Bidford on Avon
Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER 9 – 6th November 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 10th November – Reception Enrichment Day (Sports clothing required)

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 (Non-uniform)

Friday 13th November – School Disco

Thursday 19th November – Reception parents maths workshop 9:15am

Thursday 19th November – Reception parents maths workshop 2:15pm

Monday 23rd November – Reception parents maths workshop 9:15am

Wednesday 25th November – Reception topic day

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.

PE Change

Please note that Badger class (**Year 3)** PE lesson will take place on Tuesday 10th next week instead of Monday 9th. We kindly ask that children come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday.

Children in need – Friday 13th November

We are delighted to be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. To help raise funds for this fantastic cause, children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform** for a suggested donation of £1.

Donations can be made quickly and easily using the QR code provided.

Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in a range of fun Children in Need-themed activities, helping them learn about the importance of supporting others while enjoying a special day with their friends.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise money for this wonderful charity.

Year 3 & 4 Roman Day

On Tuesday, all the children in LKS2 had a very exciting and educational day learning about the Romans in Britain. Thank you to all the children for their fantastic costumes, and a big thank you to parents for helping to make the day such a success.

Our special visitor, Felix, led a range of exciting Roman activities throughout the morning, including a quiz, Roman numeral games, and the opportunity to handle real Roman artefacts.

Felix shared the story of how Rome was founded, telling the tale of the twins Romulus and Remus. He also told us about the Celtic revolt led by Boudica.

Under Felix's excellent guidance, all the children learned to march in time like Roman soldiers. He demonstrated a variety of attacking and defensive formations, and we even enjoyed a re-enactment of a gladiatorial battle in the Colosseum. There was also a thrilling one-to-one encounter using gladius swords.

Thank you to all the slaves, citizens, legionaries, emperors, and Celts who attended. We are pleased to report that everyone was sent home unharmed to live another day!







Welcome back! I hope you all managed to have a restful half term and enjoyed spending lots of quality time with your children. This half term is certainly going to be a busy one, and it already feels as though the excitement is building.

This week, I have had the pleasure of reading some of the wonderful work the children have completed across the school. It is lovely to see the impact our topic days have on the children's enthusiasm and the quality of their work. There is some truly amazing learning taking place throughout the school. Keep up the fantastic work!

Next week, we will be holding our in-school Remembrance service on Wednesday, where the children will take time to reflect and remember those who have given their lives in service to their country.As a reminder, the school will be taking part in the Remembrance Parade in Bidford on Sunday, and we would love for you to join us if you are available. We will be meeting in the car park opposite the old Royal British Legion building at 9:00am. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr A. Morris

October 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of our Community,

We are writing on behalf of Warwickshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) to highlight an important and valuable aspect of your child's education.

Religious Education (RE) plays a vital role in helping pupils understand the diverse beliefs, values and traditions that shape our society. One of the most powerful ways to support this learning is through visits to places of worship and engagement with local faith communities across the area.

These experiences enable pupils to bring their classroom learning to life. They provide valuable opportunities to ask questions, develop curiosity, and build critical thinking skills in a respectful and supportive environment. Through these encounters, children gain a deeper understanding of both their own beliefs and those of others.

Religious Education also prepares pupils for life beyond school. As young people growing up in an increasingly interconnected and global society, they need the knowledge, skills and confidence to engage positively with the wider world and the international community. Learning about different faiths and worldviews equips them to thrive in diverse environments and contribute thoughtfully to society.

We warmly encourage parents, carers, and members of our community to support this important work. You may wish to share your own experiences, contribute to school activities, or help children reflect on what they have learned.

Kind regards

Gemma Hathaway

RE Facilitator for Coventry & Warwickshire (on behalf of both SACRE's)



SAVE THE DATE

Charity Christmas Market in aid of
St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
14th November
12-4pm
@ Crawford Hall ~ Bidford on Avon

All Welcome – Free Parking

Art and Crafts, Bottle Tombola,
Childrens Gifts, Cake Stall,
Refreshments, Luxury Hamper Raffle

Enquiries contact 07748470386