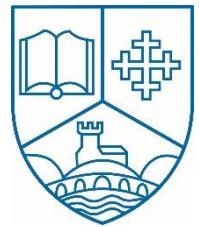


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 18 – 23rd January 2026



Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Tuesday 27th January – SEND coffee morning at 9am (focus – getting to know each other)

Tuesday 3rd February – Reception Space dress up day

Thursday 5th February – Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th February – Parents Evening

Friday 13th February – Break up for Half term

Monday 23rd February – Children return to school

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – LKS2 Enrichment day

Monday 9th March – KS1 Enrichment day

Wednesday 11th March – SEND coffee morning at 9am (focus - ASD, an opportunity for parents/carers to share strategies and resources)

Friday 13th March – Non-uniform day (chocolate donation)

Monday 16th March – UKS2 Enrichment day

Tuesday 17th March – KS1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Friday 20th March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 20th March – Easter Bingo

Friday 27th March – Break up for Easter

Saturday 18th April – BSA Car Boot Sale

Friday 1st May – SEND coffee morning (Focus - Mental Health, an opportunity for parents/carers to share strategies and resources)

Friday 19th June – Summer Disco

Tuesday 30th June – SEND coffee morning (Focus - Transition, how to prepare your child for change)



Electronic devices

We kindly remind families that children should not bring electronic devices into school. This includes cameras and smart watches that have games, internet access, or cameras. Mobile phones may be brought into school if necessary; however, they must be handed to the class teacher upon arrival and collected at the end of the school day. These measures help to reduce distractions and support safeguarding. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Personal items in school

We kindly ask that children do not bring their own fidgets, cuddly toys, or 3D-printed items from home. If a child requires a fidget to support their learning, the school is happy to provide one where appropriate. Fidgets and chews will only be provided following discussion and agreement between the class teacher and parents. This helps to prevent any upset should personal items be lost or damaged at school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Ogden Trust – Reception morning

Some of our Reception children visited another school on Tuesday for a space-themed science morning, and what an exciting experience it was! The children explored key ideas from the physics curriculum through a range of practical, hands-on activities, sparking curiosity and lots of great questions. From investigating forces to exploring space concepts, the morning was full of fun, discovery, and enthusiastic young scientists. We're so proud of how well they represented our school!



SEND & Wellbeing Coffee Morning

A quick reminder that we will be hosting our first SEND & Wellbeing coffee morning next Tuesday at 9am. The first session will be just a casual opportunity for families to come together, have a coffee and get to know each other. We are hoping this will be a lovely opportunity to share ideas or experiences in a supportive environment. Whether you have specific questions, would like to learn more about the support available, or simply fancy a friendly catch-up, you are very welcome to join us.

EYFS Phonics Morning

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to come along to our EYFS Phonics morning. It was wonderful to see so many people attend and to leave with such big smiles. The feedback has been extremely positive and we really hope you all went away with a greater understanding of phonics and how you can support at home. All of the websites below offer free resources, so there is no need to subscribe. If you would like any additional information, please speak to your child's class teacher.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/phonics/balloon-phonics-cvc-game>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/3-5-years/letters-and-sounds>

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>

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**
- If your child has sickness or diarrhea, they need to remain off school for **48 hours** from the last episode.

This week has continued to be a busy week at school.

It has been lovely seeing the children continuing with their topic work and the way this brings excitement into the children's learning. I was particularly impressed with the fantastic English work in Key stage 1 based on Meerkats. They are very much experts on this theme and have produced some amazing writing. Well done Hedgehog, Rabbit and Squirrel classes!

Every time I enter our reception classes I have been bombarded (in the nicest sense) with tales of what is going on and what they are learning. If we could bottle this enthusiasm, we wouldn't need to ever pay for energy! It is wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning and seeing how much they have grown already since joining the school!

Have a great weekend when it finally arrives and I look forward to celebrating with some of you when we once again 'Reach for the Stars' in our celebration assemblies on a Friday.

Mr A. Morris