



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 06.02.26

Attendance

WWC	98%
FFC	95%
MOC	94%



500 Words Update

We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Charlie for making it to the semi-finals of the BBC 500-word competition with Forest of Doom. Although he hasn't reached the final 50, we are incredibly proud of him. Making it this far is a significant achievement.



Children's Mental Health Week 9th-15th February 2026

Next week pupils will be taking part in a series of mindfulness activities. The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is 'This is My Place', and our aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong.

Creative Homework

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week 2026, we would like to explore this year's theme This is My Place through art. This activity aims to increase personal sense of belonging and connection, and aims to foster understanding of belonging and its importance to wellbeing.

Using available materials, create a map showing all the places, groups, and activities that help you feel like you belong. Your map could look like one you've seen before with real places, or it could be completely imaginary with unusual features and outlines.



1 Draw the main outline of the land and what it looks like:

- Is it an island surrounded by sea or does the land cover the whole page? Maybe it is shaped like something you like (for example an island in the shape of a bird)
- Perhaps it is completely imaginary and out of this world (such as candy clouds)

What is the environment like:

- Does it have one big city or are there many villages and towns?
- Are there mountains, forests, lakes, volcanoes, beaches, etc?

2 Using your choice of words, colours, symbols and patterns, add everything that gives you a sense of belonging to your map.

Your map can be as simple or detailed as preferred. Examples:

- A couple of pillows and books for that cosy corner of the library where you like to read
- The stage in the school hall where you feel proud, and confident
- Game consoles, sports balls, math symbols or musical notes etc. for activities you like

- Friendship bracelets representing you and your friends
- Plants and animals or somewhere outside where it's nice to be in nature
- Buildings where you meet with others or a place of worship
- Vehicles that take you to important places such as that bus or a train to meet with family, a day out or a fun trip you took with family or friends, or somewhere you feel completely relaxed such as a special walk or park.

There will be no CPG maths or reading comprehension activities this week. Please remember to read and log in to TTRS or Numbots regularly.

Safer Internet Day 2026

On Tuesday 10th of February, 2026 we will take part in safer internet day, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

The Safety Committee will hold a special assembly and then classes will participate in live lessons run by the BBC. Hosted by **Georgie Barrat** and **Joe Tasker**, children will explore the careful decisions behind responsible AI design, from selecting reliable, accurate, and unbiased training data to writing system prompts that prevent 'bad' AI behaviour.

For more information go to Safer Internet Day - 10th February 2026

Top Tips for parents and carers

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>



Marvellous Me

Our brand-new **Parent App** is now live!

We're pleased to let you know that invitations to join our new [Parent App](#) were sent out on Wednesday. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please follow the information below.

Download the app from the app stores by searching for Juniper Education, or use the links below:

- [Apple App Store](#)
- [Google Play Store](#)

The invitation was sent to the email address the school has on record for you. It will include a link that allows you to create your account and set your password. To create your account, you will just need to complete a short form and set a password. Once your account is set up, you'll be able to log in and start using the app. If you don't receive your invitation, or if your contact details have recently changed, feel free to get in touch with the school office to ensure we have your correct email address.

You will be able to share:

- "Moments" from your child's day
- Awards of badges in real-time

As we learn to use this new system of communication together, we will start by awarding badges and upload general photographs of learning in each class. Once we have all parental permission forms we will upload photographs of pupils. **Please note the app is designed to share group and whole observations with the class community. If you would prefer for your child not to appear in group or whole class photographs, please contact the office by Monday 9th February.**

We're excited to share this new platform with you and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have.

BASC reminder

Booking for After School Club is, in all but exceptional cases, achievable via the Eduspot App. Using Eduspot helps us provide stability in planning during the busiest part of the school day as children are coming and going between class and home and clubs. It is also an efficient way for you to keep track of your payments.

Unless you have been told that Eduspot does not facilitate your needs, or you have an on the day emergency please head to Eduspot to make and pay for your BASC sessions in advance. The Eduspot system will not allow on the day bookings, but we still need to know if you wish to use the BASC service. It is therefore essential that you ring the school office and tell us if you need to book a session that day. If we have to book your child/children onto Eduspot in these circumstances, please ensure that payment is made on the day. If there are outstanding payments on an account, we will unfortunately not be able to take any further bookings until this is cleared.

Children who are not booked in will not be called from the classrooms to join BASC at the end of the school day and will remain in the care of their class teacher until your requirements are clarified. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Willows Class



This week in WWC we have been investigating habitats as part of our Science work using hoops to frame an area of observation. We have also been enjoying getting tactile and developing learning skills with sensory play in the mud!

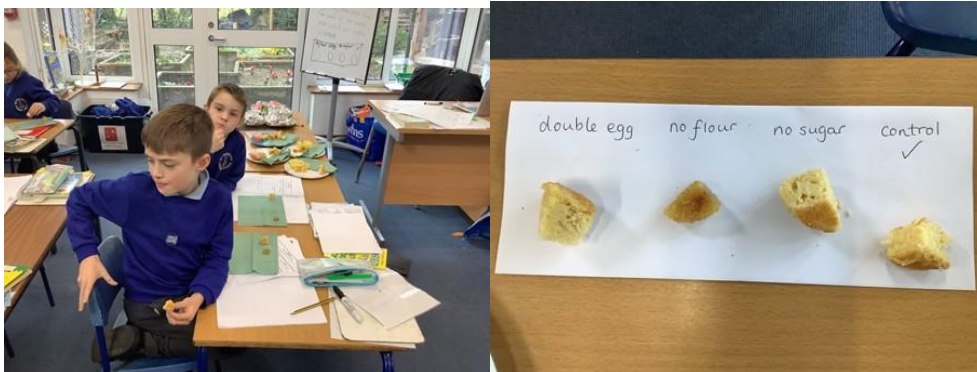
Fantastic Firs

In FFC this week it was all about baking!

In Science we have baked cakes - but with a twist..... We baked perfect cakes but also changed the recipe to see how this affected the results!

We made cakes with no sugar, cakes with no flour and cakes with double the eggs!

The children have also made great progress with Tables Genius - keep going!





Mighty Oaks

This week at Mighty Oaks, we've had a fantastic time writing stories inspired by the Greek myth of Pandora's Box. In our PHSE lessons, we delved into the dreams and goals of young people within different cultures. We then created a spiral that illustrated what a chosen child's dream might look like.





Additionally, we enjoyed a lively game to help us conjugate French verbs.



Learning Value Awards

	 Enthusiasm	 Determination	 Perseverance	 Creativity	 Collaboration
Little Acorns	Erin For showing determination in learning to pedal the trike. Also, for showing kindness when someone else was upset.				
Wondrous Willows	Ana for her creativity in our story writing. Theo for his enthusiasm in our computing work.				
Fantastic Firs	Reuben for enthusiasm in his geography work. Teddy for perseverance when tackling difficult maths.				
Mighty Oaks	Effie for creating a super piece of activism art work. Jess for super maths work using ratio.				

Christian Vision awards

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	<p>Isabella for always trying to cheer up other children by giving them toys.</p> <p>Archie for showing kindness to others - awarded by his peers.</p> <p>Mylo for having super manners - awarded by the dinner lady.</p> <p>Charlie H. for being kind and helpful to others.</p> <p>Myla for being kind and helpful to everyone.</p>

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Ethan
Fantastic Firs	Lucas
Mighty Oaks	Daisy



TTRS AWARDS

Super effort - Fern

Super effort - Teddy

Super effort - Thomas

Super effort - Josie

Super effort - Reuben S

Super effort - Lucas

Harper - Unsigned act

Grace - Garage Rocker



Paisley - Copper award

Sophia B - Chrome award

Arthur - Copper award

Homework

Wondrous Willows	Fantastic Firs	Mighty Oaks
YR: Creative Homework	Year 3 Creative Homework	Year 5 Creative Homework
Y1: Creative Homework Practise for our spelling test on Monday – fruit, happy, follow, secret, want	Year 4 Creative Homework	Year 6 Creative Homework

<p>Y2:</p> <p>Creative Homework</p> <p>Practise for our spelling test on Monday – latest, noisy, bravest, scary, shiny, many</p>		
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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.

PTA Dates for the diary

Quiz at Ludlow Golf Club - Friday 6th February 2026

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

10.2.26 Safer Internet Day

9th-15th February - Children's Mental Health Week

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

26.2.26 Kwik Cricket Ludlow Mighty Oaks

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.**