

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

10 July 2026

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

As we head into the final week of the academic year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on another busy and memorable week at Bitterne CE Primary.

The week began with a fantastic morning of sporting fun as our Key Stage 2 children took part in their Sports Day track and throw events. It was wonderful to see such determination, encouragement and excellent sportsmanship from every child. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us to cheer the children on. Later in the week, the house teams came together for the basketball and benchball competitions, demonstrating great teamwork and resilience. Congratulations to Maytree House, who were crowned this year's overall KS2 House Cup winners! We also enjoyed celebrating the children's achievements during Friday's celebration assembly, where certificates and medals were presented.



On Tuesday, we welcomed our new Reception children into school for their final transition visit. It has been lovely to see them growing in confidence and becoming familiar with their new environment ahead of starting school in September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them and their families into our school community.

Thursday evening marked the first of our Year 6 leavers' celebrations with our new Awards Night. It was a wonderful occasion, filled with laughter and pride as the children shared their favourite memories of primary school—many of which amusingly involved food and taking responsibility for their jumpers! The children received their awards, sang together and enjoyed having photographs taken beneath the beautiful balloon arch, kindly created by Miss Carey.

The warmer weather has certainly continued this week, and we would like to thank everyone for their support. We have been incredibly proud of the children, who have shown such kindness and consideration as classes have rotated through our cooler learning spaces so that everyone has had the opportunity to benefit. They have sensibly sought out shaded areas at lunchtime, adapted well to changes in the school day and continued to approach their learning with positivity despite the heat. With warm temperatures forecast to continue into next week, children may continue to wear their PE kit to school to help keep them comfortable.

We now look forward to our final week together before the summer holidays. We hope many of you will be able to join us for our Open Evening on Tuesday as we celebrate another successful year and look ahead to an exciting new one.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes the Senior Leadership Team

Change for Inset Day 2026-27

The Governor have agreed a change to the final inset day of academic year 2026-27. The date was originally set as Friday 2nd July. It will now be a week earlier – **Friday 25th June 2027**. Apologies for the change.

Collective Worship Reflection:

This week in our collective worship, we explored the theme of change using the image of a caterpillar. Just as a caterpillar change into a beautiful butterfly, we thought about the many changes we experience in our own lives and in the world around us. Sometimes change feels exciting as we look forward to new opportunities, while at other times it can feel a little scary or uncertain.



We reflected on the Bible verse from Joshua 1:9: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

We also talked about the importance of staying safe in the sunshine and near water. We need to take care of ourselves by drinking plenty of water, wearing sun hats, applying sunscreen, and seeking shade when needed. Staying near trusted adults when we are in water, thinking about tides in the sea, learning to float and thinking about the depth of the water.

Update from EYFS (Year R) Phase Leader

It has been a brilliant half term and a wonderful way to end an amazing year in Reception.

The children have made incredible progress with their reading and writing this half term, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. Recently, they have been reflecting on their favourite Year R memories, producing fantastic drawings alongside beautifully written sentences. It has been lovely to see how much confidence and independence they have developed and their progress has been a joy to celebrate.

Sports Day was a huge success! The children thoroughly enjoyed competing for their houses, demonstrating excellent teamwork and determination. It was wonderful for them to share this special event with their families and celebrate their achievements together afterwards in Collective Worship.



Transition Day was another great success. The children embraced the opportunity to meet their new teachers, and Miss Luker and Miss Barry (Mrs Langdon) are excited to get to know them even better in September. The children have had such a successful first year at school, growing in confidence, independence and resilience. They are more than ready for the next stage of their learning journey and we are incredibly proud of every single one of them.

As part of our *Moving On* topic, the children have loved caring for our caterpillars and watching their fascinating life cycle as they transformed into beautiful butterflies. Releasing them into the wild was a lovely way to reflect on just how much the children have grown throughout their first year at school.

Reminder – Teddy Bears' Picnic

Due to the hot weather, we have unfortunately had to cancel parents attending our Teddy Bears' Picnic on Tuesday 14th July. We are sorry that families are unable to join us on this occasion, but the celebration will still go ahead for the children in school. We will enjoy decorating biscuits together, and the children will be provided with fruit and milk. They are welcome to bring one named teddy bear to school to join in the fun.

Finally, thank you so much for all of your support throughout the year. It has been a truly fantastic year, and it has been a privilege to watch the children learn, grow and flourish. We know they will continue to thrive as they move into Key Stage 1, and we wish them every success in the exciting year ahead.

With just one week to go, I hope you all have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing the children enjoy their final week in Reception.

Best Wishes
Miss Scriven

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 two exciting events coming up:

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

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



Weekly Celebrations

- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Ocean, Dolcie, Jack M, Dottie, Raphael and Henry

Well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary

- **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

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 4 - 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! <https://pbbl.uk/4w0skFR> SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY!

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

20 YEARS OF INSPIRING CHILDREN • BUILDING CONFIDENCE • CREATING MEMORIES

Summer Holiday ACTIVITIES

AT SOUTHAMPTON MUSEUMS AND GALLERY

From £6 per activity

ART FOR ALL

Fri 24 Jul | Print a Pangolin and More (5+)

Tue 28 Jul | Paint with Palette Knives (7+)

Mon 27 Jul | Fossil Plaster Casting (5+)

Tue 28 Jul | Shrinkable Tudor Portraits (5+)

Wed 29 Jul | Gruffalo Clay (4+)

Thu 30 Jul | Summer Sun Prints (all ages)

Fri 31 Jul | Fossil Plaster Casting (5+)

Tue 4, Wed 5 Aug | Brilliant Beach Bags

Mon 10 Aug | Clay Capybaras (5+)

Tue 11 Aug | Surrealism Starts Here (5+)

Wed 12 Aug | Animal Magic Monoprinting (5+)

Mon 17 Aug | Bugs in Boxes (4+)

Tue 18 Aug | Impressionism Starts Here (5+)

Wed 19 Aug | Greek Pottery Pots (5+)

Mon 24 Aug | Summer Sun Prints (all ages)

Tue 25 Aug | Highland Cows in Clay (5+)

Wed 26 Aug | Pencil Case Printing (5+)

Thu 27 Aug | Pet Portrait Printing (5+)

Fri 28 Aug | Dino Drawing and Printing (5+)

HANDS ON HISTORY

Thu 23 Jul | Potty Prehistory (7+)

Mon 27 Jul | Knight School (5+)

Mon 3 Aug | Shiver Me Timbers (5+)

Tue 4 Aug | The Hidden History of Harry Potter (5+)

Fri 7 Aug | Discover Titanic (5+)

Fri 14 Aug | Soaring Spitfires (7+)

Thu 20 Aug | Great Fire of London (5+)

Thu 21 Aug | Awesome Egyptians (7+)

TOURS FOR ALL

Thu 6 Aug | Secrets of Southampton Castle (5+)

Thu 13 Aug | Titanic Walking Tour (5+)

Tue 18 Aug | Roman Southampton Walking Tour (5+)

TODDLER TIME

Thu 30 Jul | Delightful Dinosaurs (under 4s & friends)

Thu 20 Aug | Gorgeous Birds (under 4s & friends)

BOOK YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE TODAY

For times, prices and locations visit our venue websites
seacitymuseum.co.uk | southamptoncityartgallery.com | tudorhouseandgarden.com

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.

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
Kantish Road, Southampton SO15 3GR

023 8078 1901 | info@shirleywimmingpool.co.uk | www.shirleywimmingpool.co.uk

Summer Holiday FAMILY DAYS OUT

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026 | FREE ENTRY 10am – 5pm
Join us for a day of family fun celebrating 114 years since Tudor House opened as a museum. Crafts, games and activities throughout the day*

LOOKING FOR ALL DAY DROP-OFF ACTIVITIES?
Create cool things, learn new stuff and make friends at our regular clubs
From £26 a day

CULTURE CLUB
6½ - 12 years old
Monday to Wednesdays
3 – 26 Aug

JUNIOR ART SCHOOL
7 - 13 years old
Fridays
31 Jul – 28 Aug

ART SCHOOL PLUS
11 - 16 years old
Thursdays
30 Jul – 27 Aug

SHOWSTOPPERS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

@ Bitterne CE Primary School!

We're excited to confirm that our popular Showstoppers Drama Club is running at your school!

What the class offers: At Showstoppers, we love to bring out the performer in every child, building confidence and celebrating individuality. Students will explore acting techniques, including improvisation, vocal skills, script work, and perform in showcases, all while having the chance to build new friendships each week.

Club Details:
When: Tuesdays, 3:15pm – 4:45pm - starting from Tuesday 8th September
Where: Bitterne CE Primary School
Monthly Cost: £30.00 per month (inclusive of platform fees), prorated and spread evenly across the year to cover all 36 sessions, £8.50 per session. Alternatively, you may choose to pay for the full term in advance. Payments are taken automatically on the 1st of each month (excluding August).

What to Bring: Please send your child with a drink and snack (nothing containing nuts).

How to register:
Sign up online at: <https://showstoppers-performing-arts.classforkids.io>
Select "Bitterne CE Primary School"
Create an account and set up your payment details for your subscription (if you wish to pay for the full term, please email us).
Once registered, your child's place will be secured for the new term.
If your child is already part of the club, their place will automatically be secured for September.

Please note: While class cancellations are very rare, in the unlikely event that a session is cancelled, a credit will be applied to your account, same applies for inset days.

Join us today and let the magic of drama inspire your child!

info@showstoppersacademy.co.uk 07584281994
www.showstoppersacademy.co.uk showstoppers.uk



Next week at Re:Minds 13th - 17th July

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book in for advice clinics. No need to book for a support group, just check the events section of our Facebook group

With thanks to:



CAMHS Advice Clinic

10am Monday 13th July

About the Clinic
Book a private, 10-minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about support for your child's mental health, behaviour, attention, and day to day challenges. For parents and carers who are concerned about their child's mental health, including where ADHD may be contributing to their needs.

Appointments will be with Laura Nisbet, Lead ADHD Nurse from CAMHS

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

CAMHS Advice Clinic

10.30am Tuesday 14th July

About the Clinic
Book a private 10 minute, virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about support for your child's mental health, behaviour, attention, and day to day challenges. For parents and carers who are concerned about their child's mental health, including where autism may be contributing to their needs.

The clinic is led by clinicians from the Southampton Autism Assessment Service.

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

Shentons Solicitors

SEND Legal Advice Clinic

From 12.30pm Tuesday 14th July

About the Clinic
We are linking with Shentons Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics for Re:Minds families. These sessions provide clear guidance and support on issues such as:

- EHC needs assessments and how to request one
- Problems at school related to SEN (with or without an EHCP)
- Appeals, including refusals to assess, refusals to issue a plan, and issues with plan contents or placement
- Preparing for Tribunal and gathering evidence of need
- Issues with provision in an EHCP, including non-delivery or placement breakdown
- Annual reviews, statutory timescales, and LA compliance
- Health and social care needs linked to EHCPs
- Disability discrimination in education
- Rights of young people aged 16+ (with capacity) regarding their EHCP

To book your 30 minute advice slot, please email:
info@reminds.org.uk

CAMHS Advice Clinic

10am Thursday 16th July

About the Clinic
Book a private, 10-minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues covered by CAMHS.

This clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist CAMHS service and is open to all Re:Minds members seeking general advice.

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