



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 19.09.25

Attendance

WWC	100%
FFC	93%
MOC	96%



Phonics and reading information evening for parents

Join us on Tuesday 23rd September from 3:45pm -5:00pm for a fun phonics and reading workshop for all reception to Year 6 parents.

The purpose of the workshops is to:

- Develop an understanding of what reading looks like for your child in school
- Understand the importance of reading for children
- Explore different methods for reading at home
- Learn the difference between reading skill and reading for pleasure

- Ask questions about reading for your child

We hope you can join us for this event.

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



PTA Easy Fundraising

Bitterley Primary School PTA aims to raise extra funds to benefit the children in their education and school activities. So far, they have raised £2,573.57. How can you support?

How it works

Easy fundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to our school. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay commission because when you start your shop from the easy fundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

How to support Bitterley Primary School PTA,

Ludlow <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bitterleyprimarypta/?searchSessionId=0a713f28-6701-4dde-8e64-c8aeea828a0b>

- Sign up - Provide us with a few details to set up your profile with easyfundraising.
- Download our browser extension
- Our Donation Reminder plug-in pops up automatically when you shop to let you know when a donation is available.
- Track your donations

You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and you will be sent updates on when Bitterley Primary School PTA, Ludlow gets paid.

Christmas Play date change

As we approach Christmas, we're excited about all the events lined up by the Trust and our school community. However, this year, we've encountered a bit of a hiccup! The Advent Service at Hereford Cathedral, which is for our Year 4 and 5 pupils, coincides with our Christmas play. **To resolve this clash, we've decided to move the performances of our Christmas play to Wednesday, 10th December.** We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.



Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event today. We raised £58.20 for this charity.

Year 5/6 Cross country at Carding Mill Valley Update

As you may know, the open day for Year 6 pupils at Lacon Childe School is on Thursday, 2nd October. Open days are really important for Year 6 students as they help them decide which secondary school to choose. However, we've noticed that this timing clashes with the cross-country event at Carding Mill Valley. Currently, only a minority of pupils can attend the cross country, which may mean we have to cancel our participation. If your child is planning to go to the year 6 open day, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

In school this week

Little Acorns Class



We all loved our visit from Mrs Cadwallader this week, especially as she brought along her guitar...can you guess what song we were singing?

Wondrous Willows Class



This week WWC have been making counting wands, explaining how technology around us can help us and understanding where to go for help when they have concerns about content or contact when online and searching for microhabitats in our woodland area.

Fantastic Firs Class



Firs had a lovely time during their Forest School session after earning a gold marble from Mrs France for hitting their target!

Next week marks the International Week of Deaf People, and for reading we'll be exploring extracts from the Newsround article 'International Day of Sign Language' and 'Echo Come Home.'

Mighty Oaks Class



This week we have been learning about the planets. We used our maths skills to calculate the appropriate distance of each planet from the sun to create a scale model. 1metre is 40 million miles.








In art we used grids to create scale drawings of dogs.





During geography we learnt about the physical and human characteristic of the Alps.

Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Harry - For perseverance and detail as he practises his newfound skill of drawing vehicles!				
Wondrous Willows	Ethan for enthusiasm in our science work. Jack for his creativity in his story map.				
Fantastic Firs	Archie for showing excellent enthusiasm in all areas of learning. Tanya for showing great collaboration in maths.				
Mighty Oaks	Milo for showing determination in maths. Rose for showing enthusiasm in her writing.				

Christian Vision awards

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Little Acorns	Felicity - For strength and bravery as she jumps from a tree stump all by herself!
Wondrous Willows	Arthur for super manners. Paisley for excellent help.
Fantastic Firs	Harper for being a good friend. Dougie D. for being a good role model.
Mighty Oaks	Freddy for having courage. Harvey for trying something new.

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Spencer
Fantastic Firs	Harper
Mighty Oaks	Milo



Otilie - Headliner



Paisley - Rust

Kurt - Rust and Iron

Ada - Rust

Theo - Rust

Jack- Rust

Ana - Rust

Ethan - Iron

Homework

Wondrous Willows	Fantastic Firs	Mighty Oaks
<p>Reception</p> <p>This week homework will be to read your school reading book. Maths books will follow shortly.</p>	<p>Y3</p> <p>Pg 5-7 in maths and pg. 4-5 in English</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>An astronauts guide to life on earth p4-5</p> <p>Maths workout 2</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 – misses, chain, queen, chair, she</p> <p>Complete page 5 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>Y4</p> <p>Year 4 maths - Workout 3 (p6-7)</p> <p>Year 4 English - p4-5</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>Born on a blue day p4-5</p> <p>Maths workout 2</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p> <p>Review in green reading log</p>

Practise your mental calculations using NUMBOTS

Practise for our spelling test on Monday – useful, true, world, about, new

Complete Workout 2 on pages 4&5 in your Maths Homework books

Complete page 2 in your Reading Comprehension books

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.

Class Books

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mighty Oaks pizza sale at the end of last term We raised an amazing £120.

These are some of the books we have bought so far:





"The children have been enjoying creative building at BASC during recent weeks. Please can I ask if anybody has any unwanted KINEX floating around in the loft that they might be able to donate to BASC as our box is rather limited. With more pieces we can build bigger and better things. Lego and Duplo are also favourites with the children. Thankyou in anticipation".
Mr Lawrence.

School dinners

The menus for 2025/2026 are on our school website along with a list of allergens contained in all meals. Please click on the link below to see allergen information;

<https://www.bitterleyschool.co.uk/school-dinners/>



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.



Bitterley School Bake

Sale

Friday 3rd 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 Village Hall

Friday September 26th from 10.30 am

COFFEE and CAKES

produce, plants and gifts

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support



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

Tuesday 23rd September - Phonics and reading workshop for parents YR-6

22nd -28th September - Recycling week

Thursday 25th September - Cross Country Carding Mill Valley, FFC

October

1st October to 31st October - Black History Month

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

Thursday 2nd October - Y6 taster day, Lacon Childe School

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

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

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.**