

# Bidford on Avon

## Church of England Primary School



### **NEWSLETTER 38 – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

#### **Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Forest school cancelled for Year 1

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Play (parents invited) prompt start of 1:45, with doors opening at 1:40pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Forest school cancelled for Year 2

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Back up day for Sports Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Forest school cancelled for Year 1/2

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Talent show (children only)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Bowling trip

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' service at 9.30am – Parents welcome

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – School Finishes at 3.25pm for pupils for the summer term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

**Reception** – A group of Reception children went to the Co-op last Friday to purchase food items needed for our teddy bears' picnic. The children made their own sandwiches and also made chocolate rice krispie cakes in preparation for our picnic. They were really excited about bringing their bears from home for the day and enjoyed taking good care of them. After reading the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen, we set off on our very own bear hunt in the school grounds. We walked along a path, through the trees spotting lots of different bears along our way. We had pictures of bears on a sheet of paper to look out for and there was great excitement when each bear was discovered hiding amongst the trees. The bear hunt ended with a delicious picnic in a shaded woodland area. Our teddy bear picnic raised £69.50 for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Thank you very much for your kind donations.

**KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2)** – have been learning about different symbols in R.E. They have looked at various symbols like the cross and what meanings these have for the relative religions. In addition, I would like to congratulate the Year 2 children on their fantastic performance this Tuesday, they were so confident playing their ocarinas and singing.

**LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4)** – have been concentrating on creating a landscape picture of a volcanic eruption. They have been practising creating a wash technique and drawing an eruption before putting all the elements and skills together to create the final painting. Badger class have been using spreadsheets to plan a party, budget accurately and use formulae to work out the total.

**KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6)** – It's been a busy and exciting time for Years 5 and 6! Year 5 have been hard at work writing letters back to their pen pals in Ebsdorfergrund, Germany. The children have really enjoyed sharing their experiences and learning more about life in another country. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been putting the finishing touches on their SketchUp DT project, using computer-aided design to draw and design buildings to scale – an impressive blend of creativity and precision! This week also brought fantastic news as Year 6 received their SATs results. A huge congratulations to all of the children for achieving our highest SATs scores to date! Your hard work truly paid off.

### **Girls Football Tournament**

Last Friday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Alcester Town Girls Football Tournament. They had a fantastic afternoon and played brilliantly, not conceding a single goal across all seven matches. Their hard work and teamwork paid off as they went on to win the tournament with a 1-0 victory in the final.

A huge well done and congratulations to the girls on their incredible performance! Thank you also to the parents for providing transport and for being such enthusiastic supporters on the sidelines!



### **Breakfast Club Update**

We wanted to provide a quick update on the progress we are making with the New Breakfast Club starting at the school in September. The interest shown so far has provided a great start to the new club and we know, there are plenty of families that will benefit from a breakfast club at the school.

**Here are some key details about the club:**

Club Start date: Tuesday 2nd September

Times: Each session runs from 07:55am to 08:55am

Cost: £5 a session per child.

Breakfast: Included and available till 08:45am.

Booking info: We are just waiting for the website to receive its final approval before launch, whilst we are aiming to have this done in the next few days it may stretch in to the holidays.

Register interest by emailing your name and email address to [redditch.alcester@onsidecoaching.co.uk](mailto:red ditch.alcester@onsidecoaching.co.uk)

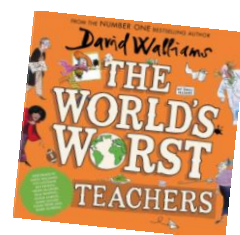
### **Notes/Reminders**

- 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](mailto:admin3011@welearn365.com) or send a message on the school gateway app by 9.15am
- With some warmer weather now here, 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
- There will be no celebration assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Please see the attachment for FACE who are providing a lot of free and helpful courses



**Book of the Week** – Year ½ class have been reading 'Revolting Teachers by David Walliams'

Think your teachers are bad? Wait till you meet this lot. These ten tales of the world's most splendidly sinister teachers will have you running for the school gates. Dr Dread teaches science and is half man, half monster... Watch out for the ghastly Miss Seethe. She is ALWAYS furious – and she's on a detention rampage. And as for Phobe, he's a teacher with a real difference. He is bone-shakingly terrified of... children!



This week we received the KS2 results for our school. I am so proud of what the children and all of the staff have achieved and know that these results are a great foundation to build on at secondary school. I will be releasing the results officially at a later date, but they are considerably above the national averages across the country.

As we approach the end of term it is the perfect time to reflect on my first year as Headteacher of Bidford. Needless to say it has been a busy year, but one that has been filled with challenges, smiles and enthusiastic learners. I have enjoyed sharing the children's joy that they have shown over the year and can't wait to have another year where we will 'Reach for those Stars' and achieve even more amazing things.

Next week we have sports day, Year 6 play, leavers' assembly, so definitely not a 'wind down'.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and don't get 'too hot'. Looking forward to seeing you all for the final week of the academic year.

Mr A. Morris

# Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

## Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at  
👉 [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)  
to get started from 5 July 2025.

**Help your child start their reading adventure today!**



## Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



### Transitions

Moving to a new school, changing classes, or starting secondary school are big moments in a child's life. Transitions can be challenging for young people due to the loss of familiarity. Children often imagine worst-case scenarios if they do not know what to expect, which can impact their mental health and wellbeing. Some children can put pressure on themselves to adapt quickly to new situations, even if they are truly feeling worried or stressed!

Your child may present with; anxiety or worry, withdrawal, sleep problems, clinginess or irritability. Keep an eye out for any changes in their mood or behaviour in the lead up to September!

#### Our top tips for a smooth transition:

1. **Talk it through** – let your child express their feelings. Be calm and reassuring.
2. **Build familiarity**– if your child is starting a new school, explore the route together and encourage your child to engage in transition days.
3. **Keep a routine** – Stick to regular sleep and mealtimes in the lead-up to school changes and throughout the summer holidays. You could even encourage your child to practice their morning routine, including packing their bag or getting dressed.
4. **Be positive** – Speak positively about the new school or teacher. Young people can often mirror other people's attitudes.
5. **Comfort object** – It is common for young people to feel worried leaving their parent or carer after a break from school. You could try letting your child carry a small reminder from home, like a photograph of their family, or a note from you in their pocket to help reduce anxiety.

Talking to a Primary  
aged child



Webinar about the transition  
to secondary school



Talking to a  
teenager



In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



# August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each  
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am





**The Big Picture Film Festival** is back for another summer of fantastic film events! This year, the festival will take place from **28th August - 31st August 2025** at The Bear Pit Theatre, Rother St, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6LU and other participating venues across Stratford-upon-Avon and surrounding villages (TBC).

This year, the festival's theme is "Connection and Disruption" so expect our programme to reflect this via a dynamic variety of world class films, filmmaker Q&As and thoughtful collaborations with organisations in the town, including Stratford Net Zero, Stratford Amnesty Group, Stratford Youth Collective, River Hope and Stratford Welcome Here.

The festival operates on a Pay-As-You-Feel box office, so there is no financial barrier to attend.

Please check out the full programme below and for tickets and information, visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/livelocaltix](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/livelocaltix)

BIGPICTUREFILMFESTIVAL

FULL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

7:30PM	OPENING GALA: OCEAN WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH + PANEL DISCUSSION <small>PRESENTED BY: STRATFORD NET ZERO X RIVER HOPE</small>	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE
2:00PM	A MINECRAFT MOVIE <small>PRESENTED BY STRATFORD YOUTH COLLECTIVE</small>	STRATFORD YOUTH HUB

FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

7:30PM	BROWN PAPER BAFTAS <small>AN EVENING WITH GEOFF THOMPSON • MICHAEL B. CLIFFORD • NATASHA CARLISH</small>	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE
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SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

11:00AM	FLOW <small>PRESENTED BY: STRATFORD NET ZERO X WELCOME HERE X RIVER HOPE</small>	HOLY TRINITY PARISH CENTRE
11:00AM	FUNERAL PARADE OF ROSES	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE
2:00PM	IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE? + Q+A + Q+A WITH FILMMAKER ELLA GLENDINING	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE
2:00PM	WINNERS <small>PRESENTED BY WELCOME HERE</small>	HOLY TRINITY PARISH CENTRE
5:00PM	SHORT FILM COMPETITION	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE
7:30PM	THE BROTHERS McLEOD: FALSE STARTS AND SURPRISES	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE

SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

10:30AM	THELMA	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE
2:30PM	LOTTE REINIGER'S THE ADVENTURES OF PRINCE ACHMED <small>+ LIVE SCORE BY FLIGHTS OF HELIOS AT THE MIDNIGHT REVUE</small>	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE
5:30PM	LONDON RECRUITS + Q+A	THE BEAR PIT THEATRE