

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 40 – 25th July 2023

Leavers Service – Today we said good luck and farewell to Year 6 pupils at our Leavers service. Rob Williams, our Chair of Governors and Judith Meehan from St Laurence Church presented the children with their leaving gifts. Thank you to Mrs Hodgetts for organising the fabulous yearbooks. We presented some of the younger children with achievement and progress awards during the service to recognise their hard work and effort throughout the year.

We also said goodbye to some of our long serving and dedicated staff. Mrs Crothall is retiring after 23 years as a TA and Admin Assistant. Mrs Pound is retiring after 19 year as the Business Manager at Bidford School. We thank them for their commitment to our school and wish them all well for the future.

School Gateway - We are introducing School Gateway to Bidford-on-Avon Primary School – a parent engagement app that will allow you to make payments and for us to communicate with you. We plan that all school communication, newsletters and payments will go through School Gateway from 4th September 2023. Please download the app download using the links:

Apple iPhone [apple school-gateway](#) Android phone [android school-gateway](#)

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information that we already have for you, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details on the data collection sheet that was sent home recently. If you have any questions or would like some more information, see [schoolgateway.co.uk](#) or contact the school office.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app.

Summer Reading Challenge – Mrs Ballard from Bidford Community Library introduced the children to the ‘Summer Reading Challenge’. Children need to be library members to take part but library staff will be delighted to help children get started. Children need to read just SIX books borrowed from the library and they will receive various rewards along the way, ending with a medal and a certificate. Further information can be found on [summerreadingchallenge](#).

Tesco Community Grant – Thank you to everyone who has been using Tesco coins to vote for our school playground projects. Voting continues until the end of September. Voting boxes are in the following stores, and we will have an opportunity to receive up to £1500:

Stratford upon Avon main store	CV37 0UA	Kinwarton Rd Alcester Express	B49 6AA
Stratford upon Avon Express	CV37 6AD	Stratford Banbury Rd Express	CV37 7HW

Dates for your Diary - Teacher Training Days (school closed to children) Fri 27th Oct, Mon 6th Nov & Mon 3rd June

Book of the Week – ‘Leaving Mrs Ellis’ by Catherine Robinson gives young children reassurance on moving up to the next class. It is the end of the school year, and Leo will no longer be taught by the kind Mrs Ellis. He is frightened of Miss Lyons, who is to be his new teacher, but over the summer he finds out that she's not as he feared. When school starts again, Leo is boldly leading his friends into their new classroom.

The staff and I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on **MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Simms". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Mr A Simms

Message from the BSA

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer fundraising event last week - it was so lovely to see so many of you enjoying the Circus and at our stalls on the playground too, and great that the sun came out for us too! The event raised a total of just over **£1,600** which is fantastic. Huge thanks again too for all our fabulous volunteers and teachers who helped us run the event - we couldn't do it without you.

Look out in the new term for dates of our Autumn fundraising events and activities, and in the meantime the BSA team wish you all a lovely Summer break.