

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

22 May 2026

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

What a fantastic half term it has been at Bitterne! The children have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of all they have achieved over the past few weeks. It has also been lovely to finally see some sunshine and to have the children enjoying their PE lessons outside again. Today, our Star of the Week children even enjoyed their special treat outside in the sunshine, which was wonderful to see.

As a school, we are really keen to continue developing our school grounds and outdoor spaces for the children. Mrs Horan has sent out a letter regarding our upcoming Grounds Day on Saturday 30th May. If you are able to spare even a small amount of time to help us clear areas or paint fencing around the school grounds, we would be extremely grateful for your support.

We are also looking to further improve our outdoor environment with plants and planters. If you know of any local companies who may be able to support us, or if you are personally able to donate any plants or plant pots, we would be incredibly appreciative.

Following half term, with the warmer weather expected to continue, please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle each day. We also recommend children bring a hat and have suncream applied before school in the mornings.

We would like to wish all of our families a very happy and restful half term break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Collective Worship

This year, we have some absolutely massive birthdays to celebrate. London Zoo is turning an incredible 200 years old and Winnie the Pooh turns 100 this year!

But as we think about these amazing celebrations, Christians around the world are getting ready for the biggest birthday party of all, this Sunday. Pentecost. Known as the "birthday of the Church," Pentecost happens fifty days after Easter. It marks the moment Jesus' disciples were gathered together in a room when suddenly, a sound like a rushing wind filled the house, and what looked like tongues of fire rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit! Before that day, the disciples were frightened and hiding. But the Holy Spirit gave them an incredible gift: suddenly, they could speak different languages, allowing them to share God's love with people from all over the world. It was the moment a small group of friends became a global family.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:4:



Class Photos Thursday 4 June

Class photos will take place on Thursday 4 June. Please remember to send your child to school in full uniform even if they have PE. Photo proofs will be sent home and you can order your child's photo online.



Reminder Parents Forum – Tuesday 2nd 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/w9M4bTcsy34gcAF39>

Book Donations for the Summer Fayre

We would be grateful for any good quality donations of (no more than 5 years old please) fiction/non-fiction adults and children's books for our Summer Fayre. Please make your donations via the school office.



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

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



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 5th June

Wear your own clothes and help us collect donations for the Summer Fair!



KS1: please bring a chocolate donation (individual chocolate bars)



KS2: please bring a bottle donation (unwanted alcohol or fizzy pop)

Thank you for supporting our Summer Fair!



Volunteers needed for the School Summer Fair

We need your help to make this year's School Summer Fair a success



The fair can't run without support from our wonderful school community, so we're asking parents, carers, friends and family to sign up and lend a hand. There are lots of different stalls and roles available, with flexible time slots so you can choose what works best for you.

Every bit of help makes a huge difference and helps give the children a fun and memorable day.

Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/JLFKW

Just follow the instructions on the page , it only takes a few seconds.

Thank you for volunteering!



PTA Team

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Dates for your Diary

- **25 May- 29 May:** Half-term
- **2 June:** Parents Forum 9am
- **4 June:** Class Photos
- **5 June:** PTA Non-Uniform Day
- **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
- **30 June:** Year R-5 Transition morning
- **1 July:** Year R- 5 Transition Day
- **9 July:** 6pm-7pm Year 6 Leavers Celebration
- **10 July:** End of year reports
- **13 July:** Year 6 Paultons Park Trip
- **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
- **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 Brownlow House with 2505 points, Brook House with 2436 Points, Maytree House with 2221 Points and Pound House with 2109 points.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 2 Ruby and Eden Class
- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Robyn; Sammy; Darcie-Grace; Matthew; Henry; Jayden; Athena; Willow; Jessica; Fortune; Savanna; William and Isla
- This week's most improved attendance goes to: Sapphire Class with 96.7%



Well done everyone!

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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 15th of April until 15th 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-ce>

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!!!



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

£5

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

£8

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 | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com

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!

learningthroughsport.co.uk/bitterne/

MONDAY & FRIDAY

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

All bookings must be made in
advance

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