

# Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



## NEWSLETTER 26 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – BSA Car Boot Sale

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

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 trip to Mary Arden's Farm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5 & Year 5/6 trip to Mary Arden's Farm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Teacher training day (school closed for children)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3/4 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 trip to Oversley Hill Farm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Disco

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fayre

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers service, 9:30am (year 6 parents invited)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – School finishes at 3:25pm for summer term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Teacher training day (school closed for children)

### Notes/Reminders

- If your child has sickness or diarrhea, they need to remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode
- If your child will be collected by another person, please notify the school office by 1:00pm
- Please remember to report your child's absence to the school office by 9:00am via emailing [admin3011@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3011@welearn365.com), calling 01789 773201, or through the School Gateway app.

## Reception

It has been a short but busy and fun-filled half term. The children have been fully engaged in learning about different types of animals through our topic work, *"All Creatures Great and Small."* We had a particular focus on polar bears, penguins, and farm animals. The children have learned how polar animals are adapted to the conditions in which they live and have practised using new vocabulary such as *blubber*, *carnivore*, and *herbivore*. Our learning about creatures will continue in the first part of the summer term, where we will be exploring mini beasts in more detail.

Our visit to Oversley Hill Farm was the highlight of this half term's learning. The children encountered sheep, lambs, cows, calves, and hens. They had the opportunity to bottle-feed lambs, sit on a tractor, and make butter to spread on freshly baked bread, which they enjoyed at the farm before returning to school. In maths, the children are becoming more confident in exploring the composition of numbers, number bonds, doubles, one more and one less, and odd and even numbers. They have also used mathematical vocabulary to talk about length, mass, and capacity. In phonics, we have now completed teaching Level 3 sounds. Please refer to the letter in your child's book bag, which explains the next steps in our phonics programme. In class, children continue to apply their phonic skills when writing words, phrases, and sentences. In PE, the children have continued to explore and become more confident in using the climbing and balancing equipment in the hall. After the Easter holidays, we are hoping to spend more of our sessions outdoors, with a focus on games and athletics. For our theology day on Monday, we based our learning on the story of Noah's Ark. As part of their learning, the children created a wall display of the story in the corridor. We then spent the remainder of the week focusing on Easter.

## KS1

The children have crammed so much learning and fun into this half term and they have created so many memories. We can look back to see all that has been achieved as we watch the children grow in knowledge and confidence. We have continued to learn about Africa, particularly East Africa, and the children are really beginning to know their way around a map of the continent. Our P.E. work has reflected this too, as we have been learning some of the dance moves originating from Uganda. We learnt some moves that are designed to keep a baby prince amused and it was lovely to see the confidence the children had as they performed. Some of the teachers' interpretations certainly raised a smile or two!

There have been some exciting themed days this term, including World Book Day, the Wildlife Park trip and our recent Theologians Day. Each was planned to give fun experiences outside the usual classroom experience. The children must be congratulated for their inquisitive nature and outstanding conduct on our trip. We had so much fun as we discovered new facts about the animals there. The children all listened with respect and curiosity, as they heard what the keepers had to say about the animals. It was a pleasure to take the children out and we are sure that they will remember this excellent trip for a very long time. This week, we invited Professor Charlotte Hempel to talk to the children about her work in the Philosophy and Theology department of Birmingham University. The children spent the day finding hidden meanings in texts and artwork and worked on the skills needed to look really deeply at the pieces on which they were working. Again, this has helped the children to explore concepts and skills that will be useful as they move through their years.

I am sure you will agree that this has been a really busy term. We hope that you all have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.



## **LKS2**

Across all three classes, our focus in Maths this half term has been on fractions. Year 3 have been ordering unit and non-unit fractions, identifying equivalent fractions, and finding fractions of amounts. Year 3/4 have developed their understanding of denominators and numerators, compared and ordered fractions, and explored the concept of the whole. Year 4 have been working on equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions—including mixed numbers—and calculating fractions of amounts.

In English, we began by completing our report writing on Tutankhamun before using the short film *Tadeo Jones* to develop our use of figurative language and support our descriptive writing.

To conclude our Ancient Egypt topic, the children created Top Trumps cards for the Egyptian gods, scoring them on wisdom, power, and influence. They also explored the afterlife and the (sometimes gruesome!) process of mummification.

In Science, we investigated sound, learning how vibrations produce different sounds through hands-on exploration with instruments.

Our DT focus this week has been sewing. Although it wasn't everyone's favourite activity at first, all pupils showed great perseverance as they practised a range of stitches, evaluated existing designs, and created their own Easter decorations.

We wish you all a very happy Easter.

## **UKS2**

This half term, the Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard as they prepare for their SATs. They have shown great focus and determination, making excellent progress across all areas of their learning—well done to everyone for their continued effort.

Year 5 have also been very busy this half term. In Maths, they have been learning about statistics, perimeter and area, and exploring equivalent fractions, decimals, and percentages. In English, they have continued their work on *Treason* by Berlie Doherty, writing a persuasive advert to promote Hampton Court Palace, continuing a story in the style of the author, and completing a set of instructions on how to be a page. They have also been exploring a range of different poems.

In the afternoons, both year groups have continued with their foundation subjects. In ICT, pupils have enjoyed code-breaking activities using semaphore, Morse code, and the Caesar cipher. In Science, they have been learning about living things and their habitats, including dissecting flowers to explore their different parts and studying the life cycle of plants. In Topic, we have continued our learning about the Tudors, focusing on Henry VIII's wives—writing a death warrant for Anne Boleyn and a royal birth announcement for Edward VI—before beginning to explore Tudor monasteries.

In RE last week, the children took part in a Theology Day, where they learned the skills of a theologian and asked thoughtful questions to a visiting theologian from Birmingham University. We also visited the church, where the Year 6 pupils made us proud by confidently retelling the Easter story and singing Easter hymns.

The last day of term was filled with fun Easter activities, including an Easter egg hunt and a range of creative crafts.

## **Year 3 & 4 Boys Football**

Our Year 3 and 4 boys took part in an exciting football match on Tuesday against Coughton Primary School, finishing with a well-deserved 2–2 draw. The team showed great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the game, working hard for every goal and supporting each other from start to finish. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and positive attitudes on display—well done to all the players involved!

## **Enrichment**

Over the past few weeks, all year groups have taken part in a fantastic enrichment day filled with a range of exciting activities. The children enjoyed learning some impressive ballroom dancing moves, had great fun making their own smoothies using pedal-powered bikes, and spent time playing a variety of board games. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork, and enjoyment across the school, with everyone trying something new and developing different skills along the way.



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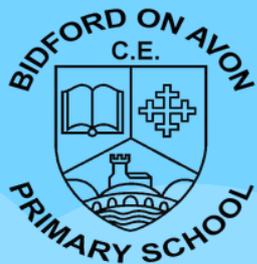
It has been such a busy term, with so much happening. As I look back, it is hard to believe we only have one term left of this academic year. I am so impressed with how our children have developed over the year, and particularly with how the children in our Reception classes have grown in confidence.

This week has been especially busy, with all classes enjoying a range of fun Easter activities. Yesterday, we enjoyed a lovely Easter service at St Lawrence's Church, where the children in Year 6 delivered some beautiful readings and the children sang with great enthusiasm. It was a very special service and a meaningful time in church. Many thanks to Rev. Helen and Allan for taking part in the service and for their continued support of the school through their wonderful assemblies.

I would also like to thank our BSA, who have kindly given every child in the school an Easter egg to celebrate Easter. It is a small team, but they achieve so much for the school—from providing Easter eggs to organising the fantastic Bingo event we enjoyed last Friday.

I hope you have a restful Easter and are able to spend some special time together as a family.

Mr A. Morris



# Car Boot Sale

## 18<sup>th</sup> April 1-4pm

Sellers: £10 per Car  
Book in advance here:

Set up from **12pm**

Sell from **1-4pm**

Buyers entry from **1pm**

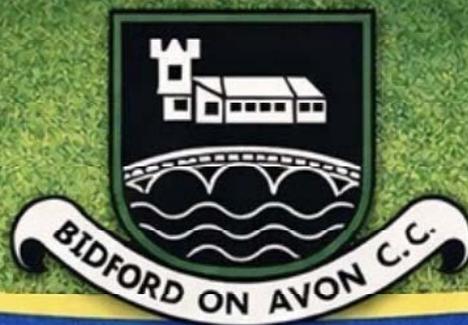
Entry 50p per adult

(Children free!)

Cash only



On the Playground at  
Bidford Primary School,  
Bramley Way B50 4QG



# ALL STARS & DYNAMOS CRICKET

— Bidford-on-Avon Cricket Club —

📍 The Big Meadow, Honeybourne Road, Bidford-on-Avon, B50 4AP

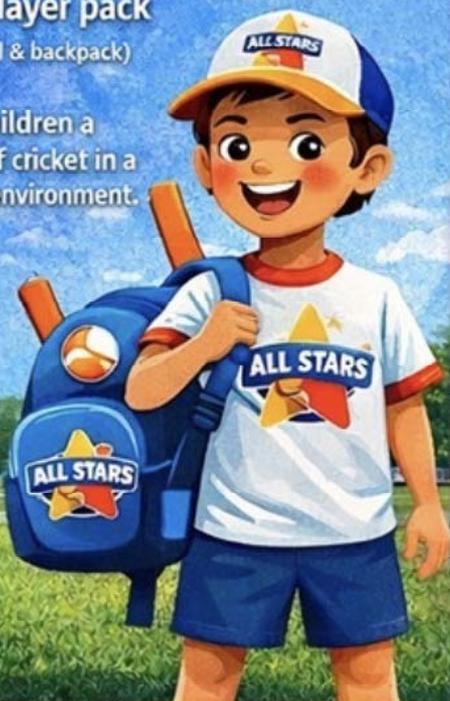
📅 Starting Friday 24th April    💷 £50 for the programme    👤 Lead Activator: Naomi

## ★ ALL STARS CRICKET

AGES 5-8

- ✔ Game-based coaching
- ✔ Includes player pack  
(T-shirt, bat, ball & backpack)

All Stars gives children a first experience of cricket in a safe and friendly environment.



## ⓓ DYNAMOS CRICKET

AGES 8-11

- ✔ Weekly skills sessions
- ✔ 60-ball countdown matches
- ✔ Build confidence & teamwork
- ✔ Dynamos shirt included



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