

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Love

Trust

Forgiveness

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Issue 4

Message from the Senior Leadership Team from Mrs Bailey, Senior Assistant Headteacher School Council News

Last Thursday our school took part in the School Council Elections, and the results were revealed in front of the whole school during Collective Worship on Monday. Excitement filled the hall as our new Councillors and Deputy Councillors were announced!

Each representative proudly received their official badge and certificate, and they are now ready to take on their important role — making sure every child's voice is heard in our school.

Children can share their ideas with the School Council by:

- Putting a suggestion into the class School Council suggestion box
- Writing a letter to their councillor
- Speaking to their councillor or deputy when they see them around school

We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact our new School Council will make this year

What Do We Do?

Meetings: We meet regularly with a member of staff to discuss school events and changes. We'll also let you know any news from these meetings.

Listen: Any of you can talk to any of us at any time to let us know if you have a worry or concern about something at school, or even if you have a great idea you would like to make happen.

Help: The School Council help around school and we are involved in regular events at school.

Your 2025–26 School Council

<u>Class</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Deputy</u>
Talisman	Phoebe M	Raphael I
Tahiti	Carla F	Yahiya Q
Eden	Bertie G	Clara C
Ruby	Eli C	Ciara T
Navy	Logan	Lilly

Emerald	Sophia P	Jaxon T
Sapphire	Megan O	Jack P
Carmin	Kassandra H	Lewis K
Harlequin	Archie C	Isabelle T
Olden	Henry P	Willow B
Orient	Savannah B	Jake S
Laurel	Amaya J	Rafael M

Collective Worship Update

This week in Collective Worship we carried on thinking about our theme of Thankfulness. We said a big thank you to all of last year's School Councillors for the amazing job they did, working with Miss Scriven to share children's ideas and help make our school an even better place.

We also welcomed our new School Council and thought about how lucky we are to live in a country where everyone gets to have a say — the British value of democracy.

Our Bible verse reminded us:

“Do not forget to do good and to share with others.”

(Hebrews 13:16)

To finish, we sang one of our favourite worship songs, Be Bold, which reminded us to be brave, kind, and thankful every day.

[Watch the song here](#)



Years 5 and 6 Phase Leader Update from Mr Thomas

Year 5 have had a great start to the year! The atmosphere in Year 5 is so calm and focused—the children are showing that they more than belong in the Upper School! Both Miss Stephenson and Mrs Burton have been very impressed with the children's maths skills, using concrete resources to prove their understanding. In Science they have been learning about the universe including the planets, earth and why we have day and night! This has linked to their English work where they have done a narrative about a space monkey's adventures! Bikeability has seen the children build resilience and learn a key life skill.

Year 6 are having a very busy half term! They have been learning all about the industrial revolution, particularly in the North West of England. In art, they have been doing Lowry perspective sketches and developing team building and golf skills in PE! There are lots of children with leadership responsibilities including head and deputy boy/girl, house captains, prefects, office monitors amongst others! Many of the children have also been acting as role models for KS1 children, supporting them eat at lunchtime. Excitement is

building for residential week next week- we hope all the children, whether going to Marchants Hill or staying at school, have a fantastic time!



Fox on Site

You may be aware that a fox, whose family has lived quietly on our school site for many years, has occasionally been seen walking across the playground during the school day.

We want to reassure you that:

- Foxes are naturally shy animals and them harming people—particularly in busy, noisy playgrounds—are *highly unlikely*.
- Like all wildlife, foxes can carry parasites, but the risk of any transmission to children is *very low*, especially with our usual hygiene routines (such as handwashing before eating).
- We will continue to remind the children not to approach or feed the fox, and to wash their hands after play as usual. Our site team also keeps bins secure and the playground clear of food waste, so we don't encourage visits.

The presence of a fox on site also gives us a valuable opportunity to help children learn more about local wildlife and how to respect nature safely.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Reminder: School Photos

Individual school photos will take place on Monday 13th October. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. They do not need to wear their PE kit even if it is a PE day. Sibling photos will take place later on in the year and further information will be available nearer the time.



Reminder: Our Christian Values

Please remember to vote for the three values you believe are right for our school now. Your opinions are greatly valued, and your input will help us shape a shared vision for our community. You can choose three from the following values: **Courage, Grace, Creativity, Hope, Peace and Compassion.** Please vote via the google form:

<https://forms.gle/L9LtdhcYLSavaNnD6> by **Monday 6 October**

World Mental Health Day: Friday 10 October

In recognition of World Mental Health Day on Friday 10 October the children can come to school wearing something yellow with their uniform. This could be a hair scrunchie or a pair of socks. We will not be organising a collection for this.



Reminder: Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 23 October at Holy Saviour Church in Bitterne from 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please do come along to help the children celebrate. There are food donation boxes in reception if you wish to make a food donation. Many thanks for your support with this.

PTA Christmas Artwork Fundraiser

Help the PTA raise funds for school by joining in the Christmas artwork fundraiser, and stock up early on Christmas cards and gifts!

How: On Monday 6th October, the children will be sent home with a Christmas card drawing template, they just need to create a Christmas masterpiece in the box.

When: you then return the template to the school office by Monday 20th October

What: PTA then arrange for your child's design to be professionally printed on Christmas cards, mugs, coasters, tree decorations and more.....

Where: after October half term you will be able to order your child's personal artwork merchandise by accessing our online shop, and once printed we will send it home with your child from school

Why: all the money raised will go directly back into school to support your child's learning and enrichment

For any questions or help contact us at pta@bitterneceprimary.net

PE Days

Please send your child into school in their PE kit. Please ensure that they also have a water bottle in school.

Year R: Please check Class Dojo

Year 1: Monday and Thursday

Year 2: Wednesday and Friday

Year 3: Monday and Wednesday

Year 4: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5: Monday and Thursday

Year 6: Monday and Friday

Dates for your Diary

- **6-10 October:** Year 6 Residential Marchants Hill
- **13 October:** Individual School Photos
- **23 October:** Harvest Church Service, Holy Saviour Church, 2pm-3pm
- **23 October:** PTA School Disco, 4-7.30pm
- **11 November:** Parents Evening 3.15pm-6pm– **NEW DATE – cancelled from 14/10/25**
- **13 November:** Parents Evening 3.15pm-6pm– **NEW DATE- cancelled from 16/10/25**

Weekly Celebrations

- This week's House Cup awarded to Brownlow with 2344 points.
- Congratulations to these children who have been awarded Star of the Week: Abigail; Sukhraj; Charlie, Maci-Leigh, Harper; Michaela, Sophie, Lily, Arthur, Joseph, Lewis
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 2 Ruby and Eden Class
- This week's best attendance goes to Harlequin with 98.4%

Well done everyone!

