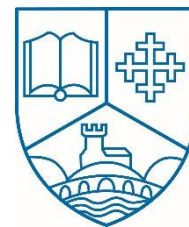


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 38 – 10th July 2026

Dates for your Diary (new dates added in green)

Monday 13th July – Year 6 leaver's play (Year 6 parent's invited), 1:30pm

Monday 13th July – Open classrooms, 3:30pm till 4pm

Tuesday 14th July - open classrooms (Reception classrooms and Reception parents only) 3.30 - 4.00pm.

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Bowling trip – 5pm till 7:15pm

Thursday 16th July – Sports Day (children to come to school in house colour t-shirt) Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will start at 9.15am & Rec, Year 1 & 2 at 1.15pm

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

Friday 17th July – Year 6 (Miss Drissell's class) PE

Friday 17th July – School finishes at 3:25pm for summer term

Monday 20th July – Teacher training day (school closed for children)

Tuesday 1st September – Teacher training day (school closed for children)

Wednesday 2nd September – Children return to school

Friday 23rd October – School finishes at 3:25pm for half term

Monday 2nd November – Children return to school



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, calling 01789 773201, or through the School Gateway app.

Term-Time Absence Reminder

If you wish to take your child out of school during term time, please ensure that you complete the relevant absence request paperwork. Forms can be collected from the school office and should be returned to the school office for consideration before any arrangements are made.

If you have any questions regarding term-time absence requests, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



Have Your Say: The Big Future Survey

We are encouraging all our pupils to take part in an important national survey called **The Big Future**, led by the Children's Commissioner for England.

This survey gives children and young people the chance to share their views about their lives, their communities, and their hopes for the future. It will help ensure that children's voices are heard by decision-makers, especially as more young people will be eligible to vote in future elections.

Children will be asked about:

- What matters most to them
- Their biggest concerns
- The changes they would like to see
- What a good childhood looks like today

We would love as many of our pupils as possible to take part so their voices can be included.

👉 **Complete the survey here:**

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

The deadline for responses is **Friday 23 October**.

Schools with high participation will receive recognition, and the results will help shape decisions at a national level.

Warm Weather/uniform

With hot weather forecast for next week, children are welcome to come to school wearing their PE kit each day to help them stay cool and comfortable throughout the school day.

Please ensure that:

- Children bring a named sun hat to school every day.
- Sun cream is applied before school and that it is an all-day sun cream to provide protection throughout the day.
- Children bring a named water bottle so they can stay well hydrated.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe, comfortable and ready to learn during the warm weather. 🌞

Wish List for Our New September Starters

Year 1 are busy preparing to welcome our new intake in September and would be so grateful for any donations if you're having a clear out at home!

We're looking for:

- Dolls' house with furniture and dolls
- Baby dolls with clothes and care items
- Train sets with track
- Role-play kitchen items (utensils and play food)
- Small world toys (animals, people, transport, etc.)
- Stencils and craft supplies
- Wooden puzzles or chunky cardboard puzzles
- Farm toys (animals, tractors and buildings)

If you have any of these items in good, clean condition that you no longer need, we'd love to give them a new home. Please bring any donations to the school office at any time next week. Thank you for your kindness and support!



Reception Teddys Bears Picnic

On Tuesday, the Reception children enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic. They wrote invitations to their bears and made sandwiches and cakes at school to enjoy during the picnic. The children were delighted to discover many more bears hiding in the woodland area!

A huge thank you to all of our parents for your kind donations to Birmingham Children's Hospital. Together, we have raised an amazing £76.

Enrichment Days

Over the last few weeks, pupils across the school have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their Enrichment Days, with Reception looking forward to their special day next week. Despite the wonderful hot weather, we have been able to provide a fantastic range of exciting activities that have engaged, challenged and inspired our children.

The trampoline sessions were a huge hit, with pupils enjoying the opportunity to be active while developing their confidence and coordination. They certainly provided everyone with a great workout!

A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers from The Barn, who creatively brought a Bible story to life through a series of engaging activities. The children loved moving around the different activity stations and were delighted to receive a goody bag to take home. One of the highlights had to be using the parachute to recreate the stormy sea, followed by a refreshing spray from the water pistols – perfect for keeping everyone cool in the hot weather!

Pupils also spent time learning about healthy eating and were amazed to discover just how much sugar is hidden in many everyday foods and drinks. It certainly sparked lots of conversations about making healthier choices.

It has been another hot week, and the children have been amazing at continuing to complete all of their work before the end of term.

It has been great to see the celebration days in KS1, the sandwich making in LKS2, the play rehearsals in UKS2 and, of course, the teddy bears' picnic in EYFS. It really is one of those times of year when everything just keeps getting busier!

It was such a pleasure to see the children enjoy their transition afternoon on Wednesday. They really rose to the challenge of being in their new classes, and many of them asked on Thursday morning if they were going back there! There was such a positive buzz around the school, and both staff and pupils alike seemed to thoroughly enjoy this exciting afternoon.

Apologies for having to move Sports Day to Thursday 16th July in the morning. As always, every decision we make is with a focus on keeping the children safe while ensuring they can still enjoy these wonderful experiences. Trying to fit everything into one morning will be a challenge, but we are hoping to complete all the events before the hottest part of the day.

Next week is going to be a very busy final week. We have the Year 6 performance for parents and the school on Monday, along with our Open Classroom event for Years 1–6, giving families the opportunity to look around both their current and new classrooms. On Tuesday, our EYFS children will have the chance to visit their Reception classrooms, and Year 6 will be heading off for their after-school bowling trip. On Wednesday, we have our amazing talent show, followed by Sports Day on Thursday morning and our Leavers' Assembly on Friday morning. If that doesn't sound busy enough, we'll also be busy checking the SATs data at the end of the week, ready to send it out either on Friday or during the first week of the holidays.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and here's hoping for some slightly cooler weather next week!

Mr A. Morris



Bidford Kids Club is Expanding!!!

We are pleased to announce that our before school provision is expanding in September to a full wrap around service for children and families at Bidford Primary School.

Key Details:

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club **Times:** 07:45am to 08:55am

After-School Provison

Session 1 Kids Club **Times:** 15:25-16:30

Session 2 Late Kids Club **Times:** 16:30-17:45

Cost: £6 per session, sessions can be booked as a block or an ad-hoc basis. Ad-Hoc Bookings are released 7 days before the club session begins.

Clubs will run every day during term time.

What you get:

Breakfast club includes a selection of cereals, toast and pastries. Activities that get children ready for the day including daily shake ups.

After-school sessions will provide a variety of activities for children to take part in. Early session children will receive a snack and later session a light tea.

Booking Info:

All bookings must be made via our website and paid for at the time of booking. Autumn Term 1 bookings are available now!!!!

Website: Bidford.onsidelive.co.uk

For more information on the club, issues with booking or general queries Email: bidford@onsidelive.co.uk