



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

## Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 26.09.25

### Attendance

WWC	95%
FFC	93%
MOC	98%



### Reading Challenge

This week kicked off our whole school reading challenge! 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've tackled "Hector and the Big Bad Knight." 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?

# WHY CAN'T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?

**Student "A"**  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes  
in a school year

**Student "B"**  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes  
in a school year

**Student "C"**  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes  
in a school year

1,800,000 words  
90th percentile



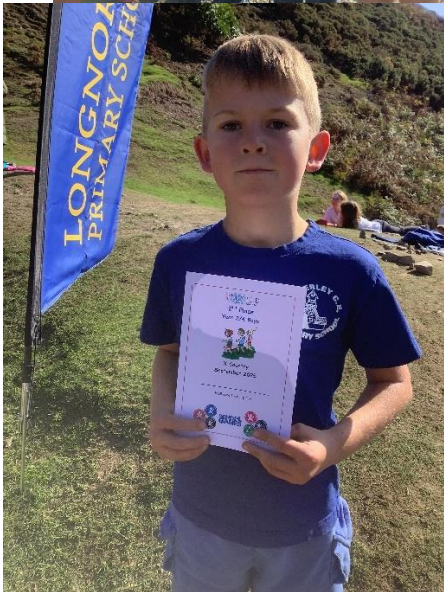
282,000 words  
50th percentile



8,000 words  
10th percentile



## Cross Country Success



On Thursday, pupils from Fantastic Firs had a brilliant time participating in a cross-country event at Carding Mill Valley. The weather was just right, and everyone put in a tremendous effort during the challenging course. It was fantastic to see all the pupils giving it their all and supporting one another along the way. A special shout-out goes to Thomas, who came second, and Otilie, who finished in a fantastic fourth place. Well done to all who took part—you should be very proud of your achievements.

## Reading Workshop



On Thursday, Mighty Oaks invited Willows to a special reading workshop. Pupils teamed up and read stories, answered questions, shared their best reading habits, and had a great time! It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to enjoy books together and learn from one another.

This time of year, is always busy, which is why we've decided to reorganise the phonics and reading workshop for parents to allow more people to attend alongside their children. We'll keep you updated with further details soon.

## Careers Day 20th October

Just reminder that we are still looking for volunteers for a special careers' day on Monday 20th October. So far, we have six volunteers, but we are still looking for more.

We are calling for anyone from any walk of life to share their educational journey and career paths to our children. It could be:

Healthcare Professionals

Police/Armed Forces

Bankers

Librarians

Graphic design & Web Development

Dentists

Council Services

Plumbers

Fashion Stylists

Aerospace & Science

Photography

Veterinary Services

Business Owners & Entrepreneurs

Postal Services

Teachers/Lecturers

Engineers

Lawyers

Local Council Leaders

Sporting Professionals

Drama, Writing and Acting

If this is something you would be interested in, please email [admin@bitterley.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bitterley.shropshire.sch.uk) or contact the class teacher.

In school this week

Little Acorns Class



Our Little Acorns have been impressing us with their **FANTASTIC** mark making skills and imaginations!

## Wondrous Willows Class



This week WWC have been learning about the mapping of their local area, the continents and The Equator.

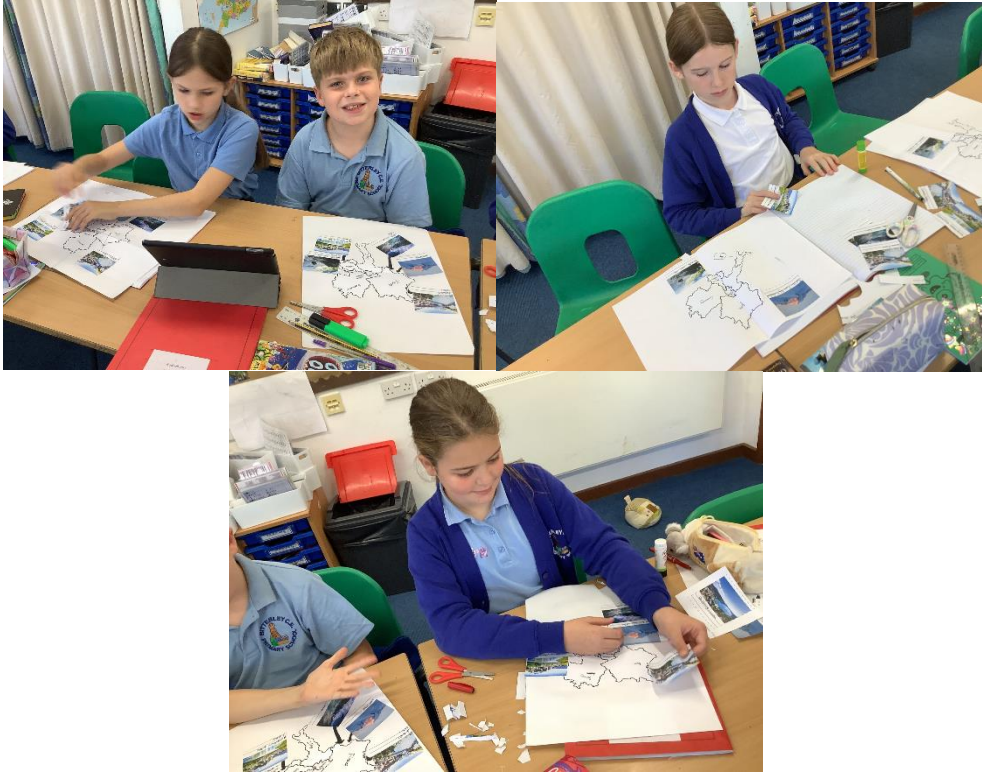
## Fantastic Firs Class



This week in FFC in science, we carried out investigations to investigate solids turning to liquids using ice cubes.

## Mighty Oaks Class

This week pupils have been learning about tourist attractions in the Alps.



During team games we learnt about cooperation and determination.



## Open the Book








This week, we had a special visit from Open the Book during our collective worship. They used drama to bring the Bible story of Jacob to life, and it was fantastic! We look forward to their next visit.

## Lost water bottle





A pupil's water bottle like the one shown has been lost in school. If anyone finds it, please could you hand it into the school office.

## Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Luca for sharing his interest and knowledge in insects this week. He told us how strong ants were when he spotted one in our Little Acorns garden.				
Wondrous Willows	Olive for her super creativity when making her leaf crown. Sofia S. for her determination to use interesting adjectives in our list writing work.				
Fantastic Firs	Harper for her fantastic collaboration across all areas of learning. Dougie for his brilliant enthusiasm in French whilst learning the days of the week.				
Mighty Oaks	Joe for showing enthusiasm and collaboration in all areas of the curriculum. AJ for showing enthusiasm and collaboration in all areas of the curriculum.				

## Christian Vision awards

	 <b>BITTERLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <i>"Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)</i>
Little Acorns	Teddy - for putting on a brave face when an unexpected event arose in our classroom.
Wondrous Willows	Sofia S. for being helpful during dance club. Olive for being a good role model.
Fantastic Firs	Josie for showing love to a peer who was distressed. Nova for being helpful to others.
Mighty Oaks	Caspar for being kind and helpful. Thea for showing care and consideration.

## Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Arthur
Fantastic Firs	Nova
Mighty Oaks	Millie



Paisley - Iron

Ana - Iron

## 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 4 in your Maths Homework books</p>	<p>Y3</p> <p>Maths – P8 -9</p> <p>Reading comprehension P6 – 7, Harriet’s Hare</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>Maths workout 3 pages 6 and 7</p> <p>Comprehension Why Recycle? pages 6 and 7</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</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 – green, brown, train, thinks, they</p> <p>Complete page 7 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 – before, explosion, chance, station, yawn</p> <p>Complete Workout 3 on pages 6&amp;7 in your Maths Homework books.</p>	<p>Y4</p> <p>Reading comprehension - P6-7 Choosing a bike</p> <p>Maths p8-9</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>Maths workout 3 pages 6 and 7</p> <p>Comprehension The Instructions pages 6 and 7</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p>

Complete page 3 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.



## Christmas Fayre

The Bitterley School PTA is excited to be hosting our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December, 11am-1pm at Bitterley Primary School. 🎄👶👶

We're on the lookout for talented stallholders to join us! If you create or sell handmade, crafted or festive items, we'd love to welcome you to our event. Stalls are just £10.

The Fayre will be filled with:

- ✧ Christmas market-style stalls
- ✧ Mulled wine, mince pies & festive treats
- ✧ Santa's Grotto
- ✧ Fun family activities

It will be widely advertised via social media, parish magazines, local radio, and through all our school networks, so it's a great opportunity to showcase your work to the local community. If you're interested in having a stall (or know someone who might be), please contact Melissa Cadwallader on 07532246617 or the school office.

### 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 Bake

## Sale

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

3.15pm School Pick Up

Cash Only

A beautiful range of handmade  
cakes will be available  
including Nut Free, Gluten Free  
and Vegan.



**Bitterley School**  
**Halloween Disco**

£5 PER CHILD

**KNOWBURY MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL**  
**SY8 3JL**

**FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 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!



**Wreath Making Workshop**

at  
 Bitterley Primary School  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**

**September**

22nd -28th September - Recycling week

**October**

1st October to 31st October - Black History Month

Thursday 2nd October - Cross Country Carding Mill Valley, MOC

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Y6 taster day, Lacon Childe School

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Careers Day

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

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

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Harvest Service at Bitterley Church, 10.00am

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Half Term

### **November**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Swimming commences for FFC.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Odd socks day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Maths workshop for parents YR-6

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day

### **December**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Y4-5 Advent Service, Hereford Cathedral

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas play at Bitterley Village Hall (1.30pm & 5.00pm performances)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school pantomime trip to Ludlow Assembly Rooms

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Term Ends Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
Monday 5th January 2026

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