

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

19 June 2026

Message from the Senior Leadership Team



What a fantastic week it has been at Bitterne CE Primary School!

We were delighted to hold our Year R and Key Stage 1 Sports Day this week. The children demonstrated exceptional attitudes, behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the event. It was wonderful to see them giving their very best in the sprint and relay races, team games and skills-based activities.

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the children's achievements in our special presentation ceremony, where certificates and medals were awarded. Congratulations to all of our children for their effort, determination and encouragement of one another.

The final house competition results were:

- 🥇 **Brownlow** – 1st Place
- 🥈 **Maytree** – 2nd Place
- 🥉 **Pound** – 3rd Place
- 🌟 **Brook** – 4th Place



We would also like to say a huge thank you to our Year 6 Sports Leaders, who were absolutely fantastic throughout the event. They demonstrated maturity, responsibility and leadership as they supported the younger children, organised activities, encouraged participation and helped the morning run smoothly. They were wonderful role models and represented the school brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of them.



A special thank you must also go to all of our staff, who worked incredibly hard to make the event such a success. From setting up and organising activities to encouraging and supporting the children throughout the morning, their teamwork and commitment ensured that the day ran smoothly and was enjoyable for everyone involved. We are very grateful for all their efforts.

Thank you also to all the parents and family members who came along to support the event. It was lovely to see such a fantastic turnout and to have so many people cheering the children on.



Today, we were delighted to welcome our new Year R children and families who will be joining us in September 2026 for their first Stay and Play session. These visits provide a valuable opportunity for children and parents to become familiar with the setting ahead of their induction programme. Miss Scriven thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of the new children and getting to know them, and we look forward to welcoming them back for their future induction visits.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and look forward to another exciting week ahead.
The Senior Leadership Team

Collective Worship Reflection: Wise Advice & Hidden Talents

This week we thought about Father's Day and shared **Proverbs 23:24**: "*The father of a righteous child has great joy...*" The children reflected on how our families look to the future with **Hope**, and how the thing that brings them the most happiness is simply seeing us grow up to be kind, wise, and helpful.

The Unused Paintbox (Hidden Talents)



We then looked at how we can use our **Creativity**, reminding the children that being creative isn't just about art—it is also found in problem-solving, music, sport, and showing kindness. By sharing the

Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-29), we learned that we shouldn't hide our creative gifts away like an unused paintbox. Instead, we were

encouraged to share our unique, hidden talents to make the world a brighter place.



Talk about it at home: Ask your child about their hidden talents. What is one gift—whether it is a knack for sport, a love of music, or a gift for making people smile—that they can share this week?

Year 5 and 6 Phase Leader Update

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week across a range of subjects. In English, the children have been completing their newspaper reports about the escaped capybara from Marwell Zoo, developing their journalistic writing skills and using a range of features to engage their readers.

In Maths, the focus has been on angles, with the children identifying, measuring and comparing different types of angles.

As part of our History learning, the children worked collaboratively to create and film television news reports exploring how and why the British Empire colonised Australia. They also considered the impact this had on Aboriginal peoples and presented their findings in a thoughtful and informative way. To finish the week creatively, the children made their own *Ojo de Dios* ("Eyes of God"), producing some colourful and impressive pieces of artwork.



Year 5 have enjoyed a busy and creative week of learning. In Art, the children have been exploring photography techniques as part of their current unit. This week, they focused on composition and texture, taking close-up photographs to capture interesting details and patterns. Last week, they learned about framing and how photographers carefully choose what to include within a picture to create the desired effect. We have been very impressed with the children's creativity and attention to detail.



In English, the children have been completing newspaper reports about the arrest of the Big Bad Wolf following the deaths of two of the Three Little Pigs! They have worked hard to develop a formal journalistic style and have practised using both reported and direct speech to include eyewitness accounts, bringing their reports to life.



Help us win books for our library!



Please help us by nominating the school to win £1000 for books for our school library. It is a super quick form – the more entries we have, the more chance we have to win!

Please visit the website below:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>

Thank you!!!

Class Photos

You should have by now received your child's photo proof. Please ensure you order any photos by the deadline Tuesday 30th June. You will need the information on the proof card. We regret we can not accept orders in the school office. Thank you.



Update from Bitterne Friends United

Summer Fair Thank You

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair on Saturday 13th June. Whether you volunteered your time, donated items, helped behind the scenes, attended on the day, or simply came along and spent money at the stalls, your support made a real difference.

Special thanks go to our wonderful volunteers, whose hard work, enthusiasm and generosity helped make the event such a success. School events like this simply couldn't happen without people giving up their time to help.

We are also incredibly grateful to our wider school community for turning out in such great numbers and supporting the fair so wholeheartedly. Thanks to your generosity, £2200 was raised that will go back into enhancing experiences and opportunities for all of our children.

Final few fundraisers of the school year

To help us finish the year with some fun (and a little fundraising!), we have three exciting events coming up:

Joseph Stage Show Refreshments - Tuesday 23rd June

Before the show and during the interval, we'll be selling a selection of drinks and snacks. Be sure to stop by and treat yourself while supporting the school!

Fun Day Friday Doughnut Sale - Friday 10th July

To celebrate school report day, we'll be holding a delicious donut sale. A perfect way to mark the occasion and enjoy a sweet treat!



Non-Uniform Day - Friday 17th July

Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation. Donations can be made by cash or card at morning drop-off. Look out on the gate for our team with buckets

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Stikins labels

As we all know, lost property is a problem in all schools and I am sure we are all familiar with our child, at some point, coming home from school with a missing item. As parents, we are aware that time is precious, which is why we think these labels are such a great idea; they simply stick onto the wash-care label of clothing. They can even be used in shoes! Naming of clothing is a school requirement, and we are hoping that with this opportunity we can start to eliminate the amount of lost property in our school

How it works: Each order placed quoting the school reference number (2092) will provide the school with 30% commission. Order using this link <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> or QR code



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.

Streetbeatz Dance Classes

Please remember to book your child onto their Streetbeatz dance class using this link: <https://streetbeatzbooking.as.me/?appointmentType=94018533>
Classes will resume in the Autumn Term from Thursday 10 September. Thank you.

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Dates for your Diary

- **22 June- 10 July:** Year 5 Swimming
- **23 June** – Joseph Performance
- **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 Pound House with 2443 points, Brownlow House with 2345 Points, Maytree House with 2221 Points and Brook House with 2196 points.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year R Indigo and Bronze Class
- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Tayah; Archie; Evie; Reggie; Tessa; Alfie, Bailey and Connor
- This week's most improved attendance goes to: Laurel with 97.5%

Well done everyone!



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FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 27 June, 2026

Paint Pots Nursery, Quob Lane,
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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=IwAR1E2DUAD77_pleHbUATBOnM00zom8pWzF7y2Aoz2HJ4NTY4H1u3A&sewXYVbKb_XJevD14mN4n2-hpbl1Eed7S&a3eQYKd0mOU6UdAxfp0_aom_p93_MfwhFk2XOXH5JlUw



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(YEAR R - YEAR 6)



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THURSDAY 23RD JULY -
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2026



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AND ENSURE EVERY CHILD HAS
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Please note that the school is unable to provide funding for these courses. Thank you for your understanding.