



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 02.05.25



On Thursday, 8th May, we're excited to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)! It's a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn about the events leading up to this significant day through fun class activities, including singing classic songs of the era. We'll also have a special collective worship to reflect on this momentous occasion.

In the afternoon, we'll host a street party, where everyone can join in singing the beloved tune "We'll Meet Again." Please let class teachers know about any allergies, and don't forget to wear red, white, and blue to join in the festivities!

Sun Cream, Sun Hats and Water Bottles

Now that the warmer months are here, please can parents/carers please ensure that their children have a named water bottle and named sun hat in school to ensure that they stay hydrated and are safe at break times, in the sunshine.

The staff will remind the children to drink throughout the day. It will also be beneficial for the children to have sun cream applied at home before school. We recommend you use an 'all day' variety as staff are unable to reapply sun cream to children during the school day. However, if your child needs to reapply and is able to do so themselves, they can bring in clearly labelled sun cream to reapply themselves at the beginning of lunchtime. Please note, children cannot share sun creams with friends brought into school. Thank you for your support.

In school this week

Little Acorns



Little Acorns have been making the most of the sunny weather! We've had lots of fun water play in the garden.

Wondrous Willows



This week WWC have been investigating our local area. We looked at aerial photographs of Bitterley and took photographs of physical and human features. Then we built a model representation and created our own maps with symbols.

Majestic Maples



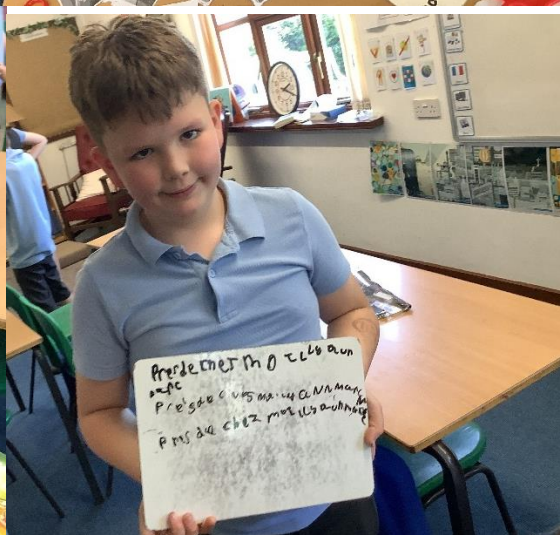
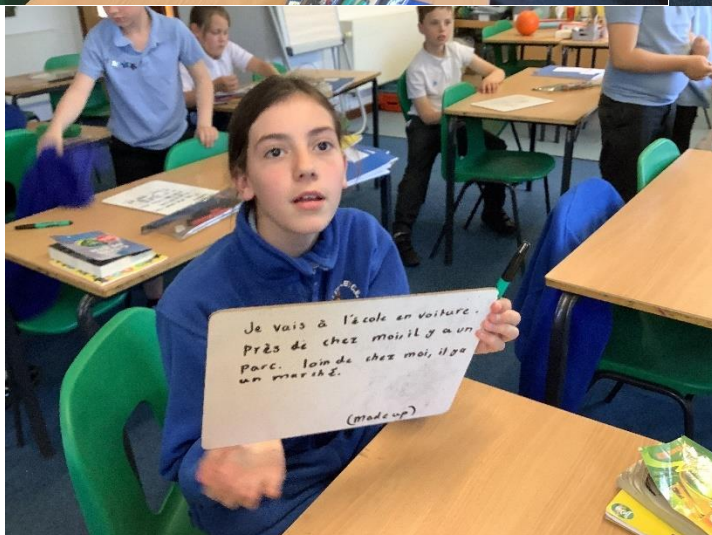
This week Maples Class used drama to act out our new class text to deepen our understanding of the story. We had a hot seat activity where eyewitnesses from the tale shared their experiences, and the children asked them questions. Then they took on the roles of the characters from the tale and acted out various scenes from the story.

Fantastic Firs



This week we have been enjoying the sunshine whilst taking part in our athletics PE lesson.

Mighty Oaks





This week we have learnt how to use French to guide a person around our school. We wrote our ideas with partners before sharing them as a class.

Feel Good Friday Mental Health Challenges

Last term, you may have heard pupils chatting about a new event at school. After Christmas the safety committee noticed that morale and resilience was low in school. After some discussions, the pupil voice group decided to explore ways to promote positive mental health within our school community. Pupils identified five effective ways to boost mental well-being: connecting with others, being physically active, learning new skills, giving to others, and practising mindfulness. Known as the "Five Ways to Wellbeing," these strategies can really enhance resilience and happiness. So, we dedicated 20 minutes each week to a fun curriculum enrichment challenge that the whole school could enjoy on a Friday. The tasks varied from week to week, and have included creative challenges, reading, construction, problem solving

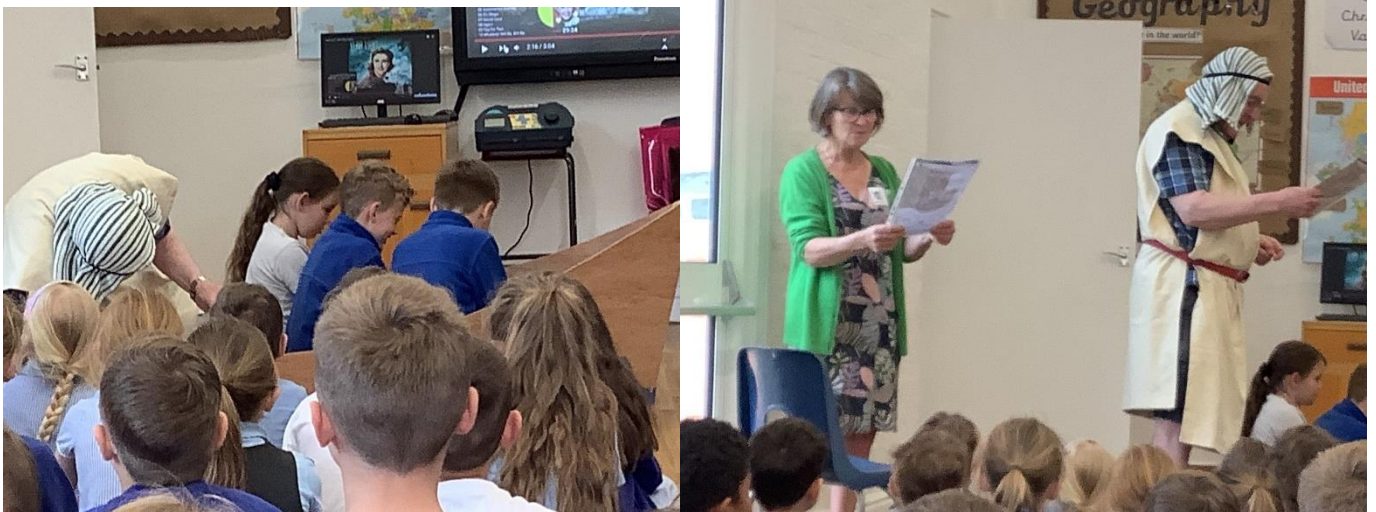
activities and sports tasks. Pupils have been placed in mixed-aged groups, fostering collaboration and encouragement. A safety committee survey at the end of term showed that both students and staff noticed improvements in well-being, resilience and self-esteem.

In the lead up to statutory national assessments tests the safety committee's pupil voice group has decided to keep this going until half term, and we'll continue to monitor its impact.





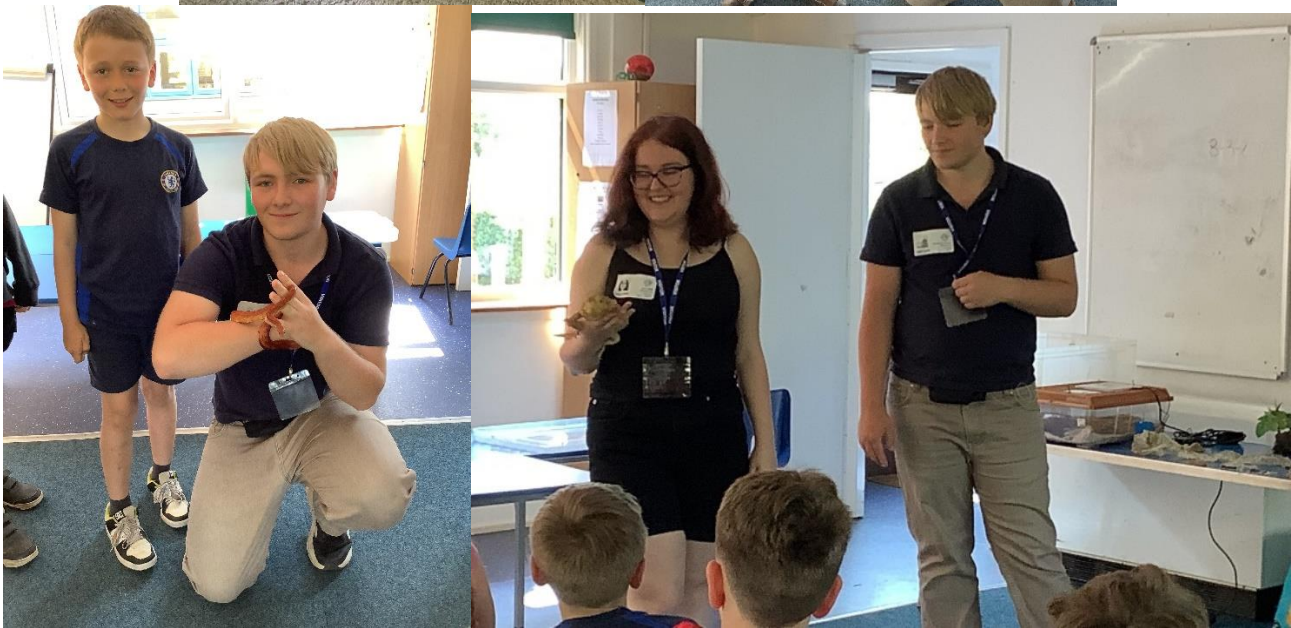
Collective worship



This week, the worship crew has been reflecting on how we can show courage in our lives. It's easy to forget that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. During our session, we explored this theme through the story of Jesus calming the storm. This powerful narrative reminded us that even in our most turbulent times, it's okay to reach out to others for support. Together, we can weather the storms we face with faith and friendship.



Wild Encounters





Today, the whole school had a special animal workshop led by our former pupil, Alfie Read, and his colleague Lacey from West Midlands Safari Park. The kids got up close and personal with a bearded dragon and a corn snake, learning loads about these fascinating reptiles. They even handled snake skins and skulls, which sparked quite a bit of curiosity. The children came away brimming with interesting facts and stories to share. A massive thank you to Alfie and Lacey for making it such a fantastic event. We can't wait for the next wild encounter.

Christian Vision awards

	 <p>BITTERLEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL <i>"Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)</i></p>
<p>Wondrous Willows</p>	<p>Sophia for showing kindness to others.</p>
<p>Majestic Maples</p>	<p>India for showing a love of music.</p>
<p>Fantastic Firs</p>	<p>Rose for creativity in keyboard club.</p>
<p>Mighty Oaks</p>	<p>Noah for showing courage during keyboard club. Marshall for showing a love of music.</p>

Special Menu - Thursday 8th May



On Thursday 8th May there is a special VE Day menu being served. On Eduspot, if your child would like battered fish fillet, please order the tuna pasta bake. If your child would like the Quorn breaded fingers, please order the country vegetable bake.

There is no chicken tikka masala being served on this day.

Handwriting Award

This week our handwriting heroes are:

Wondrous Willows	Spencer
Majestic Maples	Lucas
Fantastic Firs	Ashleigh
Mighty Oaks	Jessica

Attendance

Attendance this week:

Willows	95%
Maples	92%
Firs	96%
Oaks	93%

PTA Cake Sale Reminder

Taking place on Friday 9th May at 3:15pm. £1 a cake or £5 for 6 cakes. All proceeds to PTA school funds.

Let's eat
CAKE!



WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN!

Cake Sale

9TH MAY!

STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL, AT 3.15PM.
THERE WILL BE A RANGE OF WONDERFUL CAKES
AVAILABLE. CASH ONLY.





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
PTA Cake Sale	Friday 9 th May
School photographs	Monday 19 th May
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

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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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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