

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

5 December 2025

Issue 12

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

What a fantastic week we have had in school! The clear highlight was Wednesday, when the whole school attended a lively pantomime performance of Snow White. It was wonderful to see the children interacting with such enthusiasm and joy - there is something truly special about experiencing live theatre together. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Sharman even showcased some impressive dance moves, much to the children's delight! A huge thank you to the PTA, who generously funded this pantomime experience. Their support does so much for our school community, and we are incredibly grateful.

Speaking of the PTA, they also organised a brilliant Christmas Fair last Saturday. The atmosphere was wonderfully festive, enhanced by fantastic performances from Streetbeatz and our school choir and orchestra. The Elfridges shop was a particular highlight, with children carefully choosing gifts for their loved ones, and of course many enjoyed the magical opportunity to visit Santa. Thank you to everyone who supported the event - your involvement and generosity mean so much. The funds raised so far this year have helped develop our beautiful new library and enabled the pantomime experience for all our pupils. We are very fortunate to have such a committed and creative PTA team.

Last night, Mrs. Bailey and I had the pleasure of watching our KS2 choir at Southampton Guildhall, where they performed alongside other schools and music groups. What a wonderful experience for them - to sing on a professional stage in front of a large audience! A heartfelt thank you and well done to Mrs. Muelhnickel, Miss Morriss and Mrs. Bax for their hard work with the children and for taking them to this memorable event.

What a brilliant week of celebrating the arts we have enjoyed! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs. Johnson



Collective Worship

The four weeks leading up to Christmas are known as Advent. Last week we focused on hope and encouraged the children to bring hope into school and into their homes. This week the focus is peace.

Mrs Bailey and Miss Barry look forward to hearing how the children have brought peace to those around them. The next candle on the Advent ring will be lit in Tuesday's worship and this always creates a real sense of anticipation.





In class worship the children learned about the symbolism of the Christingle. These are now taking pride of place on each year group's worship table. The worship team have also begun preparing for our school service at Holy Saviour during the last week of term. We look forward to seeing you there. Volunteers to help us walk to the church are very welcome and we will reserve you a seat. If you can help, please let Sarah in the office via the google form: <https://forms.gle/wYopQaRvAFd7GmdR7>

The children also spent time speaking with Amber from the School Streets project talking about our school road closure and why this is important. Some of our School Councilors spent time talking with parents and children coming into school this week identifying their method of transport.

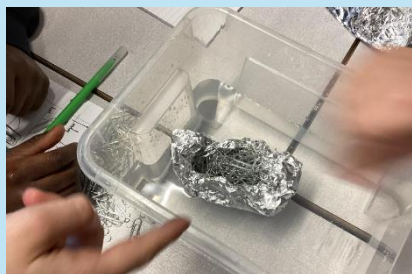


Year 5&6 Phase Leader Update

Year 5 have had an exciting and varied few weeks! They have been learning about first aid through role play, conducting science experience around forces and have sent off their Southampton young major applications. The year 5 staff team have also been happy to welcome Miss. Burden, who is doing a teaching PGCE, to the team. She has made a great start and will be with us into next half term!

Year 6 have been getting to grips (literally) with handball, testing a variety of circuit types in Science and are looking forward to their Victorian Day this week!

With best wishes,
Mr Thomas



Update from Mr Thomas on the Basketball Tournament

Last week we completed the basketball league at Cantell. We couldn't have been more proud of the children that took apart across the three weeks – they were a credit to the Bitterne Community with their competitive spirit, teamwork and respect for the opposition and referees. Well done Mya, Noah, Zion, Olivia, Jubilee, Josh, Harry, Valentina, Maisey, Harperm Kai, Rafael, Fortune, Isaac and Frankie!



Bitterne CE Primary Christmas Card Competition: Deadline 12th December 2025

We are delighted to announce our annual Christmas card competition. Your child should have by now received a competition template. Please return this to the school office by no later than Friday 12 December. We look forward to receiving all your designs!
Should you need a blank template we have spares in the office.



PLEASE DESIGN YOUR CARD IN THE BOX

NAME: CLASS:



Reminder: Christmas Dinner 18 December 2025

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: Please remember to book your child's Christmas dinner by Monday 8 December 2025 using the form <https://forms.gle/6vDPyhHqC3Y5aavV9>
EYFS and Years 1 and 2: Your child will automatically be ordered a Christmas dinner unless you opt out via the form: <https://forms.gle/599nyzKYaewvNX9r8>

Dinners will be added to Scopay in the usual way as a normal dinner and you can pay for these in the usual way.

Reminder EYFS, Years 1 and 2: Christmas Performances 17.12.25

The children will be performing their Christmas show at Holy Saviour Church on Wednesday 17 December at 10am – 11am and again at 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

We would like to invite you to join us for the performances at Holy Saviour Church. Due to fixed capacities and meeting health and safety regulations, we are able to allocate each family **two tickets** in the first instance. To reserve your tickets, please complete the Google For: <https://forms.gle/x6zxagksdUgr34Yv6>. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Tony and the team at the church are kindly opening the church from 9.15am before the 10am performance and after the 1.30pm performance for refreshments.

The children will walk to and from the church for each performance to ensure that they are able to have their hot meal at lunchtime. If you are able to support with walking the children to and from the church, please do let us know using the form at the end of this letter. If you are able to volunteer, please be aware that we may ask you to walk with a different year group / class from your child depending on the number of volunteers per class. We will reserve seats for all parent helpers.

<https://forms.gle/wYopQaRvAFd7GmdR7>



Reminder: Photo and Multimedia Permission Update 2025

With the launch of our new Facebook Page and continued use of Class Dojo, we kindly ask all families to update their Photo and Multimedia permissions for their children.

Some permission categories have changed, which is reflected in the updated form. Even if you have recently provided us with your preferences, **please complete the form again** to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on file.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have not already done so, please complete the form here:

<https://forms.gle/RyMLS9MYebJUQPh86>

Reminder: Are you able help as a parent helper to the school?

Thank you to all our parents for your continued help and support with school events and trips — we are so grateful for our wonderful school community.

From time to time, we need a little extra support, which may not always be for your own child's class. If you would be happy to be added to a pool of parent helpers that we can contact for trips and events, please complete the Google form.

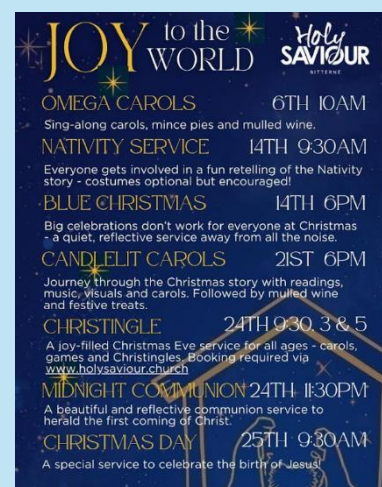
You do not need a DBS to register; we will organise this for you.

Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://forms.gle/zbuwyzXEQdh3VYwm6>

Holy Saviour Church Update

Christingle tickets for Christmas Eve are available from 8am on Monday at www.holysaviour.church/Christmas-2025



Facebook

A reminder to follow our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BitterneCEPrimary>



Dates for your Diary

- **11 December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- **11 December:** Years 3-6 Christmas Songs in the Playground 2.30pm
- **12 December:** Christmas Card Competition deadline
- **12 December:** Year R Parent Afternoon, 2.30pm
- **17 December:** Year R and KS1 Christmas Show 10-11am and 1.30-2.30pm
- **18 December:** Christmas Lunch
- **18 December:** Christmas Church Service at Holy Saviour Church 9.30am-10.30am – Refreshments will be available from 8.45am
- **19 December:** The Great Exhibition, 1:30pm

Weekly Celebrations

- This week's House Cup awarded to Maytree House.
- Congratulations to these children who have been awarded Star of the Week: Laura; Lydia; Ruben ; Eva; Archie; Freya; Kara; Umaiza; Ghaniyya; Skye; Elora; Luke; Phoebe and Rowan.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 2 Ruby and Eden Class



- This week's best attendance goes to Orient Class with 96.6%
Well done everyone!

Streetbeatz: Spring 1 Sign Ups

Please sign up your child for Streetbeatz using this link:

<https://streetbeatzbooking.as.me/?appointmentType=85313350>

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WORKSHOP - Anxiety

Workshop on supporting young people who struggle with Anxiety by Southampton Neurodiversity Multidisciplinary Team.

They will give you some practical ideas to help your young people and also have open conversations with them about the challenges they are facing which causes them anxiety.

They will give you hints and tips to identify early on possible points they might struggle.

When: Tuesday 16th December

At: 10 to 12

Where: Harbour Lights, Southampton
SO14 3TL



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FRI 3.15PM – 4.15PM

£6.00 PER CLASS – pay as you go
membership required after first class £27 per year

MANY MORE CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM, FIND THEM ALL AT: WWW.SOUTHERNKARATE.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

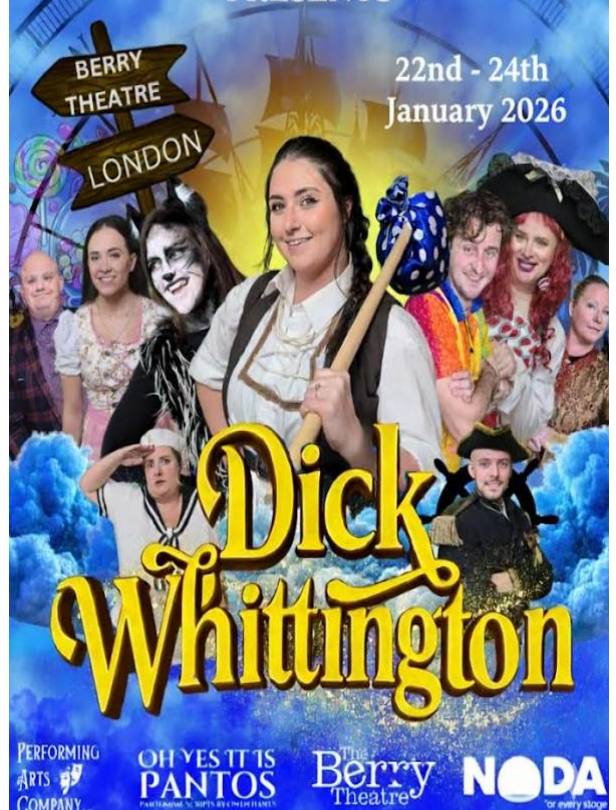
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MONTY'S SANTA TRAIN!

14th December 3pm!

This year Santa will be visiting Monty's Community Hub
- arriving on Trigger the Train at 3pm!

Children can meet Santa and receive a small gift,
other children's activities and hot chocolate (small charge) will be available.



Donations to Monty's Community Hub appreciated via cash or card.

