



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 06.06.25

Parent Drop in Session – Tuesday 10th June, 9:00-9:30am

We are excited to invite all parents and carers to a special drop-in session on Tuesday, 10th June, from 9:00 to 9:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school alongside your children for a special reading session. You'll have the chance to read and share class books that align with our book banding system, or you can bring along a favourite reading book from home to enjoy with an adult or peer.

Please note that while Mighty Oaks will be at Arthog for this event, we would still love of parents of Mighty Oaks to join us on Tuesday, 24th June, from 9:00 to 9:30 am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Phonics Screening

Do you have a child in year 1 at primary school? If so, your child will take part in the phonics screening check next week. The purpose of the phonics screening check is to confirm that all children have learned phonic decoding to an age appropriate standard.

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning. They are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using their phonics skills. All pseudo-words in the check are accompanied by a picture of an imaginary creature. Children are taught that when a word has a creature next to it, it is a pseudo-word. This ensures that they are not trying to match the pseudo-word to a word in their vocabulary.

Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

Phonics works best when children are given plenty of encouragement and learn to enjoy reading and books. Parents play a very important part in helping with this. You can highlight the phonics sounds when you read with your child. With all books, encourage your child to 'sound out' unfamiliar words and then blend the sounds together from left to right rather than looking at the pictures to guess. Once your child has read an unfamiliar word, you can talk about what it means and help them to follow the story.

How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results to identify those who need additional support and make plans to help them improve.

Will I receive feedback on my child's results?

Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you in the second half of the summer term.

If your child has found it difficult, the school should tell you what support they have put in place to help your child improve. You might like to ask how you can support your child to take the next steps in reading. Children who have not met the standard in year 1 will re-take the phonics screening check in year 2. The results of any re-take will also be shared with you.



Bitterleys' Got Talent Wednesday 16th July 2-3pm

Do you have a talent that you would like to share with our school community?

You could:

- perform a poem, song or rap
- play a musical instrument
- perform a magic trick
- perform a dance routine
- performance art
- showcase football skills
- or something else...

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to shine on stage.

SPECIAL NOTICE - Parents and carers are welcome to perform alongside pupils if you wish. Please let Mrs France know if you would like to perform.

Auditions taking place on WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY.

In school this week

Little Acorns



What a lot of teamwork and cooperation we have been seeing in Little Acorns this week!

Wondrous Willows



This week in WWC we have been investigating a sighting in the trees! We discovered 3 little owls with a label saying, "I want my mummy!" which reminded us of the story "Owl Babies"! We have created actions and story maps to help us to retell the story with lots of expression and enthusiasm!

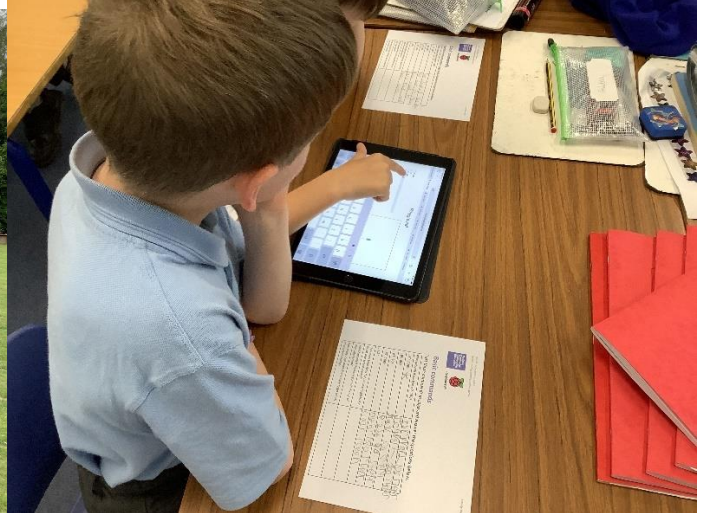
We have also been playing maths games such as "Who has more?"

Majestic Maples



This week in art, Maples Class used a range of materials to create a mythical instrument, inspired by music.

Fantastic Firs



This week in Fantastic Firs, we have been replicating Samba sounds and rhythms in music, in computing we have been practising our coding skills, and in PE the children were brilliant at our first rounders session, practising key skills.

Mighty Oaks

Year 6 pupils received their leavers hoodies. It is lovely to see them.



In art pupils have design sets for an animation.










Alternative Sports Session

On Tuesday, the whole school took part in an alternative sports session. This non-competitive event was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to step out of their comfort zones and try new activities. It was wonderful to see everyone engaging in a variety of sports embracing the spirit of fun and teamwork. A huge thank you to our dedicated sports leaders for organising and leading this event, ensuring that everyone had a great experience.







Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Addison and Holly for excellent teamwork this week as they tidied up our Mud Kitchen. Also demonstrating responsibility and care for the resources they have been playing with.				
Wondrous Willows	Paisley for her creativity in our light box art work. Arthur for his determination in our science work identifying wild and garden plants.				
Majestic Maples	Amos for showing excellent enthusiasm in maths, when learning about time.				
Fantastic Firs	Charlie for enthusiasm in PE. Elsie for enthusiasm in Art.				
Mighty Oaks	AJ for super creativity in English. Lizzie for a super character flaw story.				

Christian Vision awards

	 BITTERLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL <i>"Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)</i>
Little Acorns	Sophia for showing love and consideration as she plays with our younger children, she always lets them join in with her exciting games!
	Showing courage in maths monitoring: India & Grace Jacob, Martha, Thea & Reuben Josie, Mylo & Rose Ethan, Leila & Sophia B



Numbot Awards

Albert	Platinum



TTRS Battle of the Bands Year 5 V Year 6

Winner - Reuben

2nd Place Charlie H

TTRS effort award

Charlie D

Pippa

Handwriting Award

This week our handwriting heroes are:

Wondrous Willows	Ana
Majestic Maples	Joshua
Fantastic Firs	Josie
Mighty Oaks	Zara

Attendance

Attendance this week:

Willows	93%
Maples	92%
Firs	98%
Oaks	97%

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🤝 Socialise and have fun!

📅 Friday, 13th June

📍 Bitterley Village Hall

🕒 7:00 PM

Don't miss it — bring a friend!

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BITTERLEY SCHOOL COLOUR RUN



ALL DETAILS ARE ON OUR PTA EVENTS
PAGE!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

POSTCODE: SY8 3HF

SUNDAY
29TH JUNE
STARTING 10AM

A GREAT DAY TO BE
ENJOYED BY THE
WHOLE FAMILY!
RAISING MONEY FOR OUR WONDERFUL
SCHOOL!

Our charity registration number is 1113304

Volunteers are needed to help with the Colour Run event. Please contact the school if you would like to help.



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
Arthog Residential MOC Year 5/6	Monday 9 th -11 th June
Parent drop in 9-9.30am	Tuesday 10 th June
Sports Afternoon	Tuesday 17 th June
MOC Parent drop in 9- 9.30am	Tuesday 24 th June
Hereford Cathedral Year 6 Leavers Service	Thursday 26 th June
Bitterley School Colour Run	Sunday 29 th June
Reserve Sports afternoon	Tuesday 8 th July
Leavers Service	Tuesday 15 th July 9:30am
Leavers Disco	Tuesday 15 th July 4:30-6pm

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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Local Authority.**



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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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