



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

Bitterley CE Primary School Newsletter 23.1.26

Attendance

WWC	95%
FFC	98%
MOC	94%



Meet the Teacher

At the beginning of term, we welcomed Mrs Morris to our school community. Many parents and carers had the chance to meet our new class teacher before Christmas however, we understand that some people were unable to attend this event. Therefore, we invite you to meet the teacher time on Wednesday 28th January at 3.20pm. Please feel free to contact the school office if you require a separate time.

Job advert

We are currently advertising for a Year 3/4 teacher to work alongside our SENDCo, Mrs Reid, after Easter. Applications can be made through MyNewTerm. To ensure a smooth transition, we will arrange time for pupils, parents, and carers to meet the new teacher before the end of term. We look forward to welcoming a new member to our school community and will update you with more information soon.



Marvellous Me

We're thrilled to be launching Marvellous Me soon! Communication is one of the areas we have been working hard to improve as a school, following valuable conversations with parents and staff. We believe that Marvellous Me will greatly assist us in this effort. This fantastic system will send alerts directly to your mobile phone, allowing us to share important information about your child's learning, rewards and the newsletter. It's a wonderful way to hear about the amazing things your child is doing, celebrate their achievements, and explain the star stickers. Look out for your join-up letter coming soon!



Bitterley CE Primary Facebook Page

We are committed to improving communication with our school community and we are aware that many of you are using social media on a regular basis. We have decided to start up a school Facebook page as an additional way to get important information out to you and also to harness the power of social media in spreading a positive message. We are very much looking forward to sharing photographs and videos of some of the incredible work and events that go on around the school.

So how will it work?

Through our school page, we will be able to share photographs, videos and messages/reminders. If you do not have a Facebook account, you will still be able to see the things we post via our school website. As a Facebook user, if you 'like' our page our posts should appear in your news feed. The school page will be for information only. Any questions should go through the normal channels. In addition to our Facebook page, we will be continuing to run our school website in the same manner as before. With Facebook our news items will reach you whilst you are socialising online.

Online - safety

Use of images is carefully considered and of course, photographs of your child will not be published unless you give permission. In line with our online-safety policy, names will not be used with an image. We will celebrate our children's achievements with photographs and videos, similar to those currently on our school website. Although we ask for parents not to share photographs or videos taken within the school on social media sites, school staff will check all our images before they are uploaded to ensure only children whose parents have given permission for their image to be used are shown. Our school is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the Internet. Therefore, we would like to stress that we are not condoning creation of Facebook accounts for any of our pupils. We hope that you are as

excited as we are about this important step forward in developing our communications. We would like to be able to deliver a service which informs people about important events, weather warnings, office reminders and most importantly celebrates the wonderful things that are happening around our school.

Permissions

With the launch of Marvellous Me and a school Facebook page we will be sending out new permission forms next week via email. Keep an eye out.

This Week in School

Little Acorns Class

Our Little Acorns have been learning all about animals that hibernate. They have been using playdough to make hedgehogs, bee's and bats, putting our teddies and play animals into hibernation. We finished off the week by making our very own bat cave!



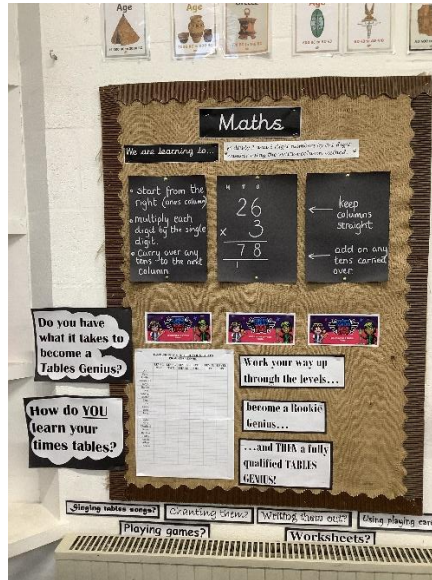
Willows Class

This week some members of Wondrous Willow Class went to Ludlow Leisure Centre to take part in a Strike and Field festival. The focus was on playing simple games to promote strike and field skills such as throwing, catching, striking with bats and running. The children had a super time and made us very proud with their super attitude and behaviour!



Fantastic Firs

In Maths, our big focus this term is Times Tables. We are having time first thing in the morning to log on to TTRS. We also have nightly homework using Tables Genius and a test every Friday. We will be trying to work our way up the levels to become a Rookie Genius and then a fully-fledged Table Genius. HW sheet home on a Friday for a test the following Friday.



In Science we have been preparing our Investigation into using different substances to clean coins. We have been planning this week. Watch this space for next week's results.



In Fred's Reading we have been learning (and retrieving information) about The Lunar Chinese New Year.



Our Dance unit is based on the book Matilda. This week we had to put together a Dance Phrase made up of still gestures and actions. They were based around a character profile of Matilda and her love of books.








Mighty Oaks

This week, we've been exploring the fascinating world of arteries, veins, and capillaries in science! We conducted a fun experiment with water cups featuring different sized holes. It was exciting to discover that the smaller the hole, the slower the blood flow.

During computing, we explored the effect of variables within games, discovering how small changes can lead to mighty outcomes.



Learning Value Awards

					
	Enthusiasm	Determination	Perseverance	Creativity	Collaboration
Little Acorns	Elen, Isabella and Joe for being so brave as they start their new journey with us in Little Acorns Class. They have all settled in so well and with such enthusiasm.				
Wondrous Willows	Addison for her super determination in our phonics work. Ada for her creativity in our bridge building work.				
Fantastic Firs	Fern for her enthusiasm in our work on division in maths. Charlie S. for his determination in our grammar work, remembering when to use speech punctuation.				
Mighty Oaks	Charlie for super computing work. Lizzie for super explanation text writing.				

Christian Vision awards

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	Ava for showing kindness to our new children. AJ for showing kindness to everyone - awarded by his peers. Sophia H for helping adults. Rosie for helping adults. Payton for super spine poem work. Ottilie for super spine poem work.

Handwriting Heroes

Wondrous Willows	Spencer
Fantastic Firs	Ashleigh
Mighty Oaks	Dougie



TTRS AWARDS

TTRS - effort awards

Charlie H

Charlie S

Ezra

Payton

Reuben

Fern

Charlie D

Rosie

Tanya

Josie

Homework

Wondrous Willows	Fantastic Firs	Mighty Oaks
<p>YR:</p> <p>This week's homework will be to read your school reading book.</p> <p>Complete page 13 in your Maths Homework books.</p>	<p>Year 3</p> <p>Maths spring workout 2 p28-29</p> <p>Reading p24-25 Poems about crocodiles</p> <p>Times table relay</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 15 minutes a day</p> <p>record yellow reading log</p> <p>Please note spellings will be set on a Monday. A paper copy of the list will be sent home.</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Maths workout Spring 2 p24-25 Poems about nature</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p> <p>Review in green reading log</p> <p>Please note spellings will be set on a Monday. A paper copy of the list will be sent home.</p>
<p>Y1:</p> <p>Read your school reading book</p> <p>Practise your mental calculations using NUMBOTS</p> <p>Practise for our spelling test on Monday – bubble, total, petal, gentle, school</p> <p>Complete page 17 in your Maths Homework books</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Maths spring workout 2 p28-29</p> <p>Reading p25-25 Bletchley Park</p> <p>Codebreakers</p> <p>Times table relay</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 15 minutes a day</p> <p>record yellow reading log</p> <p>Please note spellings will be set on a Monday. A paper copy of the list will be sent home.</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>Maths workout Spring 2 p24-25 Theseus's Adventure</p> <p>TTRS 5 minutes a day</p> <p>Reading 20 minutes a day</p> <p>Review in green reading log</p> <p>Please note spellings will be set on a Monday. A paper copy of the list will be sent home.</p>

<p>Y2:</p> <p>Read your school reading book every day and ask an adult to record your reading in your Reading Record books</p> <p>Practise your mental calculations using NUMBOTS</p> <p>Practise for our spelling test on Monday – knee, knife, knight, gnome, design</p> <p>Complete Workout 12 on pages 24 & 25 in your Maths Homework books</p> <p>Complete page 12 in your Reading Comprehension books</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

2.2.26 Fire and rescue visit to school - Fantastic Firs

4.2.26 Team Athletics, Church Stretton School - Mighty Oaks

10.2.26 Safer Internet Day

9th-13th 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 - 9am

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.**