

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



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Singtastic – Pupils in KS1 & KS2 took part in ‘Singtastic’ during the Autumn term. It is a lively music programme involving choral singing led by a musician from Warwickshire Music. After the 10 weeks, children gave a performance to each other in the school hall.

Topic – Children in Reception have launched their new topic ‘5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Blast Off!’ this week. After sharing the story ‘Aliens Love Underpants’, the children were inspired to create their own designs for aliens and underpants which look great hanging on and around the washing lines in the corridor! Pupils will be having a space themed dressing up day before half term - further details will follow.

Umbrellas – Children in Years 5 & 6 have been researching umbrellas. They found out about their history and looked at the different types of umbrella. Children discovered that there is a shop in London dedicated entirely to selling umbrellas. Pupils worked in groups to create a fact page, which they then presented to the rest of the class.

Forest School – Children in Reception & KS1 are creating a new mud pit in the forest school area and learning how to use spades safely. The weather this week has helped enormously with this project and it has been great fun!

Headlice – We have had reports of head lice in school, particularly amongst the younger children. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat as necessary. Please remember most applications need a second treatment 7 days after the first one.

Breakfast – Research has shown that children who skip breakfast perform less well academically, socially and emotionally. Providing children with breakfasts that are rich in fibre, whole grains, and protein can help to boost their attention span, concentration, and memory. If you would like your child to have milk during the school day, please sign up via www.coolmilk.com. Milk is free if you are entitled to welfare free school meals – please ask at the office.

Parents Evenings – This term, Parents Evenings are being held on Tues 7th and Thurs 9th Feb. More details have been sent by email today and appointments need to be booked via [Pay360](#).

Curriculum Overviews – Children will shortly be bringing home their curriculum overviews giving details of the subject areas that they will be covering this term. This information will also be available on the school website.

Reminders -

- Payments are now due for Instrument lessons, Swimming lessons and the Year 5 PGL trip – please make payments online via [Pay360](#).
- The deadline for applications for the 2023 Reception class (children born between 1st Sept 2018 and 31st Aug 2019) is **Sun 15th Jan**. Apply online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Book of the Week – Miss Drissell’s class have been reading ‘Killer Cat’ by Anne Fine. Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house but Tuffy can’t understand what all the fuss is about. Can soft-hearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?

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