

# Bitterne Church of England Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

5 June 2026

### Message from the Senior Leadership Team

We are pleased to share that our new school uniform, featuring our updated school logo, will be available to purchase from Skoolkit very soon.

The uniform colours and overall appearance remain the same, with the addition of our new logo to selected items. Our PE T-shirts and hoodies will also feature the new logo.



We would like to reassure parents that there is **no expectation to replace existing uniform**. Current uniform remains fully acceptable and children can continue to wear it. We encourage families to purchase items with the new logo only as existing uniform needs replacing.

Whilst the new uniform will be available to buy before the end of the academic year, we kindly ask that children do not begin wearing it until **September 2026**.

We are excited to see our new logo becoming part of school life and thank you for your continued support.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Best wishes SLT Team.

### Collective Worship

#### Celebrating Collective Worship: World Environment Day & Creativity

This week we have been looking at World Environment Day. We have been reflecting on our beautiful world and exploring our God-given responsibility to care for the Earth. To help us understand our role as caretakers of this amazing planet, we will be exploring the words of Psalm 24:1:

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."*

We also explored a wonderful message that every single person is a unique, creative work of art. We aren't mass-produced on a factory line; we are individually and beautifully designed by God. In a world where it is so easy to compare ourselves to others, true creativity means celebrating things that are one-of-a-kind. We are all unique "masterpieces."

Just like the intricate design of a leaf or the vastness of the oceans, you are a completely original creation. By learning to take care of ourselves, each other, and the planet we share, we are honouring the ultimate Creator.



## Year 1 and Year 2 Phase Leader Update

Year 1 and Year 2 have settled beautifully back into the Summer Term and, despite the unpredictable weather, have shown us that they are focused, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

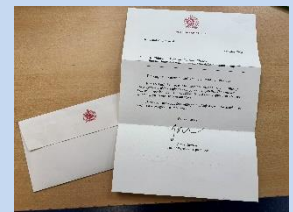
Before we look ahead to the exciting learning planned for this term, I would like to rewind and celebrate some memorable experiences from the end of last term.

Both Year 1 and Year 2 were fortunate to receive a visit from Susmita Roy, who came to share her knowledge of the Hindu faith as part of our RE learning. In Year 1, Susmita spoke about the importance of the River Ganges in Hinduism. The children have been learning about why water is precious and why the River Ganges holds such special significance for Hindus. Susmita brought this learning to life by sharing the story of Lord Brahma, Goddess Ganga and Shiva.



Meanwhile, Year 2 enjoyed learning about the Raksha Bandhan (Rakhee) Festival. Susmita explained the story behind the festival and how it began, and the children had the opportunity to observe a variety of beautiful Rakhees. Both year groups greatly benefited from the visit, which enriched and enhanced their learning.

Another exciting event at the end of last term was a very special delivery for Year 1. As part of their English learning, the children wrote letters to His Majesty The King and eagerly awaited a reply. In the final week of term, a very special envelope arrived on Mrs Healey's desk! The children (and staff!) were thrilled to spot the official royal stamp on the envelope and to receive correspondence from Buckingham Palace.



Looking ahead, Year 2 have launched their new Science topic on **Space** and have already begun learning the names of the planets in our solar system. Space will also provide the inspiration for much of their English learning this term, and we are looking forward to seeing where their imaginations take them.

Year 1 have started exploring how we can care for and protect our world through their Science learning. In English, they are already enjoying reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by **Jill Tomlinson**, and we are excited to see how this much-loved story inspires their writing over the coming weeks.

We look forward to sharing more of the children's achievements and learning with you as the term progresses.

Best wishes  
Miss Barry

## Baby News!

We are delighted to share some lovely news with you all — Mrs Wicheard and her husband are expecting a baby, due in October!

I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Wicheard on this exciting new chapter. It is a really special time, and we are all so pleased for her and her family. Many congratulations from us all!



### **Staff Farewells**

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to two valued members of our teaching team, Mrs. Sharman and Mr. Thomas.

Mrs. Sharman has been part of the Bitterne family for a number of years and, throughout that time, has been a hugely valued colleague. Mrs. Sharman has always shown great kindness, compassion and care towards everyone within our school community and has supported so many children, families and staff over the years. Her dedication to the children and her commitment to our school have been greatly appreciated, and she will certainly be missed by us all.

Although Mr. Thomas has been with us for a shorter period of time, he has quickly become a valued member of the team and has made a real positive impact within the school. Mr Thomas's enthusiasm, positivity and willingness to support others have been greatly appreciated. He has built strong relationships with both children and colleagues and has contributed greatly to school life during his time with us.

On behalf of the entire Bitterne community, I would like to thank Mrs. Sharman and Mr. Thomas for everything they have given to our school and to wish them every success and happiness for the future. We know that our children, families and staff will join us in wishing them both the very best in their next adventures.

### **A Reminder About Communication**

A polite reminder to all parents and carers about our communication procedures.

We understand that there are sometimes messages that need to be passed on at the classroom door in the morning, and brief information that will help teachers support your child is absolutely fine to share at this time.

However, if you would like to discuss a concern, ask a question that requires more detail, or have a longer conversation with a member of staff, we kindly ask that you contact the teacher via ClassDojo or speak to the school office to arrange an appointment.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team and Mrs Davies are available on the gates each morning and are always happy to help with any immediate questions or concerns, so please do feel welcome to speak with us.

From 8:30am, our teachers' priority is to welcome children into school, ensure they settle positively into their day and supervise them safely in their classrooms. By following these communication procedures, you help us ensure that all children receive the calm and focused start to the day that they deserve. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### **Book Donations for the Summer Fayre**

Thank you for all your donations so far! Please make your donations via the school office by Wednesday 10 June. Thank you.



## Update from Bitterne Friends United



### **BFU Annual Summer Fair: Saturday 13 June**

Don't forget our Annual Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 13 June from 12pm-3pm. Please come along and join us.

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](https://volunteersignup.org/JLFKW)

We still need volunteers; without them the fair may not be able to run so please sign up if you are able to help. Thank you.

### **Summer fair token sales open**

Our Summer Fair is fast approaching, and we're really looking forward to seeing you there!

To help make things a little easier on the day, you can now purchase fair tokens in advance using the link below. Pre-purchased tokens can be collected from the playground from next week, helping you avoid queues on the day. Look out for volunteers on the playground!



<https://bfu.sumupstore.com/product/10-x-fair-tokens>

### **Token information:**

- 1 token = 50p
- 10 tokens = £5.00

All BFU-run stalls will accept tokens or card payments. External stalls will be accepting card and/or cash payments.

Please feel free to share this information with friends and family—we'd love to welcome as many people as possible.



Saturday 13 June



12:00pm – 3:00pm

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

### **Fundraising Opportunity: 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-fb](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bitterne-friends-united/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tesco-5000-fb)

### Dates for your Diary

- **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 Pound House with 2653 points, Brownlow House with 2593 Points, Brook House with 2223 Points and Maytree House with 2217 points.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 6 Orient and Laurel Class
- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Penny M; Penny W; Charlie; Laura; Raphael; Zak; Isabelle; Ella; Maisie; Logan; Liam; Aariz;
- This week's most improved attendance goes to: Harlequin with 96.9%

**Well done everyone!**



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Taylor Smith

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**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**Saturday 27 June, 2026**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Paint Pots Nursery, Quob Lane, West End, SO30 3HN**

Please help us to raise vital funds for Grayson, a gorgeous little boy who needs all our help for life changing surgery. Come and support our Family Fun Day. For more information, visit the 'goFundme' page, link below.

**Auction - highest bid to the charity wins incredible prizes.**

- £350 worth spa voucher and a membership to Botley Spa and Hotel.
- 3 signed Saints shirts and....
- An amazing mud kitchen!

**Cake Sale** - Homemade cakes and biscuits to purchase.

**Raffle** - Lots of opportunities to win wonderful donated gifts.

**Police Car and Fire Engine Visit** - depending on callouts.

**Craft Table** - Homemade gifts for all occasions.

**Jiggly Wrigglers** - Fun activity for the children.

**Family Fun Day Activities for all ages.** - Guess how many balls in a jar, Teddy Tombola, Playdough bags, Sweet Cones, guess the weight of the cake, name the cuddle dog.

**PLEASE BRING CASH ON THE DAY!**

**For more information:**  
[https://www.gofundme.com/1/please-help-save-4-year-old-grayson?tribution\\_id=a614124-b703-43b1-a561-756759b4551&lang=en\\_US&ts=1774215779&utm\\_campaign=phoresheet&utm\\_content=comp20\\_12&utm\\_medium=custom&utm\\_source=facebook&fbclid=IwVERDUAQ07\\_pleH0uA2Flb0lx/MQ3zcKjBnFwFpTAo2HJ4NTY4Mzc5AAEaoeXYVbK5\\_XJev1214nrl4an2-4bp8ilEodP546aXo0YKd0aacUf5UdAfy00\\_aem\\_p95\\_MfswWfKXX0H5Jdlw](https://www.gofundme.com/1/please-help-save-4-year-old-grayson?tribution_id=a614124-b703-43b1-a561-756759b4551&lang=en_US&ts=1774215779&utm_campaign=phoresheet&utm_content=comp20_12&utm_medium=custom&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwVERDUAQ07_pleH0uA2Flb0lx/MQ3zcKjBnFwFpTAo2HJ4NTY4Mzc5AAEaoeXYVbK5_XJev1214nrl4an2-4bp8ilEodP546aXo0YKd0aacUf5UdAfy00_aem_p95_MfswWfKXX0H5Jdlw)

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