



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 17.07.25

End of year message

As we come to the end of this academic year, we would like to thank our children for their hard work, kindness and positive learning attitudes. Our children have engaged in their learning and the wider opportunities on offer in school with diligence and pride, and we are incredibly proud of them.

We would also like to thank our families for consistent and valuable support for school. We have a strong sense of community at Bitterley school, something which we are again very proud of. We value working together to ensure the best for our young people and thank those who work with us.

We are incredibly lucky to have a highly skilled and dedicated team of staff at Bitterley, who work hard to ensure our children can achieve socially and academically. We thank them for another successful year.

We would also like to thank our governors and our PTA, both teams of dedicated volunteers who give up their time to support and guide our school. Our PTA has organised many events to raise money for our children, ensuring that they can have fun at discos, movie nights, book sales, bake sales and a colour run whilst raising money for school. Our governors have driven us through positive changes this year whilst continuing to strive for success for all children. Bitterley really is a very special place.

After a very busy year, we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break. Hopefully we can enjoy some sunshine and family time and refresh ready for the new term.

Stay safe, have fun, see you in September.

The staff team

Arrangements for next year

We are saying farewell to Mrs Varley, our SENDco at Bitterley School since January. A massive thank you for all her hard work and dedication. She has been an asset to our team, and we wish her all the best in her future adventures.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of our new SENDCo at Bitterley School. Mrs Reid comes to us with numerous years of experience and has created an ASD hub. She will be teaching Fantastic Firs on Mondays and will have additional SENDCo time too. The pupils had the chance to meet Mrs Reid yesterday, and we look forward to her working with us in September!

Class Structures 2025-2026

Mighty Oaks	Years 5 and 6	Mrs France, Mrs Archer and Miss Pressley.
Fantastic Firs	Years 3 and 4	Mrs Reid (Monday), Miss Rees, Mrs Leggett (ELSA), Mrs Wilson and Mr Thomas.
Wondrous Willows	Reception, year 1 and 2	Miss Jones, Miss Tillsley and Mrs Childes.

Year 6 leavers

It is that time of the year when we wish our Year 6s a fond farewell. You have been an amazing year group who have smiled, laughed and worked hard during a challenging year. Your resilience and perseverance are something to be proud of. At Bitterley, while we are sad to say goodbye, we are also excited to see you take the next step in your journey. Remember to dream big, be 'Kid Awesome' and show the world how amazing you all are.



Bitterleys Got Talent

Thank you to all pupils who took part in Bitterleys Got Talent! It was fantastic to witness such a wealth of talent within our school community. Your performances brought so much joy and energy - a real celebration of creativity and hard work.





Uniform



Jumper



Cardigan



Fleece Jacket



Polo Shirts



PE T Shirts

As the term comes to an end, please remember the uniform requirements for next year. We expect children to come to school in school colours except where there are special circumstances. The school colours are royal blue, grey and white. The requirements of the uniform are simple and inexpensive. Cardigans, jumpers, t-shirts, pinafores and polo

shirts with the school logo can be ordered from Lads & Lasses Schoolwear, Bridgnorth at www.schooluniformfactory.co.uk.

*You may prefer to buy your own royal blue items without the school logo on from an alternative supplier. We also have uniform items which can be swapped in school.

Winter Uniform

- **Grey or black trousers**
- **Grey school pinafore dress or skirt. Dresses/skirts should be knee length and have a fixed waistband (no stretch fabric 'pencil' type skirts)**
- **White or pale blue polo shirt or shirt**

Choice of the following

*School sweatshirt

*Royal blue jumper / school cardigan

Suitable, sturdy low-heeled school shoes in black or navy blue (no logos, hi tops, coloured soles or canvas shoes)

(A school fleece is available to be purchased for use outdoor as a jacket)

PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt (no slogans or logos, except for the school logo)

Blue or black P.E. shorts

Plimsolls or trainers

Suitable warm clothing is needed in the winter for KS1/2 pupils - navy/black joggers and a warm black/blue sweatshirt. No football kits.

Swimming kit and a towel for swimming from year 1 onwards

Children should not wear jewellery to school for reasons of safety and security. Earrings must be small discreet studs and must be removed/covered during swimming and P.E.

All uniform and physical education kit should be clearly named in case of loss.

Thank you for your support.

In school this week

Wondrous Willows



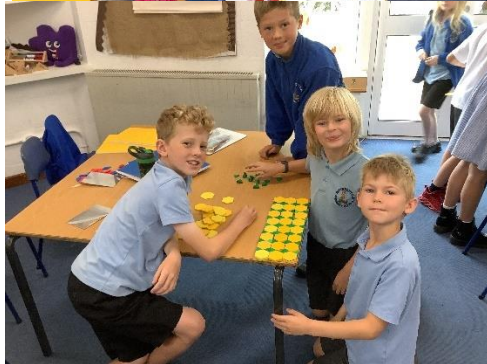
This week WWC have been acting out the story of "The Boy Who Threw Stones at Trees" and thinking about how we could look after our world.

Majestic Maples



This week in design and technology, Maples Class enjoyed applying their food preparation skills that they had learned to make smoothies. The children certainly had a blast experimenting with different flavours, but there were very mixed opinions on whether they liked it or not! Some loved it, while others were not so keen.

Fantastic Firs



Fantastic Firs enjoyed looking at symmetry in maths and sewing in DT.

Mighty Oaks

This week, pupils have made a digital presentation about our school. As part of this project, Mr Jenkins showed us how a drone can be used to capture amazing aerial footage. It was exciting to see how technology can enhance our learning and showcase our school from new heights. We look forward to sharing this in September.



Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Millie, who has qualified for the London International Horse Show, jumping in the Cradle Stakes class at Bridgend Show in Wales! Remarkably, she secured her spot on her very first attempt, out of only 25 qualifiers in the country. We wish her every success.



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Summer Reading Challenge

**Story
Garden**

Summer Reading Challenge

Take a visit to your local library where you can take part in the summer reading challenge. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Visit your local library and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*

There is also information for parents, carers and teachers.

For grown-ups



Home Zone

For parents and carers



Library Zone

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Explore Learning

Find your local library



School Zone

For teachers



Pre-School Zone

For reading in the early years

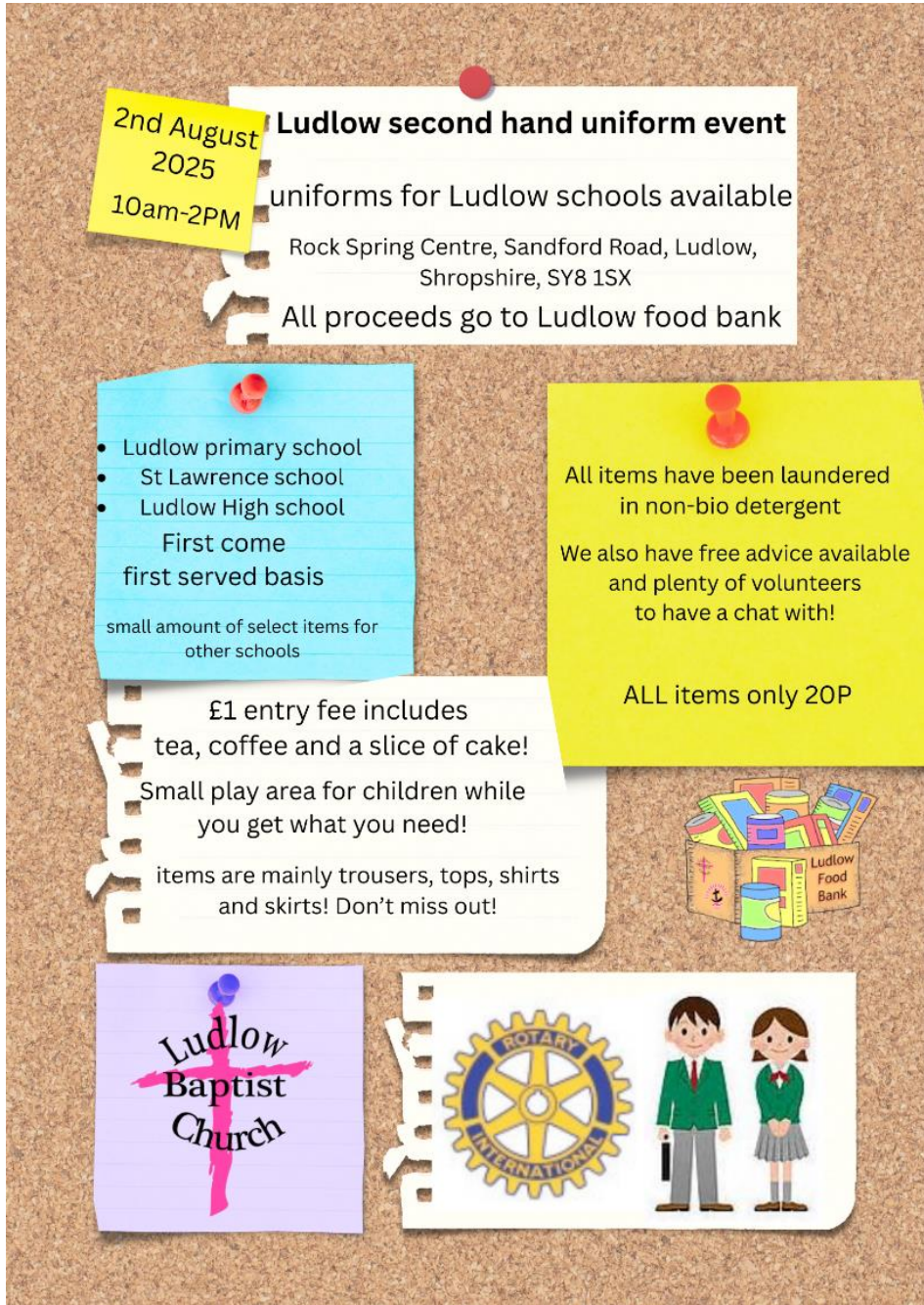


Road to Reading

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A reading adventure for adults and teens

If you complete the challenge, please bring your medals into school in September.



Bitterley School second hand uniform is also available at the above event.



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.

Event	2025
Start of autumn term	Wednesday 3 rd September
Yr R - Yr 6 Flu vaccinations	Thursday 11 th September

The Staff Team



Bitterley C.E. Primary School
School Term and Holiday Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term

Term Starts Wednesday 4th September 2024
Half Term Monday 28th October 2024- Friday 1st November 2024
Term Ends Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

Term Starts Monday 6th January 2025
Half Term Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025
Term Ends Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term

Term Starts Monday 28th April 2025
Half Term Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025
Term Ends Thursday 17th July 2025

Staff Development days—children not in school

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Monday 4th November 2024
Friday 18th July 2025

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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

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