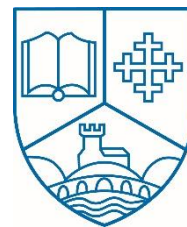


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 1 – 5th September 2025

Dates for your Diary



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

Monday 6th October – Open evening for Reception 2026

Thursday 9th October – Open evening for Reception 2026

Thursday 9th October – World Mental Health Day (come to school wearing yellow)

Friday 10th October – Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 5th November – Open evening for Reception 2026

Thursday 16th October – Parents evening (Link to book will be sent week commencing 29th Sept)

Tuesday 21st October - Parents evening (Link to book will be sent week commencing 29th Sept)

Friday 24th October – Teacher Training day (school closed for children)

Monday 27th – 31st October – Half Term, school closed

Monday 3rd November – School re-opens

Reception – We were delighted to welcome our new Reception children this week and are incredibly proud of how well they are settling into school life. They've been busy making new friends and enjoying the exciting process of exploring their new learning environment. The Reception team are really enjoying getting to know each of the children. Please remember to check your child's book bag regularly for letters and updates about what we're learning—these will be sent home throughout the term.

As part of our usual start-of-year routine, we carry out some informal assessments, as required by the government. These help understand each child's starting point so we can support and build on their existing knowledge. If you'd like to find out more, please click the link for further information, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

KS1 (Y1, Y1/2 & Y2) – It has been so lovely to welcome the children in years one and two back to school. They have already shown the key values of curiosity and resilience as they have settled into their new classes and routines. We have worked together to make our class rules, which are centred on respect for each other and our school environment. This will help us as we move through the new academic year. Most of all, it has been fantastic to see so many smiles when the children come into school each morning.

LKS2 (Y3, Y3/4 & Y4) – It's been a busy but exciting first week back at school for Lower Key Stage 2. The children have settled quickly into routines and are adapting well to their new classrooms. Our previous Year 2 pupils have made the big step up into Year 3 brilliantly - embracing new toilets, new playgrounds, and new lessons with enthusiasm! It's also been super exciting for the Year 3s, as they have been using the Chromebooks to design their own front covers for their topic books for the very first time. We've also welcomed Miss Tibbits, and she has already made a wonderful start with the children in Hare Class. This half term, we will be focusing on instruction writing in English, learning about the Stone Age in History, and developing our understanding of place value and calculations in Maths.

KS2 (Y5, Y5/6 & Y6) – Year 5 and 6 have all settled brilliantly into their new class this week, and we are very proud of how well they have started the year. The children have been busy getting back into routines and have enjoyed creating colourful topic covers in ICT to introduce their new history topic: *The Kingdom of Benin*. In Science, they have also begun exploring their new unit on *Electricity*, which has already sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm! Please remember to send your child in with dozen egg boxes for our topic work and any old magazines or catalogues you may have for art – thank you!



World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries.

To celebrate World Mental Health Day, we would like to invite all pupils to come to school wearing yellow. It could be one piece of clothing or as much yellow as you can!

World Mental Health Day is on Friday 10th October but due to us having school photos on the Friday, we have decided to celebrate it a day early – therefore, please come dressed in your yellow outfits on **Thursday 9th October**.

It would be wonderful if you could make donations of just £1 to help us reach our goal of £300
<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/Bidford-on-AvonPrimarySchool/hello-yellow>

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



It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back this week. It is a real privilege to see them embark on the next step of their learning journey. It has been especially nice seeing our new reception children settling into the routines in their new school. It is lovely to see their confidence develop with each minute they are in school and see them enjoying exploring the new learning environment.

I look forward to seeing some of you at our celebration assemblies at 2:45 on a Friday afternoon where we get to celebrate your children's amazing achievements, both inside and outside of school.

Next week are our Open Classroom meetings are on Tuesday 9th September at both 3:30 and 4:30 and will allow you all an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher. This will be a great opportunity to hear about the routines and topics being covered this year and also to be in your child's new classroom where you can ask any questions that you might have.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend and I look forward to catching up with you all next week.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mr A. Morris