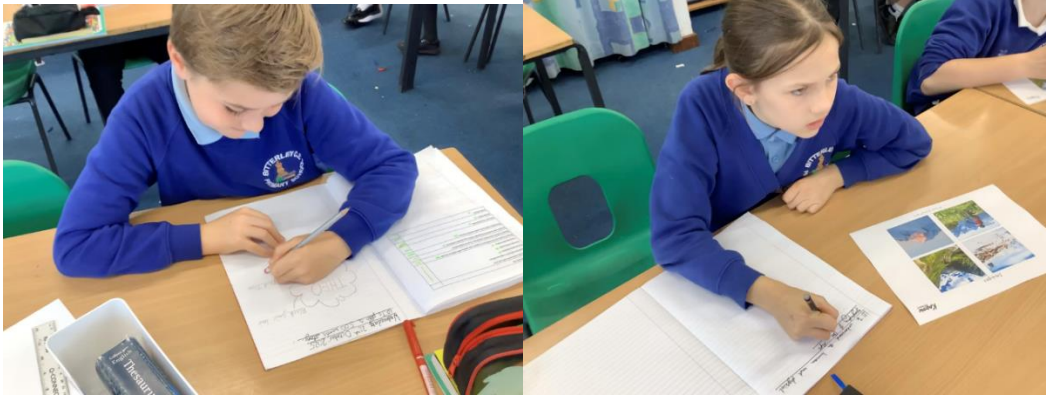
Fantastic Firs Class



In maths this week, Fantastic Firs have been working very hard subtracting two four-digit numbers. They've shown great determination and improvement, really getting to grips with the concept.

Mighty Oaks Class







This week, Mighty Oaks have been learning to work as a team by enjoying games with Mr Bufton. In geography, the pupils created some fantastic persuasive adverts for the Alps.

LV Awards - Little Acorns

Teddy - For showing such confidence and using his brave voice to solve a toy dispute! We are so proud of you Teddy!

Christian Vision awards

	 <p>BITTERLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL <i>"Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)</i></p>
	<p>Aurora - For rushing to the aid of another child who had fallen off the trike. So kind and so STRONG! Jess for being supportive towards others. Kurt for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Myla for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Theo for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Olive for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Archie for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Josh for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Grace for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Teddy for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Reuben for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Josie for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Rose for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Rosie for being a role model - from Mr Lawrence Harvey for showing courage as a sports leader - from Mr Thomas Thea for showing kindness to others from a peer</p>

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Sophia
Fantastic Firs	Albert
Mighty Oaks	Milo



TTRS Awards

James - Breakthrough Artist

Dougie D - Gigger



Paisley - Tin

Well done!

In the summer Olive and her family visited Croft Castle and enjoyed the "Fields of Play". One of the activities was from Herefordshire Libraries and the children were asked to draw a garden that they would like to read a book in.

Olive spent a long time drawing a beautiful garden and colouring it. The drawing was entered into a competition to win a prize for the garden the Judges liked best.

They had a phone call at the end of last week to say Olive had won! And so they went to Leominster Library to collect her prize - a basket of books and gardening things. She is over the moon! Well done Olive.



Secondary Application deadline - 31 October 2025

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2025 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 make use of their four preferences. 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/ change the order of preference, please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

PTA Dates for the diary

Bake Sale - October 3rd & Nov 7th

Christmas Wreath making - 27th November

Christmas Fayre - 6th December

Christmas Movie night - 12th December

Elfridge's Christmas Shop - 18th December (TBC)

Quiz at Rugby club - January 23rd

Bitterley School Halloween Disco!



£5
PER CHILD

KNOWBURY MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL
SY8 3JL

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
6PM-8PM



**CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT
OR GUARDIAN.**

**PARTY GAMES,
DANCING & LOTS OF
FUN!
FOOD & DRINK
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ON THE
NIGHT!**



Bitterley School Bake

Sale

Friday 7th November

3pm School Pick Up

Cash Only

**A beautiful range of handmade
cakes will be available.**



Wreath Making Workshop

at
Bitterley Primary School
Thursday 27th November
7pm - 9pm
£35 per person

Limited Spaces
so book now.

Wreath Rings and all foliage will be provided.
Please bring a set of wire cutters as we have limited sets.

Please feel free to bring along any festive accessories or specific decor you wish to add to your wreath, we fully encourage you to get creative.

You will also get a fabulously festive glass of Warm Mulled Wine & a tasty Mince Pie.

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

October

1st October to 31st October - Black History Month

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term

November

Monday 3rd November - Swimming commences for FFC.

Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November - Anti-bullying week

Monday 10th November - Odd socks day

Tuesday 11th November - Maths workshop for parents YR-6

Friday 14th November - Children in Need Day

December

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



Bitterley C.E. Primary School
School Term and Holiday Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term

Term Starts Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term Monday 27th October 2025- Friday 31st October 2025
Term Ends Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term

Term Starts Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026
Term Ends Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term

Term Starts Monday 13th April 2026
Half Term Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026
Term Ends Thursday 16th July 2026

Staff Development days—children not in school

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 5th January 2026

**Please note: these dates differ slightly from those published by the
Local Authority.**