

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

12 June 2026

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

It has been another busy and successful week across the school, with lots to celebrate! Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from City Mission, where they spent the day learning about Pentecost. The children took part in a range of fun and engaging activities to develop their understanding of the Holy Trinity before creating some fantastic collage artwork to represent their learning.

Year 4 have been amazing this week whilst completing their Multiplication Tables Checks. The teachers have been incredibly proud of the children's positive attitudes, determination and hard work throughout the process.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have also been completing their Phonics Screening Checks. It has been wonderful to see the fluency and confidence they have developed, particularly when segmenting and blending words. They should all be very proud of themselves.

Yesterday evening, the Leadership Team reviewed year R writing outcomes as part of the end-of-year assessment process. It is extremely pleasing to see the number of children who are securing this important Early Learning Goal and the progress they have made throughout the year.

Year 1 also wowed Mrs Gear and Mrs Johnson with their writing inspired by *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. The quality of letter formation, sentence structure and presentation was phenomenal and a real credit to both the children and staff. Year 3 are also impressing us with their excellent non-chronological reports about dolphins, demonstrating growing confidence in their writing skills and subject knowledge.

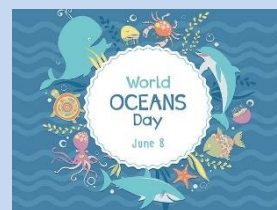
Finally, we are very much looking forward to the Summer Fair tomorrow. A huge thank you in advance to our wonderful PTA members, staff and volunteers who have worked so hard behind the scenes to make this event possible. We look forward to welcoming many of you there for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Collective Worship

World Oceans Day & Words as Brushes

This week we thought about World Oceans Day, which was on Monday 8th June in our Collective Worship. It was a wonderful opportunity to dive deep into our school value of Creativity. First, we celebrated the wonders of God's natural creation under the waves. We read from Genesis 1:21, which highlighted the importance of protecting the "*great creatures of the sea*." The children reflected on how the underwater world is a creative space that we are all called to love, respect, and protect.



The children also thought about their words as paintbrushes. Our core message was that our words are incredibly powerful. Once they leave our mouths, they cannot be taken back. We discussed how we

can use our "brushes" to paint a dark, stormy environment filled with unkindness, or use bright, encouraging words to create a warm, happy environment where everyone feels safe and valued.

Just as we must keep the oceans clean and healthy for the creatures that live there, we focused on keeping our school environment positive with the words we speak to one another.

Year 3 and Year 4 Phase Leader Update

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting start to our new topics. Here is a glimpse into what our brilliant year groups have been up to:

Year 3 have dived headfirst into the magical world of *Song of the Dolphin Boy* by Elizabeth Laird. This captivating story has sparked a massive wave of interest in marine life. The children have been researching fascinating facts about dolphins as they prepare to write their very own non-chronological reports. Our focus on the seas continues into Geography, where we have been exploring and discussing exactly why protecting marine life is so vital to our planet.

We also had a fantastic, interactive RE day recently! We welcomed Charis from City Mission, who led an exciting workshop exploring how Christians celebrate the festival of Pentecost. The children had a wonderful time bringing the learning to life by creating detailed storyboards, cracking codes by unscrambling anagrams, and getting creative with a beautiful craft collage that illustrated the "Kingdom of God" at work.

Year 4 have turned their attention to the environment this half term, learning all about the impact of plastic pollution. They are channeling their passion for the planet into their English work, preparing to write powerful persuasive letters to local leaders to ensure Southampton continues its vital efforts to stay clean and green.

We have also launched some fantastic new foundation subjects: In Geography we are exploring coastal erosion and learning the fascinating science behind how waves carve out caves, arches, stacks, and stumps over thousands of years. In Art the children are getting to grips with the fine motor skills of embroidery. They have been practicing different stitches as they prepare to design and create their very own cross-stitch cushions. Building on last half term's digital skills in computing, the children have taken on the role of web designers and have started building their very own websites using google sites!

Best wishes,
Mrs Wood

Update from Bitterne Friends United



BFU Annual Summer Fair: Saturday 13 June

Don't forget our Annual Summer Fair is taking place tomorrow from 12pm-3pm. Please come along and join us. 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!

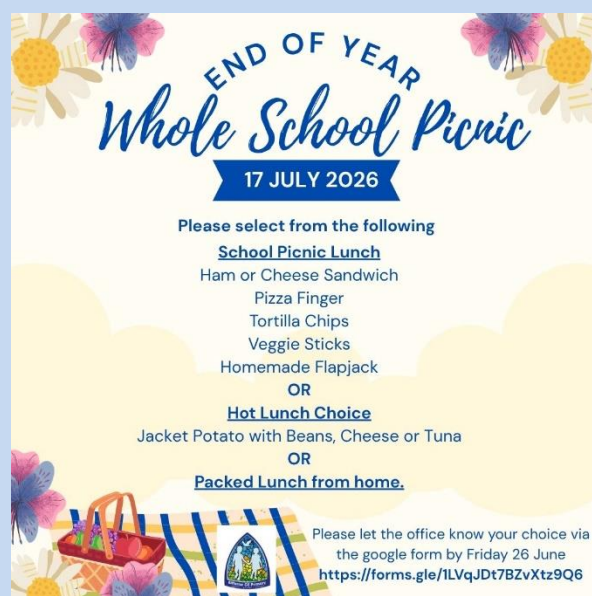
Then shop online at Tesco or F&F Clothing by May 31st – every shop equals some extra funding for us AND an entry into the £1,000 donation draw! Thank you so much:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bitterne-friends-united/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tesco-5000-fb

Whole School End of Year Picnic 17 July 2026

We are excited to announce our End of Year School Picnic which will take place on Friday 17 July. We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for the children and staff to celebrate the end of the school year together.

For those children who would usually order a school dinner, we will have a special picnic menu for them to choose from; however, children may also bring a packed lunch from home. The only hot dinner option that will be available is a jacket potato. Both the school packed lunch and jacket potato will be priced at the usual school dinner price of £3.20 and specialist diets will be catered for. Parents can pay for dinners on the Scopay app in the usual way.



To ensure your child receives their preferred meal, please complete the google form below. Unfortunately, if your child's meal is not pre ordered by **Friday 26 June** or they will need to bring a packed lunch from home:

<https://forms.gle/CdzX5oJ5D7JR5cKPA>

We are hoping for warm, sunny weather for our picnic. However, if the weather does not cooperate, we will move the picnic indoors.

Dates for your Diary

- **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
- **6 July:** Rescheduled KS2 Sports Day: Year 5 and Year 6: 9:30am – 11:00am
Year 3 and Year 4: 1:30pm – 3:00pm
- **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:** Whole School End of Year Picnic
- **17 July:** Last day of Summer term

Weekly Celebrations

- This week House Cup winner is Brook House with 2536 points, Maytree House with 2436 Points, Brownlow House with 2306 Points and Pound House with 2210 points.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 4 Sapphire and Carmine Class
- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Alice; Phoebe; Imogen; Mikey; Isaac T; Zion; Eli; Darcie; Alfie; Bella; Jake; Pippa; Deni-Rose and George.
- This week's most improved attendance goes to: Bronze with 97.5%



Well done everyone!

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Cole Palmer
Taylor Smith

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FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 27 June, 2026

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.



**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.



Jiggly Wrigglers -
Fun activity for the children.

PLEASE BRING CASH ON THE DAY!

For more information:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-save-4-year-old-grayson?attribution_id=6341024-b703-43bf-a58f-786759b43518&lang=en_US&ts=47428879&utm_campaign=fp_share&share=facebook_contentcomp.XD_4&utm_medium=custom_w&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1E2DUA077_pleHbUATfBQnM00zom8pFwT9z4w2HJ4NTY4H1u3A&_enc=XYVbKb_XJevDl4mN4n2-hpBt1EedP5A&a1eQYKd0mOU6UdAxfp0_aom_p93_MfwhFk2XOXH5JlUw



CELEBRATING

**20
YEARS**

OF LEARNING THROUGH SPORT!

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SUMMER HOLIDAY OFFER!

To say thank you for 20 amazing years of support and
to help families with the cost of the summer holidays...

SAVE
£2

PER DAY!

JUST

£14

PER CHILD,
PER DAY

(plus booking fee)



FOOTBALL



MULTI-GAMES



PICK & MIX
ACTIVITIES



BOYS & GIRLS
(YEAR R - YEAR 6)



EARLY DROP OFF
& LATE PICK UP
AVAILABLE
(SUBJECT TO DEMAND)

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PAYMENT OPTIONS
AVAILABLE



THURSDAY 23RD JULY -
FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST
2026



9:00AM - 3:00PM



WYNTER ROAD
PLAYING FIELD,
BITTERNE



PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED
EACH DAY TO MAINTAIN QUALITY
AND ENSURE EVERY CHILD HAS
THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE.



THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OFFER
ENDS AT MIDNIGHT ON
30TH JUNE 2026
OR EARLIER IF PLACES SELL OUT.

**BOOK
NOW!**

SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY
OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS! ❤️

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SEE YOU!

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20TH JUNE

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of activities for all different ages,
including making **3D Headdresses**.



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Get creative with
fun, hands-on
activities



EXPLORE

Discover art,
culture and
new ideas



INSPIRE

Activities for
all ages and
the whole family



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FREE EVENT



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