



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

## **Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 09.05.25**



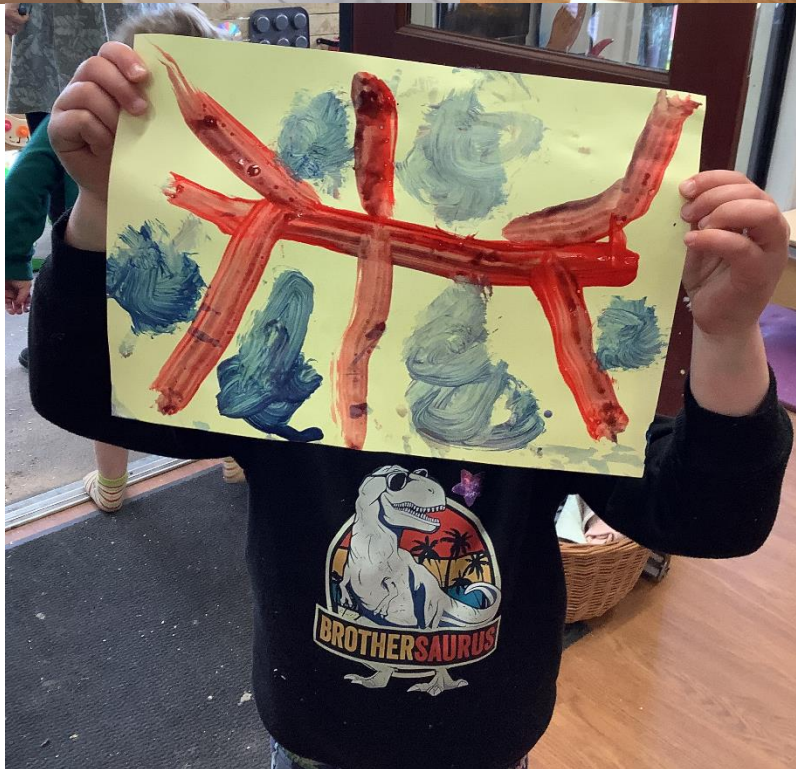
Yesterday, the whole school came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a day filled with reflection, celebration, and remembrance. In the morning, classes delved into the history of VE Day through old letters, videos, and photographs. We also took part in a special collective worship service that looked at remembrance events from around the globe. At noon, we observed a poignant two-minute silence, followed by the solemn tolling of the school bell.

The afternoon transformed our school into a vibrant sea of red, white, and blue as we celebrated with a street party. We kicked things off with a stirring recording of Winston Churchill, followed by music from the era while enjoying party food. Given that during World War II, pineapples and biscuits were rare treats, they played a special role in our festivities. We concluded the day by singing "We'll Meet Again," leaving everyone with a sense of hope and community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for making this event truly memorable.



## In school this week

### Little Acorns



Little Acorns have been busy this week preparing for the VE Day celebrations. They painted, traced and coloured in flags ready for the street party that they enjoyed with the whole school on Thursday.

## Wondrous Willows



This week WWC have been exploring using texture and shape when working with clay.

## Majestic Maples



This week in science, Maples Class were identifying suitable materials to make a plant pot based on their properties. They assessed suitable materials by performing simple tests, gathering data from the tests and then drawing conclusions based upon their results.

## Fantastic Firs



In FFC this week we have been looking at volume and capacity in maths and using new vocabulary in writing. The children enjoyed drawing their initial sketches of African animals for their moving characters in art.

## Mighty Oaks



This week, we've had a great time dissecting flowers to really get to grips with how pollination works in flowering plants. It's been fascinating to see all the different parts up close and understand their roles.



During PE, we've been having a lot of fun practising our sprint running technique. It's great to see everyone improving their speed and form. The drills are a bit challenging but definitely worth it, especially when we have races at the end.



## Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Amelia and Erin for a fantastic start to Little Acorns nursery. They have both been absolute superstars!				
Wondrous Willows	Jack for his collaboration in our special places work. Ethan for his collaboration in our map sketching work.				
Majestic Maples	Ezra for showing excellent creativity in writing.				
Fantastic Firs	Nova for enthusiasm in English. Thomas for enthusiasm in maths.				
Mighty Oaks	Marshall for super reading work. Noah for super reading work.				

## Christian Vision awards

	 <p><b>BITTERLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>  <i>"Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)</i></p>
<p>Little Acorns</p>	<p>Ota for showing such kindness and responsibility to our new children.</p>
<p>Wondrous Willows</p>	<p>Ethan for making people smile.</p>
<p>Majestic Maples</p>	<p>Ida for supporting her peers.</p>
<p>Fantastic Firs</p>	<p>Harper for showing love to others.</p>
<p>Mighty Oaks</p>	<p>Macie for showing love and kindness to others.</p>

## Handwriting Award

This week our handwriting heroes are:

<p>Wondrous Willows</p>	<p>Jayden</p>
<p>Majestic Maples</p>	<p>Otilie</p>
<p>Fantastic Firs</p>	<p>Josie</p>
<p>Mighty Oaks</p>	<p>Millie</p>

## Attendance

Attendance this week:

<p>Willows</p>	<p>95%</p>
<p>Maples</p>	<p>90%</p>
<p>Firs</p>	<p>97%</p>
<p>Oaks</p>	<p>92%</p>



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
KS2 SATs	w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
School photographs	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Arthog Residential MOC Year 5/6	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June
Parent drop in 9-9.30am	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Afternoon	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Hereford Cathedral Year 6 Leavers Service	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Bitterley School Colour Run	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Reserve Sports afternoon	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers Service	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 9:30am
Leavers Disco	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024  
Monday 4th November 2024  
Friday 18th July 2025

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Local Authority.**



**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

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