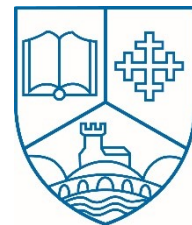


Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



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Tudor Topic – Children in Years 5 and 6 have concluded their Tudor topic by creating their very own Tudor waistcoats. Using sewing machines, they attached the front and backs together, then hand-sewed the buttons and pockets on using running, back or blanket stitch.

Year 6 Pantomime – The Year 6 children entertained their parents and the children this week in a hilarious performance of ‘Snow White and the 7 Jockeys’ by Roald Dahl. It was a fabulous show - well done to all the cast and their supporters. A big thank you to Mrs Mills, Mrs Moore and Mrs van Zyl for their excellent direction and help with props!

Talent Show - This week our children showed that ‘Bidford has got Talent’. We enjoyed an entertaining range of music, dance and comedy performances culminating in an amazing drum spectacular with Mr Thackway and two of the year 4 children.

Leavers Service – Today we said good luck and farewell to Year 6 at our Leavers Assembly with Reverend Walker from St Laurence Church who presented the children with their leaving gifts. Thank you to the BSA for organising the fabulous yearbooks.

We also said goodbye to some of our long serving and dedicated staff. Mrs Walsh is retiring after working at Bidford School for 21 years, Mrs Hudson is moving on for adventures new after 17 years and Mrs Rhymer is leaving us after 15 years. We thank them for their commitment to our school and wish them all well for the future.

Pupil Work – Children have brought home some of their exercise books, to keep at home, as a sample of the work that they have done in school during this academic year.

Reading – We would like to encourage all children to read widely over the summer holiday:

- There are a large number of online stories available on the Oxford Reading Tree website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
- Bidford Community Library are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge where children can read six books during the summer holidays. They will receive various rewards along the way, including a certificate and medal when they finish the challenge. The scheme runs from Sat 16th July to Sat 3rd Sept. Call into the library to register your child up for this **free** scheme and to find out more details. Your child will need to be a library member to take part. You can join the library online via [Library Registration](#) and follow the instructions under Apply for a Library Card.

Governors - There will be a vacancy for a new parent governor in September and nomination details will sent out next term. Please ask at the office if you would like to find out more about the role.

School Meals – The price of a school meal in September will increase to £2.40 per day for children in KS2. Families of children entitled to income dependent free school meals should register so that we can claim Pupil Premium of up to £1385 per child to help support your child’s learning. Please go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply or contact us in confidence for further information. The school menu has been sent home with your child.

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School Admissions – If you have a child moving to Secondary school from September 2023, you may find the following information from School Admissions helpful:

- Parent guide - providing guidance to parents to help decide and apply for a school place
<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1980322935-2186>
- Video animation for parents <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7yVvgN9tAs>

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 **TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.**

Mr A Simms

The latest from



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BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

*Thank you to everyone that came and joined in with our Summer Fair last week!! We had a fantastic turnout and feel very proud of what we achieved in a short space of time. The sun shone and we raised just over **£2000** which is a fantastic amount!!*

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers – those who helped us set up, run a stall or clean away – without you it simply couldn't happen and we are very grateful!! Hopefully you aren't put off helping at more events!

Keep a look out for the new climbing frame for KS1 playground getting underway – this is being partly paid for with money raised by '2 for 2022' challenge!

We wish you all a lovely summer break and we look forward to more fundraising events to come!!

See you in September!

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