



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 17.10.25

Attendance

WWC	99%
FFC	93%
MOC	94%



Parents Evening

Just a quick reminder that Parents Evening is on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st October from 3:30 to 6pm. Don't forget to book your appointments using the link that was sent to you. A massive thank you to all the parents who have already booked.

High Sheriff returns to Bitterley

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Youth Awareness Day! The children had a fantastic time wearing blue and creating a coin trail to celebrate. We were thrilled to share this event with the High Sheriff. The funds raised will be donated to youth charities and support groups across Shropshire, with young people deciding how to spend the money.



Creative Homework - Harvest decoration

The Bitterley Village Hall committee has a fun task for you. They've asked our school to make some lovely harvest decorations for their upcoming harvest supper. You can get creative with your decorations, using either natural materials like leaves and twigs or art supplies you have at home. Please do not use fruit or vegetables. It's a great opportunity to showcase your creativity and bring some warmth to the celebration. All artwork must be in school by Thursday 23rd October.



Please note there is no reading or maths homework from books this week.



Harvest Donations

As part of the theme of helping our community the pupils would like all food donations to go to the Ludlow Foodbank. Please can you send in non-perishable items to classes next week in preparation for the service. Examples are provided below. Thank you.

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice

Harvest Service

This is taking place on Tuesday 21st October, starting at 10.00am at St. Mary's Church, Bitterley. All families are welcome. Please ensure all children have a coat and warm clothing. We will be transported to and from church by minibuses.



Wall of remembrance

We would like our school community to come together to mark Remembrance Day by creating a beautiful wall of poppies in the school grounds. The poppy has become a powerful symbol of remembrance for those who lost their lives in World War One, and it now serves as a heartfelt tribute to all those who continue to serve today. We invite everyone to get creative! Whether you prefer knitting, sewing, or crafting poppies out of recycled materials, your contributions will help us honour this important occasion. We've also reached out to members of Bitterley village and the Women's Institute to contribute to this event, making it a true community effort. Please remember to return your poppies by **Tuesday, 5th November**, to ensure we have them ready for display. Thank you for your support in remembering those who sacrificed so much for us.

In school this week

Little Acorns Class





This week we have been recycling some of the Autumn leaves that have fallen outside of our Little Acorns Class, we had quite a few to choose from!

Wondrous Willows Class



This week in WWC we have been having lots of fun sorting and classifying objects.

Fantastic Firs Class



Firs Class have had a great time this week practicing for the Harvest performance.

Mighty Oaks Class





On Tuesday, MOC class attended two workshops at RAF Cosford. The children created hoppers using Lego Spike Prime kits and then programmed them to move. We even managed to have a hopper race! Then the children made rockets and tested them out. We had a brilliant day!






Conker Time

This week saw the launch of our new conker club at lunchtimes. Pupils have enjoyed playing this traditional game. A special mention to Dougie D., who scored his very first golden conker point.







Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Ava for perseverance and patience this week as she learns to share, take turns and compromise in all kinds of situations. Proud of you Ava.				
Wondrous Willows	Paisley for her super drama work. Theo for his effort and determination in English.				
Fantastic Firs	Ashton for showing excellent determination in English. Ottilie for showing excellent creativity in art.				
Mighty Oaks	Dougie for showing determination in maths. Caspar for creativity in English.				

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>Holly for showing such pride in our classroom environment, she is always the last to sit down at circle times as she is making sure the Home Corner looks spick and span!</p> <p>Harvey for helping others.</p> <p>Rose for looking after the wellbeing of others.</p> <p>Freddy for supporting adults in school.</p> <p>Dougie D for having the strength to succeed.</p> <p>Teddy for having the strength to succeed.</p> <p>Kurt for showing kindness to others.</p> <p>Louie for demonstrating perseverance in maths.</p>

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Daniel
Fantastic Firs	Tanya
Mighty Oaks	Thea



TTRS Awards

Charlie H. - super effort

Zara C. - super effort

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

Baby grand piano donation

We have been contacted about a donation of a baby grand piano from someone who would like it to go to a passionate instrument lover who will use and take great care of it. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in giving this piano a good home.

PTA Dates for the diary

Bake Sale - October 3rd & Nov 7th

Halloween Disco - 24th October

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!**



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 20th October - Careers Day

Monday 20th October - Parent/Carer Meetings Evening - 3:30pm -6:00pm

Tuesday 21st October - Parent/Carer Meetings Evening - 3:30pm -6:00pm

Tuesday 21st October - Harvest Service at Bitterley Church, 10.00am

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 Monday 5th 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.**