

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



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Gingerbread Men – Reception children came to school Monday to discover the teacher's gingerbread man had gone missing. The children made wanted posters to help find him and have been asking staff and children if they have seen him. The children went on a walk around the village to look for him and they first came across a fox before finally finding the missing gingerbread man in the Village Café! The children used the kind donation sent in from home to purchase their own gingerbread man in the cafe where they sat and ate them together.

Vehicles - The children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning about different types of vehicles, their purposes and the people who might use them. They identified the key features of a car and then used this knowledge to design their own vehicle. The children used a range of materials to build a working car with a chassis, axles and wheels that could turn! They ended their project by racing them on the playground!

Design & Technology - As part of their DT project, pupils in Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed exploring how different shaped cams are used in moving toys. After designing their own toy, they used handsaws and glue guns safely to produce a high-quality product of their own.

Windrush Anniversary – In Collective Worship this week we reflected on the 75th Anniversary of the arrival of Empire Windrush. In 1948, when Britain was just beginning to recover from the devastating effects of WW2, people from the British Colonies around the world were invited to help rebuild the country. People from the Caribbean answered the call to work here and made a significant contribution to the vibrant, diverse and multicultural modern-day society we now have.

Football – The Year 5 & 6 Boys team played their last league match this week against St Mary's Catholic School Studley. It was a tough match and finished in a 3-3 draw. Mr Isherwood would like to thank the boys for their efforts this season. The Year 5 & 6 Girls team played in a tournament at Stratford Town Football Club where they made it to the semi final stage. Unfortunately, they lost on penalties but Mr Isherwood and Mrs Moore were really proud of their attitude and commitment they have shown at the tournament and throughout the season.

Staffing News – Next week we welcome Mrs Goode to our school team. She will be taking over as our Business Manager following Mrs Pound's retirement at the end of this term.

Sports Enrichment – Children in Year 1 & 2 will be having sports enrichment activities on Tues 27th June and should wear their PE kit and a hat to school that day. The children will be outside for most of the day so please apply sun cream before they come in to school.

PE - Children in Miss Drissell's class will be have an additional PE session on Tues 27th June so children should wear their PE kit to school.

Parent/Teacher Consultation - Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings will be held in school on Tues 4th & Thurs 6th July 4pm - 6.30pm (Mrs Roberts' sessions will be on Weds 5th and Thurs 6th July). If you would like to have a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss their report or progress in school this year, please book a 10 minute appointment via the 'Events' option in Pay360 <https://www.pay360educationpayments.com>. When booking appointments please ensure that you 'Checkout' and receive a confirmation email. The booking system will close at 10am on Fri 30th June.

NEU Industrial Action – The National Education Union (NEU) has called for strike action on Weds 5th and Fri 7th July. We do not yet know the intention of NEU members employed at our school but we will inform parents as soon as we do.

Site Safety – Dogs are not allowed on the school premises.

Clubs Update – There is no girls football club on Thurs 29th June.

Dates for your Diary –

- Sports Day will be held on Thurs 13th July. Year 3-6 will start at **9.15am** and Rec, Year 1 & 2 at **1.15pm**.
- Pupil Reports will be emailed to parents during w/e 30th June.
- Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings will be held in school on Tues 4th & Thurs 6th July 4pm - 6.30pm (Mrs Roberts' sessions will be on Weds 5th and Thurs 6th July).
- Parents of children in **Year 2** are invited to watch an Ocarina Concert on Tues 11th July at 10am in the school hall and **Year 3** at 11.15am.
- The Year 6 children will be performing their Leavers Pantomime on Weds 19th July in the afternoon.
- The Year 6 Leavers Service will be on Tues 25th July at 9.30am
- The school summer term will finish on Tues 25th July.

Book of the Week – Reception have enjoyed reading the traditional tale of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch him, he's the Gingerbread Man! But although he may be able to out-run everyone, can the Gingerbread Man outwit the cunning fox?

Mr A Simms