

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

03 July 2026

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school this week for another busy and exciting week at Bitterne CE Primary.

Transition

Transition has been a real focus across the school. We have loved welcoming our new Year R children for September as they enjoyed their induction visits and began getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. Across the school, our current pupils spent a day and a half with their new teachers, while our Year 6 children took the next exciting step by visiting their secondary schools.

We have been incredibly proud of how positively all of the children have embraced these changes. They have shown great courage and maturity as they have met new teachers, explored new classrooms and started to build relationships for September. A special well done must go to our Year 1 and Year 3 children, whose classes have also been mixed for the new academic year. They have approached the changes with resilience, enthusiasm and confidence, and we know they will continue to thrive.

It really does feel as though this school year has flown by, and it is hard to believe we are already preparing for September!

Visit from our Direction of Education

On Monday, we were also delighted to welcome the Director of Education for Southampton on her first visit to Bitterne CE Primary. She spent time visiting classrooms across the school. She commented on how impressed she was with the children's excellent behaviour, positive attitudes to learning and the way they engaged in lessons - particularly following the disruption caused by last week's exceptionally hot weather. We were incredibly proud of the children for representing our school so well.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day

Just a reminder that we sent out revised plans for next week's sports day owing to the increasing temperatures. Please see your year group pages for the new plan. The timings will be approximately 9:30am-10:20am for years 5 and 6 and 10:45am-11:35am for years 3 and 4; this is to allow children to still enjoy sports day during the cooler part of the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to making the most of the remaining weeks of the academic year together.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes Mrs. Johnson and the Senior Leadership Team.

Collective Worship Reflection:

This week, we looked at the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, focusing on how faith can completely transform us. Peter was an ordinary fisherman who often made mistakes, yet he found the courage to become the leader of the early Church. Paul began as a someone who did not like Christians until a dramatic encounter on the road to Damascus changed his life forever.

We also explored the Japanese art of Kintsugi, where broken pottery is repaired using gold lacquer. Mistakes and accidents aren't the end of creativity—they are often the start of something better. Instead of throwing a broken bowl away, the artist highlights the cracks, making the bowl more beautiful and resilient than it was before.

This reminds us of the Bible story of the potter in Jeremiah 18:3-4: *“But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.”*



Return of Pip and Pap Books

As we near the end of term, please ensure that all school fiction/non-fiction and Pip & Pap/colour banded reading scheme books are returned to the library for stock checking over the summer holidays. All books should be back in school by Monday 6th July they can be returned via the returns box in the children's classrooms.

Hot Weather Update

The warm weather is set to continue next week, although the forecast is now showing some welcome cloud cover at times. The current weather warning is yellow, which is expected to have much less impact than last week's amber and red alerts.



To help children stay comfortable, they may once again come to school wearing their PE kit if they prefer.

We will continue to take sensible precautions throughout the school day, including:

- Monitoring classroom temperatures.
- Rotating classes into shaded outdoor areas and our air-conditioned rooms where needed.
- Building in regular 'hydration breaks' to ensure children drink plenty of water.
- Holding PE lessons in the morning when temperatures are cooler.
- Encouraging children to use shaded areas at lunchtime and adapting play arrangements if needed.

Please support us by ensuring your child:

- Brings a named water bottle every day.
- Has suncream applied before coming to school.
- Brings a sunhat for break and lunchtime.

Please see a link provided by the DfE for more information about schools in the hot weather:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/07/hot-weather-and-your-childs-school-what-you-need-to-know/?es_c=2E4D86BA28646F3ECFEF25543530ECC8&es_cl=7E210F179989BAF5055A582AFD2D41B7&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

Could You Help?

Keeping classrooms cool can be challenging and, with limited budgets for air conditioning, we rely heavily on fans.

If you are able to purchase and donate a **new fan** to the school, we would be extremely grateful. We ask for new fans only, as previously used electrical items require additional safety testing before they can be used in school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Message from Mrs Muehlnickel

What a tremendous theatrical run!

We have had a brilliant time these past months working with your children towards our school production. It takes an abundance of enthusiasm, drive and talent to put on a high profile show like Joseph and they sure delivered! Backstage crew, tech crew, costumers, musicians and cast all put in that extra effort on top of their school studies to tell us a key story in the bible, with children from all year groups on stage and behind the scenes!

Some of our children are experienced performers in dance and stage craft, for others it was a dive into the unknown. We applaud them all for their dedication to the production, particularly as, being the first one staged as the performing arts team, we were making new discoveries as much as them!

We also wish to thank the governors, parents and staff who assisted with their own skills; Mr Spencer in the orchestra, Mr Curtis in the orchestra and as a visiting professional, Mrs Groves as our superstar choreographer and Mrs Rose as Makaton specialist, helping our year 6 makaton interpreter!



Production Club and Chamber Choir have finished for this academic year. We will resume in September; keep your eye out for more performing arts opportunities!

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!!!

Update from Bitterne Friends United

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:

🕒 **Fun Day Friday Doughnut Sale - Friday 10th July**

👕 **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

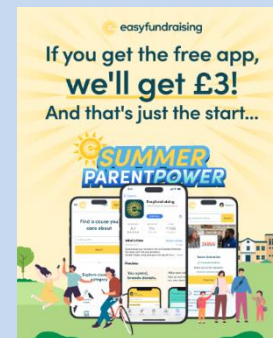


Easyfundraising



Get the FREE Easyfundraising app before 17th July, and we get a £3 bonus donation just for inviting you.

Click [here](#) to install the app on your mobile device, then fill in the simple steps to become our supporter for free.



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

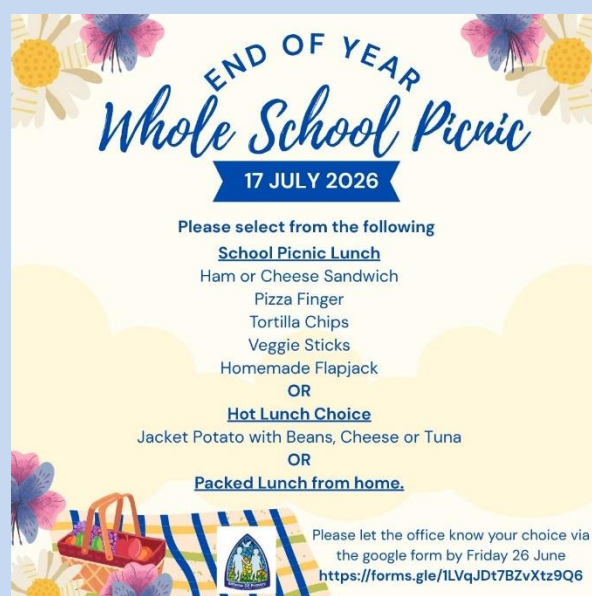
How it works: Each order placed quoting the school reference number (2092) will provide the school with 30% commission. Order using this link <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> or QR code



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.

street **BEATZ**

Weekly Celebrations

- This week House Cup winner is Brownlow House with 2559 points, Pound House with 2451 Points, Brook House with 2019 Points and Maytree House with 2005 points.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 5 Harlequin and Olden
- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Hannah; Jessica; Eva; Reyansh C; Antoni; AJ; Bertie; Florence; Ismail; Amaya; Willow and Jack
- This week's most improved attendance goes to: Ruby Class with 96.8%



Well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary

- **22 June- 10 July:** Year 5 Swimming
- **6 July:** Rescheduled KS2 Sports Day: Year 5 and Year 6: 9:30am – 10:20am
Year 3 and Year 4: 10:45am – 11:35am
- **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

READY, SET...TRANSITION

NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Free Summer Transition Sessions 2026

Mental Health in Schools Team

Join our fun and supportive summer sessions to help you feel confident and ready for Secondary School

Sessions will be held at **GOALS**, Third Avenue, Southampton, SO15 0JW
3:30pm-4:30pm



Communication & Friendships Monday 24th August



Managing our worries Wednesday 26th August



Self-Care Thursday 27th August

You will:

- Build confidence
- Meet new people
- Learn how to manage worries
- Feel ready for your new school

Book your place now!
Just scan the QR code



Your Parent/Carer must attend with you

Next Week at Re:Minds

6-10th July

To book in for an advice clinic, please email info@reminds.org.uk. No need to book for a support group, just check the events section of our Facebook group or email us to receive the link to join.

With thanks to:



Eating Disorder Advice Clinic

5pm, Monday 6th July

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
• Concerns for co-existing activity levels
• BMI / relationship with food
• Any other concerns related to eating

To book your advice slot, please email: info@reminds.org.uk

Virtual Support Group

6:30pm Monday 6th July

For parents and carers of children who are overweight and/or have mental health needs

This is a chance to get advice, support and meet others who understand what you are going through from the comfort of your own home.

If you would like some individual advice we can use a breakout room to speak to you during the meeting.

The room link will be shared in the events section of our Facebook group, or emailed on request.

Sholing Support Group

Special session!

For parents and carers of children who are overweight and/or have mental health needs

Book for a special support group session to join the **Sholing Health Hub** network.

A safe, welcoming space to connect with other parents and carers who share similar experiences. Share support and learn some tips for yourself!

Alongside the usual opportunity to meet others who understand and work with our trained staff with your experience, there will also be:

- Arts and crafts
- Games
- Air dry clay
- Cake & refreshments

No booking needed. No cost. Just drop in!

10-12 Wednesday 8th July
Sholing Army (12 North East)
10-12 Sholing, Southampton, SO15 0JW

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 11 - YEAR 6)

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

Klarna. KLARNA 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!
<https://pbbl.uk/4w0skFR>

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

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

20 YEARS OF INSPIRING CHILDREN • BUILDING CONFIDENCE • CREATING MEMORIES

COME & JOIN US

KINGS' FAMILY FUN DAY

Celebrating 40 years of Kings

everyone ACTIVE The Bounce Park Hollywood Bowl Whitelegg's Amusements

JC Sports THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING

Winchester City Swimming Club

STREETFOODZ BOOZYBAR P. MARUCCI ICE CREAMS

4th July 2026

DJ Babydread UK From 12pm

Freddie Mercury & Elvis tribute JELVIS

KINGS' SCHOOL, ROMSEY ROAD, WINCHESTER, SO22 5PN

events@kings-hants.com

Pupil Performances SNOW PRINCES

Fantastic prizes to be won!

RAFFLE

Buy your tickets by clicking [here!](#)

A two-course meal for 2 at Rick Stein in Winchester
 A Neck, Shoulder & Back Massage at The Massage Space
 A day's Family Pass for Mottisfont National Trust
 A day's Family Pass for Hawk Conservancy
 A day's Family Pass for Whitchurch Silk Mill
 A Family Day Pass for the Sea City Museum
 Complimentary passes for swimming, climbing and much, much more!

The raffle will be drawn towards the end of our Family Fun Day on Saturday 4th July

RICK STEIN WINCHESTER

Massage Space

MOTTISFONT NATIONAL TRUST

40th

FREE WATER SAFETY SESSIONS

STAY SAFE. HAVE FUN. SAVE LIVES.

Join us for FREE, fun and practical water safety sessions designed to teach children what to do if they get into a difficult situation in water.

It's really important that every child knows how to remain safe in water.

ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW!

SESSION DATES

- Tuesday 28th July
- Friday 31st July
- Monday 10th August
- Thursday 13th August

SESSION TIMES

- 1:30pm – 2:30pm Primary school-aged children
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm Secondary school-aged children

WHAT TO BRING: Swimwear, a towel and some old clothing or pyjamas to wear over your swimwear that you don't mind getting wet.

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY! Places are limited – to book, please call us on **023 8078 1901**

Love to Swim at Shirley pool

HELPING CHILDREN STAY SAFE IN AND AROUND WATER

FREE 1 HOUR SESSIONS

Shirley Swimming Pool, Kerish Road, Southampton SO15 3GR

023 8078 1901 info@shirleyswimmingpool.co.uk www.shirleyswimmingpool.co.uk

DAMIRA DENTAL STUDIOS

NHS OPEN DAYS

WE'RE ACCEPTING NEW NHS PATIENTS

14TH AND 16TH JULY 2026

Book your appointment online to register as an NHS patient

www.damiradental.co.uk/location/triangle

SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME / SCAN ME