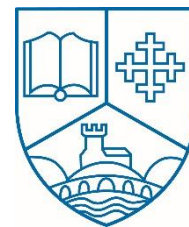


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 20 – 6th February 2026



Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Tuesday 10th February – Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th February – PE change, Year 6 (Miss Drissell's class) PE session

Thursday 12th February – PE change, Year 3 (Mr Thackway's class) PE session

Friday 13th February – Break up for Half term

Monday 23rd February – Children return to school

Friday 6th March – World book day

Monday 9th March – LKS2 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 – KS1 Enrichment day

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)

Reporting Your Child's Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, it is very important that you inform us as soon as possible on the day of absence. This helps us ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils and allows us to keep accurate attendance records.

You can contact the school by **9.15am** using one of the following methods:

- Calling the absence line on **01789 773201 (Option 1)**
- Emailing **admin3011@welearn365.com**
- Sending a message via the **School Gateway app**

Year 5 & 6 Athletics Competition

On Wednesday, a group of our Year 5 and Year 6 children proudly represented the school at an indoor athletics competition at Stratford upon Avon High School. The team took part in a range of exciting events, showing fantastic determination throughout the morning. Every child gave their best effort and supported one another brilliantly. We are proud of their enthusiasm and positive attitude — well done to everyone who took part!



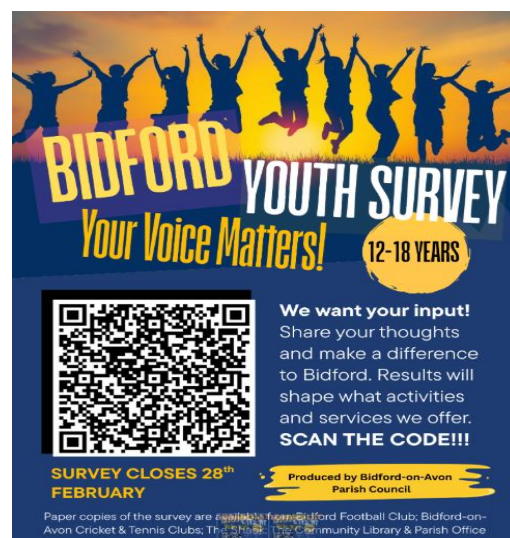
Bidford-on-Avon Youth Working Group

If you have an older child aged **12–18**, we'd really value their views. Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council is running a Youth Survey to help understand what young people want from activities, spaces, and services in the village.

The survey will also help shape a new **Youth Working Group**, giving young people the opportunity to have a real voice in decisions that affect them. Their feedback will directly influence future plans and provision in the community.

Please encourage your child to take part by scanning the QR code on the poster.

Their voice matters, and their input can make a real difference.



World Book Day

The school will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6 March, a day later than the national event. This adjustment allows all pupils to take part together and ensures the day runs smoothly within our school timetable. We would like to remind families that there is no expectation to purchase new or expensive costumes for the occasion. Simple, homemade outfits are often more creative, more meaningful to the children, and help keep the focus on the enjoyment of reading rather than on cost.

As an alternative to dressing up as a book character, pupils are welcome to attend school in pyjamas. This option provides a comfortable and accessible way for all children to join in with the day's activities.

We look forward to celebrating a day that encourages imagination, storytelling, and a shared love of books across the school community.

Here is a helpful website for low cost outfit ideas:

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

Notes/Reminders

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

It has been a very busy half term (only one week left to go!) with lots going on and a real buzz of excitement within school.

It was lovely to have so many of you coming to our parent consultations last night to find out about the great progress your children have made over this term. I look forward to seeing more of you next Tuesday evening when you will get to share that same joy. It is a real team effort and I know the staff really appreciate the time to share your child's achievements with you.

As a school we have some exciting news as we are expecting three Bidford babies! The lovely Mrs Foster, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Satchwell are all expecting babies in the summer 😊 This is fantastic news, but does obviously mean we will need to be recruiting teachers for some maternity cover. I will let you know about this when plans have been finalised.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and that it stops raining!

Mr A. Morris



Messy Church
Saturday 21st February



2 - 4pm
at St Laurence's Church
Bidford

Fun, activities, food and celebration for
families with children of all ages with a

No need to book

Free (donation welcome)

For more information email

Revd Helen Smith

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