

# Bitterne Church of England Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

15 May 2026

### Message from the Senior Leadership Team

As we come to the end of another busy week, we would like to say just how incredibly proud and impressed we are with our Year 6 children for the way they approached SATs week. They have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year and demonstrated fantastic attitudes, resilience and determination all week long. They truly were a credit to themselves and to our school community. A huge thank you must also go to all of the staff involved in supporting the children throughout the week. From early morning preparation to ensuring the children felt calm, confident and reassured, the team have gone above and beyond.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed starting each morning together with breakfast snacks including croissants, pain au chocolat and pancakes, alongside bananas and apples. Today, they will finish the week with a well-deserved SATs celebration of pizza and cakes to recognise all of their hard work and effort.

### Please help the school secure entitled funding – Census Day

A reminder that next Thursday is School Census Day. This day is extremely important for school funding. We strongly encourage all children who are entitled to either Universal Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meals to take up their school meal on the day. If your child would still prefer to bring a packed lunch alongside this, they are more than welcome to do so.

Every entitled infant and free school meal taken on Census Day helps secure the funding provided to schools by the DfE to support the cost of meals. If meals are not taken on this day, but children then choose to have meals later in the year, the school must fund these from the main school budget instead. With school budgets remaining very tight nationally, this funding is vital in helping us continue to provide the very best for our children.

Further communication regarding meal choices will follow shortly. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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**Thursday 21st May**

**Help your child and support the school**  
We are asking all families to check if they can apply for Free School Meals. This is quick to do and can make a big difference.

**What this means for your child**  
If your child is eligible, the school receives extra funding. This is called Pupil Premium. This funding helps us to:  
• Support your child's learning  
• Provide extra help in class  
• Fund trips, resources and opportunities  
• Improve progress and outcomes

**Please apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**  
Your child already gets a free meal every day. But if you apply and are eligible, the school gets extra funding to help. This funding supports your child throughout their time at school.

**You might be eligible if you receive:**  
• Universal Credit  
• Income Support  
• Jobseeker's Allowance  
• Employment and Support Allowance  
• Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act

**If you are unsure, still apply. It is quick to check.**

**MENU CHOICES:**  
• Chicken and tomato pizza  
• Jacket potato  
• Fish fingers  
• Tomato pasta

**If your child usually brings a packed lunch, please consider a school meal on this day.**

**Every application and every meal helps the school support all children.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**APPLY HERE**  
Apply here for Free School Meals eligibility

**It's quick and easy!**

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### Collective Worship

In this week's Collective Worship, we explored a powerful story from the Old Testament—the anointing of David—and connected it to the incredible season of Hope we are currently reflecting on between Easter and Pentecost.

In 1 Samuel 16:1–13, the prophet Samuel went to Bethlehem to find Israel's next king. He was presented with Jesse's seven oldest sons; they were tall, strong, and looked exactly like kings. To everyone's surprise, the chosen one was David—the youngest and smallest—who was out in the fields tending sheep. It reminds us that no one is too small, too young, or too ordinary to be used by God in amazing ways.



We also reflected on the period between Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This was a time of profound Hope and transformation for the disciples. Jesus Appears to His Friends: After the miracle of the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his friends in their moments of doubt and fear.

Matthew 20v 28 "I did not come to be served, but to serve."

### **Update from Year R Phase Leader**

We have had a fabulous half term in Year R, and we cannot believe there is only one week to go before the half term break!

Our topic this half term has been Adventures, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in a range of exciting stories and activities. We had a wonderful time retelling the story of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, travelling through the "long swishy grass", "deep cold river" and "thick oozy mud" together. The children loved bringing the story to life. It is now a go to and they can retell the story independently and some are even using their phonics to write parts of the story!

We also explored space through the story *Whatever Next*. The children were incredibly enthusiastic about setting up our very own space station and completing special missions from "NASA". Their imagination and teamwork throughout these activities have been fantastic to see.

On 22nd April, we celebrated Earth Day in Year R. The children enjoyed making their own "bird feeder biscuits" by spreading wet mud onto log slices and sprinkling bird seed on top. We placed them outside for the birds and loved watching them enjoy their feast! We also learnt about plastic pollution and worked together to rescue under-the-sea animals from a water tray filled with plastic and litter. The children showed great care and understanding while learning about how we can help protect our planet.

We are incredibly proud of the resilience and determination the Year R children are consistently showing this term. They are becoming independent, curious learners and it is wonderful to see the progress they are making.

#### **Reminder:**

Thursday 21st May is Pirate Day in Year R! Year R children only are invited to come to school dressed as pirates as we continue our Adventures topic.

### **Reminder Parents Forum – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend our next Parents' Forum on Monday 2nd June at 9:30am.

The focus of this session will be evaluating and updating our Home School Agreement. We value the views and feedback of our families and would greatly welcome parent input as we review and develop this important document together.

If you would like to attend, please sign up using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/w9M4bTcsy34qcAF39>

### **Communication with the school**

An increasing number of parents are using or [dsl@bitterneceprimary.net](mailto:dsl@bitterneceprimary.net) to communicate with the school and in particular the senior leadership team. This email address is for **safeguarding concerns only**. All other communication should be sent via [office@bitterneceprimary.net](mailto:office@bitterneceprimary.net).

## Bitterne Friends United

### Do you shop at Tesco?

Please help Bitterne Friends United win a £1,000 donation! All you need to do is sign up to easyfundraising, then you can raise a cashback donation for us every time you shop online - at no extra cost!



Then shop online at Tesco or F&F Clothing by May 31st – every shop equals some extra funding for us AND an entry into the £1,000 donation draw! Thank you so much:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bitterne-friends-united/?utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_content=tesco-5000-fb1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bitterne-friends-united/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tesco-5000-fb1)

### Summer shades tombola donations:

Bitterne Friends United are inviting children to bring a new, unused item in their allocated class colour. Colour themed donations might include sweets, stationary, small toys, toiletries or summer treats. These colourful donations will be used to create fantastic colour themed tombola hampers to be won at our summer fair event on Saturday 13 June. Tombola tickets will be available on the day of the event.

Donations will be collected in boxes in each classroom until **Friday 5 June**.

#### Class Colours

**Year R – Red**  
**Year 1 - Yellow**  
**Year 2 - Blue**  
**Year 3 - Purple**  
**Year 4 - Pink**  
**Year 5 - Green**  
**Year 6 – Orange**

Thank you as always for your support



## Streetbeatz Afterschool Club

Just a reminder that there is **NO STREET BEATZ CLASS NEXT THURSDAY 21st May**, this was not on your original list of dates and you have not been charged for the session.

**streetBEATZ**

Classes will continue as normal on **THURSDAY 4th June**, when we will be preparing to perform at the Summer Fayre on Saturday 13th June. If you have not yet signed up to take part please click the link below so we know to expect your dancer.

<https://streetbeatzbooking.as.me/?appointmentType=92199084>

### Dates for your Diary

- **19 May:** Year 3 City Mission
- **20 May:** SEND Coffee Meeting 2pm-3pm
- **25 May- 29 May:** Half-term
- **2 June:** Parents Forum 9am

- **4 June:** Class Photos
- **11 June:** 9.30am-11am: Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
- **11 June:** 1.30pm-3pm: Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
- **13 June:** PTA Summer Fayre 12-3pm
- **18 June:** 9.30am-11am: EYS and Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
- **22 June- 10 July:** Year 5 Swimming
- **25 June:** Year 6 Leaver's Event Winchester Cathedral – more information to follow shortly
- **30 June:** Year R-5 Transition morning
- **1 July:** Year R- 5 Transition Day
- **9 July:** 1.30pm-2.30pm and 6pm-7pm: Year 6 End of Year Show – more information to follow shortly
- **10 July:** End of year reports
- **13 July:** Year 6 Paultons Park Trip – more information to follow shortly
- **14 July:** All years Parents Open Evening – more information to follow shortly
- **16 July:** 1.30pm-3pm: Year 6 Leavers Service and Picnic at Holy Saviour - more information to follow shortly
- **16 July:** 6pm-8pm: Year 6 Leavers Party - more information to follow shortly
- **17 July:** PTA Non School Uniform Day
- **17 July:** Last day of Summer term

### Weekly Celebrations

- This week House Cup winner is Maytree House with 2635 points, Pound House with 2525 Points, Brook House with 2327 Points and Brownlow House with 2123 points.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 6 Laurel and Orient Class
- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Laurel Class; Zoey; Maxwell; Arthur; Molly; Alice; James; Archie; Jessica; Theodore and Fizza
- This week's most improved attendance goes to: Carmine with 96.8%

**Well done everyone!**





When: Wednesday 20th May 2026  
Time: 2-3pm

Where: Meet at Main reception  
Topic: Come and join Mrs Gear and  
learn about how we support children  
during transition to their new year  
groups.

Your child does not need to be on the a SEND  
register for you to attend.

# FREE MONEY

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Palmer

Taylor  
Smith

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### Funky Play Bricks After School Club

Our LEGO® After School Club will continue after Easter Holidays.

The Funky Play Bricks session will run on Wednesdays.

This Club will be open to all children.

Our clubs will be run from 15<sup>th</sup> of April until 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.

This club will be providing funky interactive structured play sessions with an educational twist. Each week will see a new challenge created for the children to solve by building objects, buildings, and vehicles.

It will run from 3:15pm until 4:15pm and will cost £5.00 per week and will be in place for:

Half Term fee is £30.00 (6 weeks)

Full term fee is £65.00 (13 weeks)

**SPACES** will be offered on a first come first serve basis. To apply for one of these spaces you will need to complete an online booking form via the Funky Play Bricks website.

Booking details can be found below.

How to book a place for your child

Visit the following website <https://www.funkyplaybricks.co.uk/bitt-cc>

this will bring up the Funky Play Bricks booking form. Please fill in all the details required, add your payment details and then Funky Play bricks will be in touch to confirm the details.

Yours sincerely  
Funky Play Bricks

We can't wait to  
continue building at  
the After School Club  
with you!!!



**BITTERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**LEARNING THROUGH SPORT**

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**CLUB TIMETABLE**

**MONDAY- FOOTBALL YRS 3-6**

**FRIDAY- FOOTBALL YRS R-2**

**CLUBS INCLUDE:**

**FOOTBALL**

**PRICE- £5.50 PER SESSION**

**STARTS 1ST JUNE**

**BOOK HERE!**

**MONDAY & FRIDAY**

**3:15 pm - 4:15 pm**

All bookings must be made in advance

[learningthroughsport.co.uk/bitterne/](https://learningthroughsport.co.uk/bitterne/)

**SCAN ME**




## Next Week at Re:Minds

**18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

No need to book for a support group, just check the events section of our Facebook group

With thanks to:



## Eating Disorder Advice Clinic



**10:30am Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

### About the Clinic

Book a **private, 15-minute virtual appointment** to speak with a specialist clinician from the **CAMHS Eating Disorder Team** for advice and guidance on:

- **Eating disorders** / disordered eating
- Changes in **eating patterns**
- Increased or concerning **activity levels**
- **ARFID** / **relationship with food**
- Any other concerns related to eating

To book your advice slot, please email:

[info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk)



## WHAT'S ON May 2026

**Southampton**  
City of Opportunity

**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

### May Half Term

Drop off your young people

**Southampton Culture Club for Kids:**

**Story Worlds (6½-12yrs)**

Tue 26, Wed 27, Thu 28 May

9am-4pm

SeaCity

£35, £90 all three days



**Bugs in Boxes (4+)**

Tue 26 May

10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm

Tudor House

£6

**Tour for All:**

**Southampton Myths and Mysteries (6+)**

Tue 26 May

11am

Tudor House

£10 (children FREE)

**Art for All: Clay Capybaras (5+)**

Wed 27 May

10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

Art Gallery

£8

**Art for All: Birds, Beetles and Butterflies with Watercolour (7+)**

Thu 28 May

10.30am, 1.30pm

Tudor House

£8

**Art for All: Make a Clay Stitch! (4+)**

Thu 28 May

10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

Art Gallery

£8



**Toddler Time:**

**Under the Sea (under 4's and friends)**

Fri 29 May

10.30am

SeaCity

£6

**Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)**

Fri 29 May

10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

Art Gallery

£8



See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on events and to book  
[seacitymuseum.co.uk](https://seacitymuseum.co.uk) | [tudorhouseandgarden.com](https://tudorhouseandgarden.com) | [southamptoncityartgallery.com](https://southamptoncityartgallery.com)