

Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER 14 – 13th December 2024



Dates for your Diary (New dates/changes added in green):

Tuesday 17th December - Reception Christmas songs 9.45am to parents

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and Church service (children only)

Thursday 19th December – Shakespeare Hospice sponsored Santa run

Friday 20th December – End of term (3:25pm finish as normal)

Monday 6th January – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Tuesday 7th January - Spring term beginning for pupils

Tuesday 10th January – LKS2 Anglo-Saxon Topic day (more information will be emailed)

Friday 17th January – Young Voices concert

Monday 20th January – Reception phonics workshop at 2.15pm (more information to follow)

Tuesday 21st January – Reception phonics workshop at 9.15am (more information to follow)

Thursday 6th February – Parents Evening

Tuesday 11th February – Parents Evening

Wednesday 12th February – Reception space theme dress up day (more information to follow)

Friday 14th February – Break up for half term

Monday 24th February – Children return to school

Tuesday 4th March – KS1 Frozen Topic day (more information will be emailed)

Thursday 6th March – World book day (Theme/focus TBC)

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 28th March – Non uniform Day (chocolate donation)

Friday 4th April until 11 April – Book Fair

Friday 4th April – Easter Bingo

Tuesday 8th April – UKS2 WWII Trip

Thursday 10th April – LKS2 Topic Day

Friday 11th April – Easter Eggstravaganza activities

Friday 11th April – Break up for Easter

Friday 23rd May – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Monday 21st July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Reception – have been retelling the Christmas story and sequenced pictures of key events and in maths they have been exploring repeating patterns. A group of Reception children have also been to the Co-op to buy some ingredients for a special treat the children will be making in school for Christmas. We are looking forward to performing our Christmas songs to parents next Tuesday.

KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – Congratulations to all of the children who completed two fantastic nativity performances on Wednesday and Thursday this week. KS1 would like to thank all of the parents for their contributions and supporting in practising their lines. The shows were fantastic and we're so proud of their efforts. This week the children have been really enjoying their design and technology project about levers and mechanisms. We have applied these in a very special way and the children can't wait to show you.

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have continued working on the book '*The Snowman*' in English and practising using inverted commas accurately. In the afternoons, they have spent time investigating packaging and products to help design their own chocolate box to hold truffles. The part that was most enjoyed by the children was, of course, making the truffles - from making the ganache to rolling the truffles through different types of decorations – the all managed really well to resist the temptation of eating them! A huge thank you to Mr Jackson for providing the 4kg of chocolate for us to make the truffles!

UKS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – have been busy learning about the Battle of Marathon, which took place in Ancient Greece. In the battle, the Greeks defeated the Persian army, and a messenger named Pheidippides ran from Marathon to Athens (26 miles) to deliver the news. Sadly, after running such a long distance, he collapsed and died! They also learned how the modern marathon race came to be 26.2 miles long. During the 1908 London Olympics, the race was lengthened so it could start at Windsor Castle and finish in front of The Royal Box. Now, we know that the race is the length it is because of this royal connection!



On Monday, the children in Year 5 gave a fantastic carol concert performance. The children sang beautifully and we hope everyone who came to watch and support felt very festive... despite the technical difficulties! We want to say a big thank you to Hannah from Warwickshire Youth Choirs for all her work with Year 5 this year.

Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Lunch

As mentioned in the separate email sent out earlier today, please see the plan below for Wednesday 18th December.



On Wednesday 18th December we have a busy and exciting day. We will be starting the day by walking down to the church for our annual church Nativity service. Please ensure you send your child with a coat as we will still be going even if it is raining. We will then return to school in time for our Christmas dinner and a festive afternoon in class. We would like for everyone to have a Christmas vibe so Christmas jumpers can be worn. Normal school uniform needs to be worn underneath - polo shirt and school trousers/skirt please. There is no PE for Fox Class (Y3/4) and Hare Class (Y4) on Wednesday, but Owl Class (Y6) will still have their session in the afternoon and forest school will go ahead for Squirrel (Y1/2) - these classes can have PE/forest school kits on underneath the Christmas jumpers.



Santa Run – We are really looking forward to be joining in with Shakespeare Hospice Santa Run on Thursday 19th December. After the huge success last year, we hope you will all help support this amazing charity who have, and continue to support families in our school community. All children should come into school dressed in school uniform and school shoes as normal. Please see the sponsorship below, all donations will be gratefully received – thank you for your support.

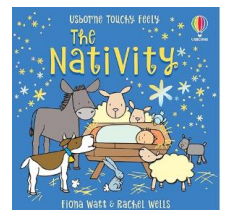
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Notes/Reminders

- The school day starts at 8.55am, school gates open at 8.45am
- If your child vomits or has diarrhoea, please keep your child off school for 48 hours from the last episode

Book of the Week – Mrs Ellwood's class have been reading 'The Nativity' by Fiona Watt & Rachel Wells.

There's a fluffy donkey carrying Mary to Bethlehem, shepherds looking after their woolly sheep, a sparkling angel with outstretched wings and wise men visiting baby Jesus, wrapped in a soft blanket.



The Christmas period continued this week with our KS1 nativity performance. I was genuinely blown away by their singing, dancing and their acting and needed to remind myself that the eldest child on stage was still only 7 years old! They were truly 'stars' and they managed to get everybody in the Christmas spirit!

As we are in the winter months I know that parking can be an issue as more parents decide to drive to drop their child off at school. Could I please ask you to please park sensibly showing consideration for our neighbours and other parents at the school. I know it is very hard, but we need to constantly think of the safety of the children, as I never want to be in a situation where a child has been hurt (or worse) coming to school.

Can I therefore please ask that everybody is mindful of these parking difficulties and maybe makes arrangements to car share (if possible), allows enough time to park considerately and recognise they will be parking a little distance away from the school.

Unfortunately, I do not have a magic wand (I did consider asking Father Christmas for one!) and I can't solve these issues without your help.

We have an incredibly busy last week of term to look forward to with Christmas Lunch, Christmas activities, visit to the church, Reception Christmas singing and the finishing of cards and decorations to come home.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and that your preparations for Christmas go well.

Mr A Morris



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BIDFORD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS FAYRE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported us with donations, raffle prizes, helping-out at the event with set up and running the stalls, and of course also to everyone who came along to the evening and enjoyed yourselves – it was so lovely to see so many of you and to feel the festive atmosphere in school.

We are delighted to tell you that the event raised
a fantastic amount of:

£1,905.95!

We are currently working on some exciting plans to spend this, and other money raised this year and will be able to share further details in the New Year.

The BSA team are now taking a well-earned festive break after another busy year of fundraising, but we will be back in the new year with news on exciting upcoming 2025 events so watch this space 😊

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**

The BSA Team xxx



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ARTCLUB!

We are excited to tell you that we are running our after-school ArtClub again for **Years 2-6!** From the 15th January - 2nd April we will be running a club every **Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm**. The lessons will be fun and relaxed with simple, step-by-step instructions, while introducing basic drawing and painting techniques.

Cost £71.50 payable in one instalment or 2 instalments of £35.75 due 12/1 and 17/2 Payable through **BACS ArtBase 09-01-28 64175758**

SPACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY!



TO BOOK YOUR SPACE Please email us at info@art-base.co.uk with the following information:

Child's name.....

Class.....

Parent/Carer name.....

Person/s authorised to collect your child.....

Contact Numbers (please include 2 numbers)
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Medical Conditions.....

Email address if you would like to hear details of upcoming workshops.....

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