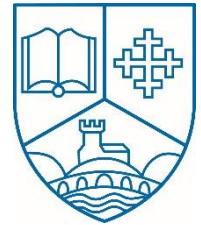


Bidford on Avon

Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 39 – 18th July 2025

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

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

Monday 1st September – Teacher training day (school not open to pupils)

Tuesday 2nd September – Children return to school

Friday 5th September – BSA Welcome morning, for new Reception parents - 9am in the hall

Tuesday 9th September – Open classrooms. Come and meet your child's new teacher who will be leading presentations at 3:30 and 4:30 about class expectations and what to expect in their new year group.

Wednesday 10th September – Year 4, first swimming lesson

Wednesday 10th September – PGL presentation (Y6 parents) at 6pm

Wednesday 17th September – Bell Boating Y6

Thursday 18th September – Bell Boating Y5/6

Friday 19th September - Bell Boating Y5

Wednesday 1st – Friday 3rd October – Year 6 attending PGL

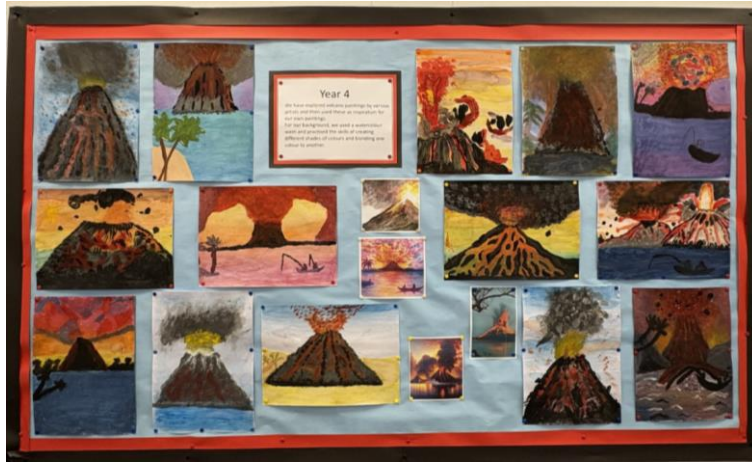
Reception – have been reflecting on their first year at school, reminiscing about their experiences, and discussing their favourite activities. They revisited *Owl Babies*, one of the first stories they encountered when starting school in September. We are very proud of how enthusiastically the children participated in their first school sports day. It has been a wonderful year with the Reception children, and we wish them all the best as they transition into Year 1.

KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – Just like that the year is over! The children are another year older and Year 2s begin their journey into KS2. On behalf of all the staff in KS1, I would like to thank all parents/ carers for their incredible support from the Nativity to ocarina to sports day. The children have made great progress both personally and academically and they should be proud of what they have accomplished.

Personally, today was a bittersweet. It has been an incredible year meeting new teachers and children, but I will be sad to leave such incredible children and staff behind as I embark on a new adventure. I would like to thank the KS1 staff for their unwavering support throughout the year, the teaching assistants for their flexibility and dedication, the office staff for their incredible support and the children for filling our school with such joy. I would also like to (selfishly) thank Mr Morris. We have worked together for a number of years and I cannot overstate his impact on all of the students and staff he works with. He is a hardworking, caring and committed individual who will continue to make an incredible impact here at Bidford, I will be sad to leave an incredible school and an even greater friend.

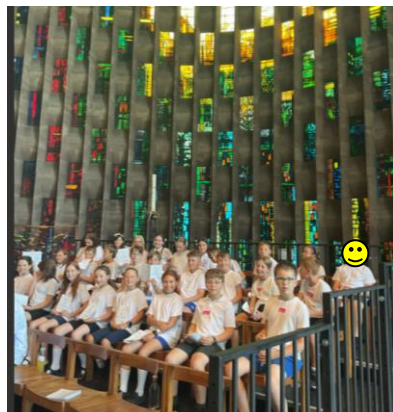
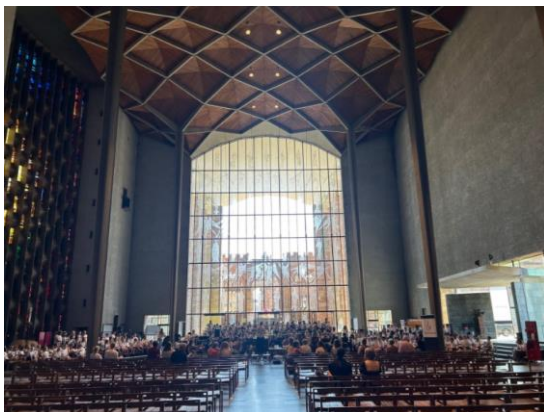
I wish everyone at Bidford a very restful summer and a wonderful year! Reach for the stars! ★

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – have had a fantastic end to the term, finishing their volcanic eruption landscapes with impressive attention to texture and mood—many truly captured the drama of an eruption! In science, we've been testing our knowledge to create simple circuits, which we then combined with computer-aided design in DT to produce our transport-themed lights. The children especially enjoyed watching Year 6's brilliant performance of *The Pirates of The Currybean* on Monday and showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship during Wednesday's long-awaited Sports Day. As the term comes to a close, all of the children are more than ready to move on to their next classes. We wish you all a relaxing and happy summer!



KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – It's been a busy and exciting week for Years 5 and 6! Year 5 have proudly completed their final letters of the year to their German pen pals – they've now been posted and are on their way to Germany! The children worked incredibly hard on their writing and we're sure their pen pals will love reading them. Meanwhile, Year 6 wowed everyone with their brilliant end-of-year production *Pirates of the Curry Bean*. Their dress rehearsal to the rest of the school was fantastic, and their final performance to parents was even more impressive. Mr Morris called it "the best end-of-year production he's ever seen!" Mrs Satchwell and Miss Drissell agreed it was worth all the hard work and said (with a smile!) that it was worth the moans and stress. Who knows – maybe some future stars were born on that stage!

Year 5 Coventry Cathedral trip - Last Friday, Year 5 children went on a very exciting trip to Coventry Cathedral to perform in the Sing Together concert. The children gave it their all and sang beautifully in a choir of 300 children and an orchestra! The children worked very hard and the performance was exceptional.



Sports Day - We had an amazing Sports Day filled with energy, hard work, and great team spirit. Huge congratulations to all the House Captains for their ongoing encouragement and support throughout the event. The final scores were very close: Saturn took 1st place with 111 points, Jupiter came in 2nd with 110 points, Neptune secured 3rd place with 106 points, and Mars finished 4th with 105 points. Well done to everyone for your determination and effort, and a special shout out to the parents for their fantastic participation in the parents' races!

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 or send a message on the school gateway app by 9.15am



Book of the Week – Year 6 class have been reading ‘The London Eye Mystery’ by Siobhan Dowd. When Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye, he turned and waved before getting on. After half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off - but no Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air?



As we come to the end of the 2024-2025 school year, I want to say how truly grateful and privileged I feel to be Headteacher at Bidford on Avon C of E Primary School. It's been wonderful working with such amazing children, dedicated staff, supportive parents, and committed governors.

This year has been incredible. Our children have once again impressed us all with their achievements in learning, their growth socially, and by truly living out our vision statement of 'Living Life in all its Fullness.'

I was really touched by today's assembly where we said goodbye to our Year 6 children. Saying farewell to Year 6 is always emotional, but it's been inspiring to see how much they've grown, the fantastic results they've achieved, their brilliant play, and their courage to take on new challenges.

I also want to warmly thank Mr Nailor for all the energy and hard work he's brought to our school this year. We wish him all the very best as he takes on the role of Assistant Headteacher at his new school.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, filled with precious moments together as a family. I can't wait to welcome everyone back on September 2nd to continue our amazing learning journey with the fantastic Bidford School team.

Thank you so much for your continued support, for trusting us with your children each day, and for being such a vital part of their learning.

Mr A. Morris



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Barnardo's Warwickshire - Stratford District Children and Family Centres - Summer Specials

A coordination of services for children, young people and families - aged 0-19 years and up to 25 with SEND



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District Children and
Family Centres



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& FAMILY
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Alcester 01789 764093

Stratford & Shipston 01789 266624

Lighthorne Heath & Southam & Wellesbourne 01926 691105

BARNARDOS

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MONDAY

Stratford C&FC

**Great Big Story Time
& Workshop**

4 August

10.00 - 11.30am

Alcester C&FC

Arty Party (5-11 yrs)

4 August

10.00 - 12.00noon

Alcester C&FC

**Great Big Story Time
& Workshop**

18 August

10.00 - 11.30am

TUESDAY

Lighthorne Heath
C&FC

Toddler Time

9.30 - 11.00am

Badger Valley,
Shipston

Family Time

1.15 - 2.45pm

Stratford C&FC

Baby Time

2.00 - 3.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Stratford C&FC

**Little Stars
SEND (0-5yrs)**

09.30 - 11.00am

Alcester C&FC

Family Time

9.45 - 11.15am

Lighthorne Heath
C&FC

**Great Big Story Time
& Workshop**
6 August

10.00 - 11.30am

Stratford C&FC

Family Time

01.30 - 3.00pm

Wellesbourne Library

Baby Sensory
from 16/7

2.00 - 3.00pm

THURSDAY

Wellesbourne
Methodist Church

Let's Play

09.30 - 11.00am

Badger Valley,
Shipston

Baby Time

from 24/7 - 28/8

09.30 - 10.30am

The Graham Adams
Centre, Southam

Let's Play

12.00 - 1.30pm

Lighthorne Heath
C&FC

Baby Time

1.00 - 2.30pm

FRIDAY

Stratford C&FC

Yoga with Rhianna
(3-8yrs & parents join in)

15 August

10.00 - 11.00am

Alcester C&FC

**Little Stars
SEND (0-5yrs)**

10.00- 11.30am

Alcester C&FC

Baby Time

1.00 - 2.00pm

Barnardos new web page

SCAN ME



If you are unable to
attend please **CANCEL**
your booking on
Eventbrite to allow
others to have your
place

SCAN ME



**Eventbrite
Bookings**

09/07/2025

Alcester C&FC, c/o St. Nicholas CE Primary School,
St Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 6AG

Tel: 01789 764093

Lighthorne Heath C&FC, Stratford Road, Lighthorne
Heath, CV33 9TW

Graham Adams Centre, St James Road, Southam,
CV47 0LY

Wellesbourne Methodist Church, Bridge Street,
Wellesbourne, CV35 9LR

Wellesbourne Library, Kineton Road, Wellesbourne,
CV35 9NF

Tel: 01926 691105

Stratford C&FC, c/o Bishopton Primary School, Drayton
Avenue, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9PB

Badger Valley, Tilemans Lane, Shipston on Stour,
CV36 4HP

Ellen Badger Hospital - Room D, Stratford Road,
Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AX

Tel: 01789 266624



Baby Self - Weigh facilities at the Children and Family Centres

The facilities are only for non-walkers
up to a maximum age of 18 months
and you must book on the Health
Visiting Eventbrite page to attend

Refuge

08004 081552

Family Help

The Family Support Line

01926 412412

(Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)

Safeguarding Concerns

Warwickshire Children and Families

Front Door

01926 414144

(Mon-Thu 8.30am – 5.30pm,

Fri 8.30am – 5pm)

Emergency Duty Team

(out of hours only)

01926 886922

Stratford District Children & Families Centres' offer includes

Baby Time: Relax, play and socialise with your baby in a friendly, informal environment, suitable from newborn

Baby Massage: 5 week programme teaching parents the skills of massage which has many benefits for baby & helps to create a close bond, suitable for babies after they've had their 6 to 8 weeks check

Baby Sensory: a play session for you and your baby to explore their senses and learn about the world around them. Exploring a variety of sight, sounds and textures in a friendly and relaxed environment

Baby & Toddler Chatter Matters: 5 week courses of fun through songs, rhymes and sensory activities for babies and toddlers to support their early communication skills. Suitable from 5 months up to 2 years

Let's Play & Toddler Time: These sessions are aimed at toddlers, offering language enrichment learning through play. They incorporate paint and print, messy play, sound and music and outdoor play

Bookstart: a group for 2-4 year olds (& parents) exploring early literacy and maths through stories, rhymes, puppets and crafts

SEND Little Stars (0-5yrs): Small, friendly groups to support learning and play for children with additional needs. Children must have a diagnosis or be in the process of being diagnosed. A great opportunity to interact and meet other families

Wellcomm screens: A speech & language toolkit which can pinpoint areas in your child's speech which can be enhanced with targeted activities to help your child speak clearly and with confidence

Health Visiting Team Clinic

Talk to a trained health care professional about any family health or
developmental concerns and/or get your child weighed.

If your child is ill please contact your GP.

Prebooked appointments, please contact your Health Visitor to arrange.

For more information regarding Health Visiting Team Clinics
in the South please visit:

<https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-services/health-visiting>

Stratford - 01926 567164 Shipston & Wellesbourne - 01789 412844

Southam - 01926 815045

Alcester, Bidford on Avon, Studley & Henley - 01926 567098

Advice & support for parents of pre-school children in Warwickshire

Warwickshire Health Visiting Team

Text Chat Service

TEXT: 07520 615293

(9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)

Advice Duty Line number

01926 567143



Parenting Project

Offers a Family Wellbeing Pathway
that support families with children
0-19 (25 SEND)

Family Wellbeing Service,
Counselling Service, Parent Mentor
Service and MHISC group work in
the school

Contact familywellbeing@parentingproject.org.uk for more
information or visit the website
<https://parentingproject.org.uk/>

Speech & Language Therapy

Get in touch with the SALT team if
you have concerns regarding your
child's speech and language

01789 405100 ext 346

or email

SLT.AdminSouth@swft.nhs.uk

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Fun Afternoon

Wednesday 20th August 2pm-4pm

At St Laurence's Church Bidford

Free activities for children of all ages

(Must be accompanied by parent/ carer)

Craft, games,, Lego,
toys



Free refreshments

No need to book

For more information
contact

c.leahy@yahoo.co.uk



Tower Open Day!



BELLRINGING

Come and give bellringing a try...

- ✓ Great exercise
- ✓ Age 10+ can join
- ✓ All faiths and none
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- ✓ No need to be strong
- ✓ No need to be musical

Where?

What date?

What time?

More info

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WOODLAND RANGERS HOLIDAY CLUB

**12TH, 19TH AND 26TH AUGUST 2025
9AM - 3PM**