



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 05.09.25

Welcome back

We hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break, we have certainly liked hearing about all of the things that our pupils have been doing over the holiday period! It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome all of our children back into school this week. They have returned with such a positive attitude and seem delighted to be back, reconnecting with their friends and getting back into school routines.

We would also like to take this moment to extend a very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children, as well as their families. Your little ones have made a fantastic start to their time at Bitterley. They've come in with beaming smiles and a positive spirit. Thank you for the part that you have played in getting them ready for this exciting new chapter in their lives. We are looking forward to an incredible year ahead, filled with learning, laughter, and growth.

At the end of the summer term, we took a good look at our curriculum activities. Fantastic Firs and Mighty Oaks will be enjoying swimming lessons this term. Additionally, we've decided to extend our Forest School provision to KS2 after Easter. We have made some changes to our curriculum planning as well, all aimed at enhancing learning experiences.

This year we have joined the trusted sport alliance service for South Shropshire. This provision includes:

- Access to 10 inter-school competitions
- 6 Intra school Competitions
- After school club provision
- Access to Playground Leaders training for years 5 and 6
- Class teaching and support and more...

We look forward to working alongside our new providers. We will also continue to have sports provision from Shrewsbury Town Partnership.

PE and Forest school days

Mondays	Mighty Oaks swimming
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Wednesdays	Fantastic Firs PE with Mr Bufton from Shrewsbury Town Partnership
Wednesdays	Wondrous Willows PE with Mr Bufton from Shrewsbury Town Partnership
Thursdays	Wondrous Willows Forest school

Year 6 SATs Parent/Carer Information Meeting, Monday 15th September 2025

There will be a meeting for parents and carers with Mrs France from 3.30pm - 4.15pm, where parents will have the opportunity to find out more about SATs and what it means for their children.

Polite Reminders

- Please make sure that your child has their water bottle with them each day.
- Children also need to have a waterproof coat in school every day please which should be named to avoid it being lost.
- When dropping off or collecting your child, please do park considerately in the village, do not block driveways or indeed the school entrance area as buses need to have access.
- Children need to be at their desks and ready to learn by 8.55am. Any arrivals after this will be marked as late. It is important that your child begins their learning with the rest of their class, so please do ensure that they arrive in good time.
- Please let us know if you have updated your address/telephone number or email address. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

A reminder about our Healthy Tuck Policy at break times.

All schools are expected to adhere to the School Food Standards which include guidance for "school food other than lunch." You will be aware from the media that the healthy eating agenda for children is extremely high profile, and schools are expected to play an important part.

We ask KS2 parents to help us by only sending in:

- Fruit
- Vegetables

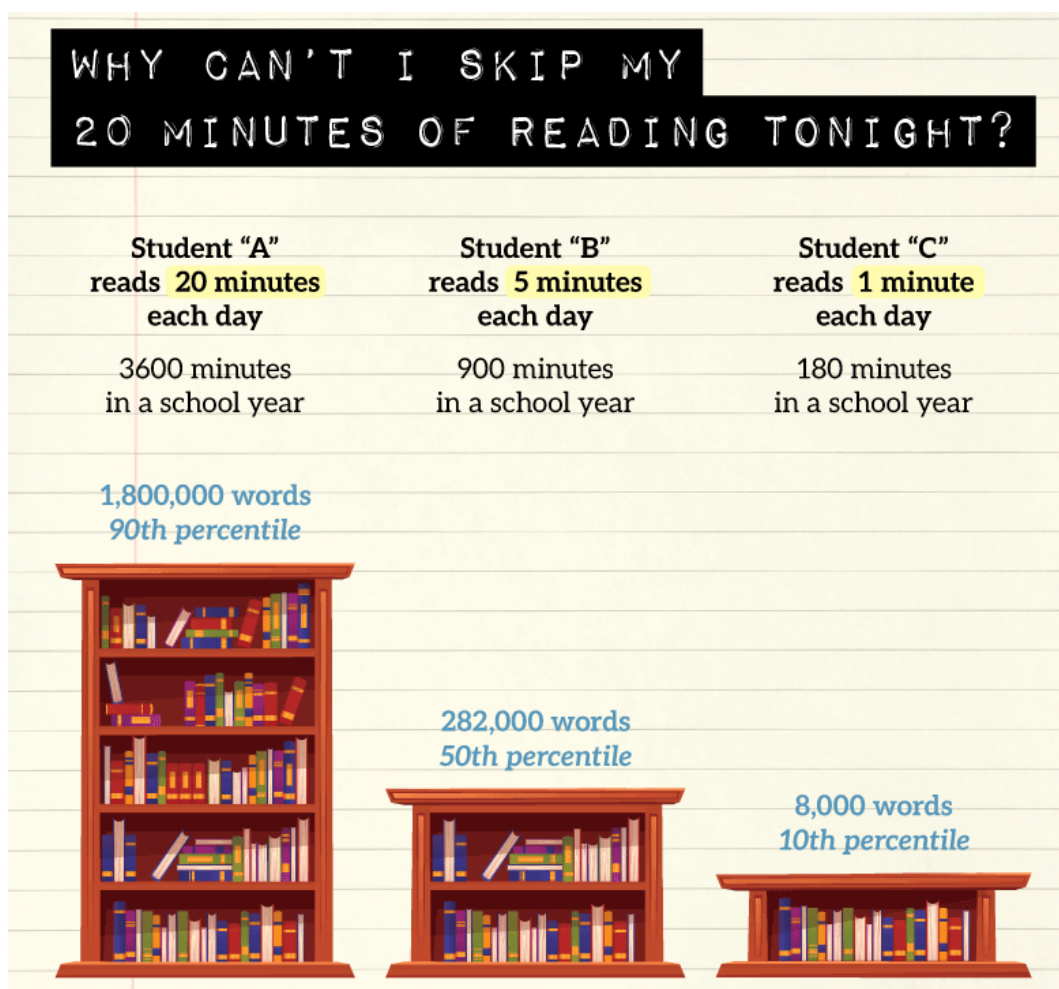
from home for tuck. As part of promoting good health, we encourage children to drink during the day to stay hydrated. Children are welcome to include squashes, juices and juice drinks in lunch boxes.

KS2 Reading Homework

Fantastic Firs should read a banded book 5 times a week for 15 minutes. This is matched to the reading ability of your child. Please record comments daily in the yellow reading log.

Mighty Oaks should read a fiction or non-fiction book 5 times a week for 20 minutes. Pupils can read a mixture of books from home or banded books from school. Please record reading reviews in the green reading log.

There will be no maths or reading comprehension homework this week.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The annual Nasal Influenza immunisation (Flu Spray) is being offered to all children in Year R - 6. The immunisation nurses will be visiting Bitterley School next week on Thursday 11th September to administer the flu vaccination in school. We sent paper consent forms to all parents and carers on Wednesday. Please complete the form (one for each child) and return it to school by **Monday 8th September latest**.

If we do not receive a form back for your child, the immunisation will not be given.

Home School Agreements

New home school agreement forms were sent home with each child on Wednesday. Please could you complete this form and return it to school by Monday 8th September.

After School Club

From Wednesday 10th September there will be a Team Games after school club running for children in KS2 (yrs 3 to 6). A letter was sent to parents today regarding this club.

Cleaning Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a school cleaner to work Monday to Friday, 3.30pm - 6.00pm. Please contact the school office for more information.

In school this week

Little Acorns Class



Welcome back to our Little Acorns!

Wondrous Willows Class



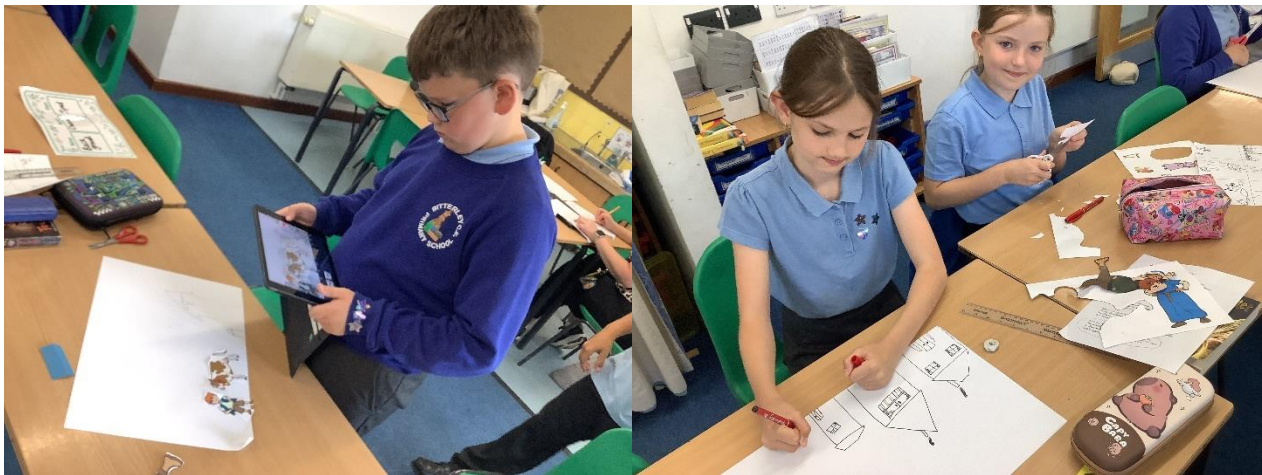
Our new WWC class settling in well.

Fantastic Firs Class



Firs Class have settled in really well. This afternoon, we've been getting creative and drawing our own interpretations of our current story, 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children are so engaged, and their artwork is fabulous!

Mighty Oaks Class



This week pupils have made a fantastic start to a new year. We have been learning about traditional fairy tales. We have created digital stop frame animations of Jack and the Beanstalk and written alternative versions of the tale inspired by the work of Roald Dahl.



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

Monday 8th September - Swimming begins for MOC.

Thursday 11th September - Flu Vaccinations YR - Y6

Monday 15th September - Y6 SATs information meeting for parents
- International Democracy Day

Friday 19th September - Jeans for genes day

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

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health 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

December

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.**