

Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 27 – 4th April 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Monday 7th April – EYFS Sports Enrichment (Come to school in PE kit)

Monday 7th April to Thursday 10th April – Book Fair, all books 3 for 2 (School Hall 3.30pm)

Tuesday 8th April – UKS2 WWII Trip

Thursday 10th April – Easter Church Visit (Children only)

Friday 11th April – Easter Eggstravaganza activities

Friday 11th April – Break up for Easter

Monday 28th April – Return to School

Tuesday 29th April to 2nd May – Bikeability (Year 5)

Tuesday 6th May – Y1 trip to Transport Museum

Wednesday 7th May – Y2 trip to Transport Museum

Monday 12th May to 15th May – SATS for Year 6

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

Monday 26th May to 30th May – Half Term

Monday 2nd June to 13th June – Multiplication Tables Test for Year 4 Pupils

Monday 9th June to 13th June – Phonics Screening for Year 1 & some Year 2 Pupils

Friday 13th June – School Disco

Friday 27th June – School Summer Fayre and Circus

Tuesday 1st July – Secondary Transition Day (St Benedicts)

Wednesday 2nd July – Secondary Transition Day (Alcester Academy, King Edwards VI, Alcester Grammar)

Friday 11th July – Warwickshire Youth Choir Concert (Year 5)

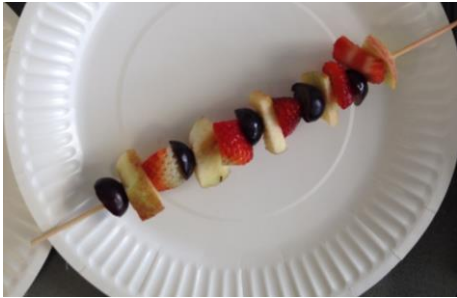
Friday 18th July – School Finishes at 3.25pm for pupils for the summer term

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

Reception – have been learning about the features of different types of minibeasts such as worms, snails, spiders, beetles, bees etc. They have been comparing similarities and differences between them, such as naming minibeasts that have wings, no legs etc. The children have been writing facts about mini beasts to share with their friends. They have enjoyed searching for minibeasts in the outdoor area and finding out about their habitats. In maths we have been learning about sharing.



KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – have been making fruit kebabs in our design and technology lessons this week. We began by researching where different fruits came from and even tasted a variety of different fruits before finally making our own fruit skewers. The children learnt lots of new vocabulary and really enjoyed eating their kebabs. In addition, the children have finished performing writing and learning poems of by heart and have really enjoyed exploring these topics.



LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have had a wonderful week learning even more about dragons! They have written their own kennings, which are an Anglo-Saxon poem which include two words on each line. The words are nouns and verbs, giving off the impression of a riddle like poem. Later in the week, we looked at non-chronological reports as the children move into writing their own reports about a dragon. Topic learning has turned to the Battle of Hastings, and it was really interesting to see how the battle was won and how this piece of history had such a huge impact on our lives today.

KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – On Monday, Year 5, 5/6, and Year 6 took part in a fantastic enrichment day, enjoying three exciting activities. They explored science by making parachutes, tried their hand at a new sport of pickleball, and took part in a money and finance workshop – Goal for Life. It was wonderful to see the children engaged in such a variety of experiences! In the classroom, Year 6 have now completed their biographies on Hitler, while Year 5 have finished writing letters to their German pen pals, which are now ready to be sent.



Stratford Food Bank

The Stratford Foodbank has asked us to share the following information:

'We are conscious that the lack of school meal provision during the Easter break will add extra strain on families. So, in addition to our standard food parcels, we are also including a child's lunch box hamper. This will include enough lunchtime food for five days-worth for the number of children within the household. We will start this project on Friday 11th April to Friday 14th to Friday 25th April.' Please contact the foodbank if you would like to collect one.

If you ever require a foodbank bank voucher the school is always able to provide one, so please do not hesitate to ask for one.

Notes/Reminders

- With some warmer weather now approaching please ensure your child has a named sun hat/cap and that sun cream is applied before the start of the school day. Please also check that jumpers and cardigans are clearly named
- If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please leave a message on our absence line 01789 773201, Option 1, email to admin3011@welearn365.com or send a message on the school gateway app by 9.15am
- We are very grateful of any volunteers to help on any school trips, if you would like to volunteer please pop into the school office
- **PE change** – Mrs Satchwell/Mr Batts class will be Monday instead on Tuesday next week, Mr Thackway's class will be Tuesday instead of Monday



Book of the Week – Mrs Ellwood's class have been reading 'Mad About Minibeasts!' by Giles Andreae.

Little ones will love joining in with all the noisy sound words and looking at the colourful pictures, as they discover all sorts of minibeasts. From slithery snails and buzzing bees, to wriggly worms and munching caterpillars!

Each page introduces a different animal, with a short read-aloud rhyme.



I hope you have had an enjoyable week enjoying the weather! It has once again been a busy week in school with the children continuing to fit all of their learning in, before we break for Easter next week. I have enjoyed seeing the wonderful topic learning that has been going on throughout the school. Upper Key Stage 2 have definitely become experts on their WWII topic and could easily answer any question posed to them.

Next Friday we will be enjoying a day thinking about Easter, as we take part in Easter themed activities in the classroom and also complete an Easter hunt/quiz by answering puzzles around the school grounds. In addition, the children will get an opportunity to go and see some Easter chicks.

At the end of the month we will be saying a said good bye to Mrs Matthews who has worked for the school for the past 6 years in her role as a teaching assistant. She has shown great care and compassion for the children she has worked with during this time and will be greatly missed. We hope that she has a wonderful retirement and gets to do all of the things that she doesn't have time to at the moment!

We are pleased to announce that from after Easter we will be welcoming Mrs Van Zyl back to our staff as a teaching assistant. We are looking forward to having her skills, commitment and passion for education back on our team and making a difference to the children at our school. In addition, we have Miss Williams joining our team as a teaching assistant who brings a wealth of experience from her previous role as a teaching assistant at Welcombe Hills School.

I know you will all join with me to welcome our new staff to our Bidford on Avon team.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing some of you later for our Easter Bingo!

Mr A. Morris



Messy Church
Easter Special
Saturday 19th April



2 - 4pm
at St Laurence's Church
Bidford

Including Easter egg hunt

Fun, activities, food and celebration for
families with children of all ages with an
easter theme

No need to book

Free (donation welcome)

For more information email
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