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Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 13.02.26

Attendance

WWC	94%
FFC	94%
MOC	95%



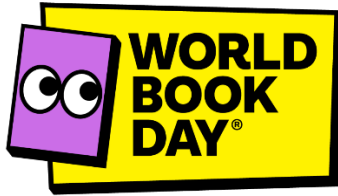
Half Term Reading Challenge



Can you complete 3 challenges in a row over the holidays? Why not try to finish them all?

Read a book that makes you laugh.	Read a non-fiction book.	Snuggle up under a blanket and read.
Read and make a recipe.	Read a poem.	Read your favourite book to someone.
Make a den and read in it.	Read a book that you have never read before.	Draw a picture about a book you have read,





Thursday 5th March 2026 'Breakfast with Books'

All children are invited to dress up as a book character on World Book Day. This could involve a full costume or just a prop / hat (or similar) relating to a favourite book or character. If your child is a non-fiction fan, tabards or t-shirts with top facts or illustrations are a good alternative. We are always impressed by the amazing and inventive ways the children dress on the day. If possible please bring the book that relates to your book character to share with your class.

We would also love to invite you into school for 'Breakfast with Books'. Parents, carers, and children can enjoy sharing a book together while having breakfast. Join us from 8:30 am in the school hall for a delightful morning of stories and community!

Children will enjoy a range of activities on the day including:

- Sharing recommended reads with friends
- Talking about stories and characters
- Role-playing book characters
- And most importantly having time to snuggle down with a book

On the day children will be given their World Book Day voucher. You can use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at [Where to Redeem World Book Day Tokens - World Book Day](#) Follow this link to find out which FREE books are on offer this year [Books Archive - World Book Day](#)

We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

MOC Bristol Trip reminder

If you have not already done so, please ensure you return the permission form for your child on Monday 23rd February latest. Thank you.

PTA Quiz Night

We would like to thank Francesca, Mel, Rachel, Ilze and all involved for organising such a fabulous, fun event and for those who attended. We would also like to extend our many thanks to Malcolm Weaver, the quiz master who hosted the event for free.

It raised £500 for the school.

Village Hall car park resurfacing

The village hall car park is being resurfaced on the 23rd and 24th February. Parents and carers will be unable to use it during that time.

Update from Severn Trent Re: Mains Renewal

Due to issues beyond our control, works on Clee Stanton Road have now been paused. All scheduled traffic management has now been lifted. We hope to be back on site in April - we will of course let you know as soon as this is confirmed.

We want to ensure all residents have the opportunity to ask questions and share any concerns. To support this, we're hosting a second **community drop-in session** at **Stoke St Milborough Village Hall, SY8 2EP on 26th February from 4-6pm.**

Letters and emails have been sent to residents with current details and invitations to this event.

Toys

This is a polite reminder that children should not be bringing toys, or other items from home, into school unless they are specifically required for a class presentation and have been approved by the teacher. It can be upsetting if a child's toy gets lost or broken. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment for all children.

Breaktime Snacks

All children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit each day as part of the NHS School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. This is a government funded initiative. Children have snack in the classroom at break time.

In Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), children may bring a break time snack into school, we encourage you to provide them with a healthy snack. Please make it clear to your child what is their snack and what is their lunch. For more ideas go to <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

This Week in School

Little Acorns Class



We celebrated national Kite Day this week by making our own patterned kites to hang on our Little Acorns Family Tree.

Willows Class



This week WWC have been being creative using dot painting techniques and various stamps to create different effects.

Fantastic Firs

It's been a big writing week in FFC. We have all completed a story about a lost item that is found..... a problem that is solved! We used the toolkit and the innovations on the display to help.



FFC took part in the Open The Book assembly on Thursday.



Keep going with TTRS.....recent Yr 4 assessments showed great progress - keep going!
We took part in the Safer Internet lesson online.



Mighty Oaks

This week in Mighty Oaks, we crafted character stories inspired by the Greek myth of Pandora's Box. In PE, we learned essential skills for attacking and defending during a thrilling game of hockey. Additionally, we discussed online safety and sorted through real-life situations to ensure we stay safe in the digital world.



Safer Internet Day 2026

This week, our school joyfully celebrated Safer Internet Day! A special assembly was hosted by our dedicated school safety committee, who shared important messages about online safety.

Following this, the Mighty Oaks took part in an exciting BBC live workshop. We were encouraged to think like responsible AI designers as we collaborated to create a safe and reliable chatbot. A huge thank you to Mrs Archer and the safety committee for organising this fantastic event, helping us learn how to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. For more information go to:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/the-parents-guide-to-safer-internet-day>








Open the Book



This week, we welcomed Open the Book into school. Together, we explored the inspiring Bible story of how Jesus calmed the storm. The children were captivated by the tale, discussing how faith can bring peace in turbulent times.



Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Ava for showing perseverance, determination and enthusiasm in everything she does in Little Acorns.				
Wondrous Willows	Arthur for his creative choice of adverbs in his story writing. Louie for his collaboration in our material testing work.				
Fantastic Firs	Otilie for always being ready, respectful and responsible. Her work in all areas reflects this. Alistair for fabulous writing - choosing great vocabulary.				
Mighty Oaks	Marshall for super progress in maths. William for super scaling work in maths.				

Christian Vision awards

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	<p>Holly for helping our younger children put on their shoes when she saw that they needed help.</p> <p>Otilie - super school council work</p> <p>Caspar - super school council work</p> <p>Grace - super school council work</p> <p>Kurt - super school council work</p> <p>Paisley - super school council work</p> <p>Freddy - super school council work</p> <p>Zara C. - for being a super role model</p> <p>Payton - for having super manners</p> <p>Spencer - for being helpful and kind to everyone</p>

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Sophia B.
Fantastic Firs	Harper
Mighty Oaks	Jordan



TTRS AWARDS

Charlie S. - super effort

Ezra - super effort

Lucas - super effort

Reuben S. - super effort

Fern - super effort

Charlie D. - super effort

Josie - super effort

Teddy - super effort

Tetiana - super effort

Grace - Unsigned Act

Rosie - Busker

Thomas - Rockstar

Homework

Wondrous Willows	Fantastic Firs	Mighty Oaks
YR: Enjoy a book at home	Year 3 Times table genius TTRS 5 minutes a day Half term reading challenge	Year 5 TTRS 5 minutes a day Half term reading challenge
Y1: Numbots Half term reading challenge Y2: Numbots Half term reading challenge	Year 4 Times table genius TTRS 5 minutes a day Half term reading challenge	Year 6 TTRS 5 minutes a day Half term reading challenge

Please note that YR and Y1 reading books need to be returned to school on Monday morning. Y2 will need their reading books and Reading Records in school every day.

Y1&Y2 Maths books and Y2 Reading Comprehension books are now due in by Thursday.

Dates for the diary

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.



February

Half term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

25.2.26 Dodgeball Competition (10 Year 3 & 4 pupils)

26.2.26 Kwik Cricket Ludlow Mighty Oaks (10 year 5 & 6 pupils)

March

5.3.26 World Book Day and reading breakfast with parents and carers - 8.30am

9.3.26 Science enrichment day linked to national science week

12-13th March - Bike ability, Year 6

18.3.26 Primary school swimming gala - selected pupils from KS2

19.3.26 High 5 netball match - year 5/6

19.3.26 Year 5 Taster Day at Lacon Childe School

20.3.26 Reports to parents

24.3.26 Easter service at Bitterley Church - 10.00 am. Parents and carers welcome

24.3.26 Parents evening - 3:30-6.00pm

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 Tuesday 6th 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.**