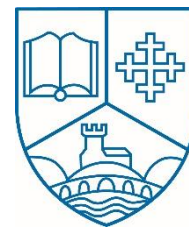


Bidford on Avon Church of England Primary School



NEWSLETTER 4 – 25th September 2026



New Dates for your Diary

Please see below for the latest dates for your diary. Whenever a new date is added, it will be **highlighted in green** so that you can easily spot any updates and keep your calendars up to date.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 29th September – Reception Reading Meeting, 2:45pm

Wednesday 30th September – Reception Reading Meeting, 9:15am

Wednesday 30th September till 2nd October – Year 6 attending PGL

Monday 5th October – open evening (Reception starting 2027) 5:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 7th October – Flu immunisations

Friday 9th October – Individual & sibling photographs

Thursday 15th October – Parents Evening

Tuesday 20th October – Parents Evening

Friday 23rd October – Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate donation

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

Monday 2nd November – Children return to school

Tuesday 3rd November – LKS2 Roman Topic Day

Wednesday 4th November - open evening (Reception starting 2027) 5:30pm-6:30pm

Friday 6th November – Bingo evening

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance assembly (pupils only)

Wednesday 11th November - open evening (Reception starting 2027) 5:30pm-6:30pm

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (more information to follow)

Friday 13th November – School Disco

Friday 4th December – Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation

Wednesday 9th December – Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance to parents

Thursday 10th December - Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance to parents

Friday 11th December – Christmas Event (details to be confirmed)

Tuesday 15th December – Reception Christmas songs to parents 9:45am

Friday 18th December – School finishes at 3:25pm, end of term

Monday 4th January – Teacher Training Day (pupils not in school)

Tuesday 5th January – 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.

Data Collection forms

If you still have your child's Data Collection Form at home, please could you return it to the school office on Monday. Keeping these forms up to date helps us ensure that the information we hold on file is accurate, including contact details, medical information and emergency contacts. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain accurate records for all our pupils.

Bell-Boating

This week, our Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoyed an exciting trip to the river to take part in a bell-boating session. Working together as a team, the children learned paddling techniques, developed their communication skills and demonstrated excellent cooperation throughout the activity.

It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another, showing resilience and building confidence as they navigated the river. The experience provided a fantastic opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership and problem-solving skills outside the classroom.

Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm, determination and exemplary behaviour. We are very proud of the way they represented our school and hope they enjoyed this memorable experience.

Parking and Site Safety Reminder



The safety of our children, families and staff is always our highest priority. We would like to remind all parents and carers to take extra care when driving onto and off the school site, particularly at busy drop-off and collection times.

Recently, we have had a number of near misses involving vehicles moving too quickly around the school premises. We kindly ask that all drivers reduce their speed, remain vigilant for pedestrians, and follow any traffic and parking arrangements in place. Please remember that young children can be unpredictable and may not always be visible between parked cars.

We also ask parents and carers to supervise children closely while on the school grounds and to avoid allowing them to run ahead in the car park area.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe. By working together and showing consideration for others, we can ensure that everyone arrives at and leaves school safely.

Uniform Donations



We are currently looking for donations of good-quality, pre-loved school uniform in larger sizes. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we have a plentiful supply of uniform for our younger children, but stocks for older year groups are running low.

If your child has recently outgrown any school sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, trousers, skirts, PE kit or other branded uniform items, we would be very grateful for any donations. Your support helps us ensure that families can access affordable uniform and makes a real difference to our school community.

Please bring any donations to the school office, Thank you.



Have your say: The Big Future Survey

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

At the moment, we have only had one child complete the survey, and it would be wonderful to receive many more responses from our pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to share their views and help shape future decisions that affect young people.

The 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 that 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. Thank you in advance for supporting your child to take part.

We've had another busy and exciting week of learning across the school!

This week, our Upper Key Stage 2 children have been Bell Boating. They have had an amazing time on the water, learning lots of new skills and developing their love and respect for the river that runs through our village. It has also been wonderful to hear about the fantastic behaviour they demonstrated whilst representing our school around the village. Well done, everyone!

Next week, we're looking forward to welcoming our Reception parents to the 'Early Reading and Phonics' sessions led by Mrs Ellwood. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to find out how you can support your child with those important early steps in reading.

A quick reminder to our Key Stage 1 parents: we kindly ask that you begin encouraging your child to walk independently from the first gate to their classroom. We understand this can be a big step, but it really supports their growing independence and helps staff ensure that all pupils arrive safely and securely each morning.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and a special shout-out to our Year 6 children and families. We hope you enjoy a restful break before heading off on your exciting PGL adventure next week!

Mr A. Morris

The menu is framed by a vibrant jungle illustration. At the top, two monkeys hang from a vine; one holds a banana. A small yellow monkey is also visible. On the left, a colorful parrot sits on a branch. In the center, a large palm tree has a pink and yellow snake coiled around it. A chef is peeking from behind the tree. At the bottom, a tiger walks through the grass, with a boy in a green uniform and cap standing nearby. Butterflies and various tropical plants complete the scene.

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Jungle Explorer Lunch

Thursday 1st October 2026

Census Day Menu

**Explorer's Big Brunch with
Safari Potatoes - sausages, hash
brown and baked beans
(G.SB.SU)**

**(v) Explorer's Big Brunch with
Safari Potatoes - Vegetarian
sausages, hash brown and baked
beans (G.SB.SU)**

**(v.h) Rainforest Crunch Cookie
(G)**

or

**(vg) Jungle Jelly with Snakes Eggs
-jelly with grapes**

Allergen Free alternatives are also
available

Allergens
H-Homemade
G-Gluten
SB-Soya
SU-Sulphites
E-Egg
VG-Vegan
V-Vegetarian

MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

Every Friday 3:25pm-4:30pm at
Bidford On Avon C Of E primary School!

Performances such as Matilda, Wicked, Charlie
and the chocolate factory, Harry Potter and more!

- ★ Singing and Dancing
- ★ Performance to parents at the end of term
- ★ Movie afternoon
- ★ Acting with friends
- ★ Storytelling
- ★ Directing
- ★ Theatre games
- ★ And lots more!

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Activity B's Baking Club

Mondays and Wednesdays
3:25pm-4:30pm

Bidford on Avon C of E Primary School

Here are some of the things we will be
making this term!

Pizza, Cakes, Trifle, Cake pops, Crepes,
Pretzels, Cookie pie, pastries and lots more!



Pizza



Cakes



Cake pops



Crepes



Cookie pie



Pastries



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free taster session

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