

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

14 November 2025

Issue 9

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

This week, our school commemorated Armistice Day through thoughtful class discussions using the story *Alive with Poppies*, which helped the children explore the significance of the poppy and reflect on the importance of remembering those who fought and died for our freedom. The children then took part in class-based activities to deepen their understanding and honour the bravery and sacrifice of all who served.



On Tuesday, we came together for a special collective worship, where the whole school observed a two-minute silence to honour the men and women who gave their lives in conflict. We were also joined by Mr. Spencer, one of our school governors, who played the trumpet as part of our act of remembrance.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Sullivan



Year R Phase Leader Update from Miss Scriven

The children have returned from the half term break brilliantly and their resilience and enthusiasm for learning have been wonderful to see.

So far this half term, we had a fantastic time on our Welly Walk to the woods, learning all about Autumn. The children loved searching for autumn treasures and enjoyed having their milk and story outdoors.

Having their music lessons in the music room with Mrs. Muehlnickel has also been a real highlight and she has been so impressed with the children's excellent listening and behaviour. Hearing such lovely feedback made Miss Combes and I incredibly proud.



From this half term, we would like to begin giving the children the opportunity to explore their local area. Between now and the end of the year, the children will go on at least one local visit in Bitterne (in a small group), which could be to Sainsbury's, the post office, or a charity shop. These visits will help the children develop their understanding of the community around them and support their learning in a real-life context.

We have lots to look forward to between now and the end of term. Some of the children will have the opportunity to visit Sainsbury's to buy ingredients for Gingerbread so that all of the children can take part in baking. We will also be preparing for our Christmas Nativity and continuing to enjoy time outdoors and in the woods.



Finally, we are very excited to welcome parents and carers to our next Year R Open Afternoon on Friday 21st November at 2:30pm. The children love sharing their learning with you, and we can't wait for you to see all that they've been doing.

Collective Worship



This half term we are concentrating on our Christian values of Hope, Courage and Creativity.



It is Antibullying Week this week and we looked at the Power of Good. The children learnt to use their power to show kindness to others and to speak up when we see unkind behaviour.

Southampton City Council Parking Permits

We have had a delivery of parking permits, please collect them from the school office.



Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in football tournament last week with a number of schools from across the city. All of the girls showed our school values of Courage to shake hands at the end of every match regardless of the score, Creativity to outwit the opponents and Hope to come back from 1-0 down- twice! We played a total of 6 matches, winning two, drawing 2 and losing 2. Well done to all, you represented the school brilliantly!



Flu Mop Up Sessions

If your child missed their flu vaccination there is still time this winter. You can register on the portal at:

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Our School code is CW116339. You will then be sent details of local mop up clinics that you book onto.



Bitterne Friends United Christmas Artwork

A reminder that the deadline is tomorrow, 15th November. Please ensure you make your orders by then.



Facebook

A reminder to follow our new Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/BitterneCEPrimary>



Dates for your Diary

- **20 November:** Year 6 SATS Parents Meeting, 5-6pm
- **21 November:** Year R Parent Afternoon, 2.30pm
- **26 November:** Parent Forum 9-10am – **POSTPONED** – A new date will be sent out soon
- **11 December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- **11 December:** Years 3-6 Christmas Songs in the Playground 2.30pm
- **12 December:** Year R Parent Afternoon, 2.30pm
- **17 December:** Year R and KS1 Christmas Show 10-11am and 1.30-2.30pm
- **18 December:** Christmas Lunch
- **18 December:** Christmas Church Service at Holy Saviour Church 9.30am-10.30am – Refreshments will be available from 8.45am

Weekly Celebrations

- This week's House Cup awarded to Brook House.
 - Congratulations to these children who have been awarded Star of the Week: Florence; Emily; Ocean; Chanel; James; Oliver; Amelie; Tommy; AJ; Max, Kacey, Mehran and Eli
 - Tidy Class Award goes to: Year R Bronze and Indigo Class
 - This week's best attendance goes to Olden Class with 97.2%
- Well done everyone!**

CHRISTMAS

JUMPER DONATION

DONATE YOUR JUMPERS FROM

3RD – 21ST NOV

**BY BRINGING THEM TO CLASS
FOR COLLECTION**



**JUMPERS COLLECTED WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE**

CHRISTMAS EVENT ON THE

29TH NOVEMBER

IN KS1 PLAY GROUND



Christmas Event Info

Saturday, 29th November, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Token Pre-Sales

PTA game stalls are cashless.

Purchase your tokens in advance

Note your order number and collect from:

- PTA token stand on arrival on the day of the Fair
- Morning drop off, the week before the fair – look for the stand on KS1 & KS2 (volunteer dependant)



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Volunteers needed

If you can spare your time to help with the preparation and/or execution of the event, please join the BFU Xmas Event WhatsApp group by **CLICKING** or **SCANNING** the QR code:



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Planned Activities



Elfridges

Bring your children to Elfridges gift shop, where they can choose a "secret" gift for their loved ones. Children will leave the store with their chosen gift(s) beautifully wrapped by our hardworking elves. Only children will be able to see the gift selection to keep it a surprise!

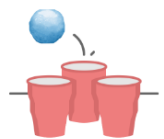
Gifts are £1/2T each.



Santa's Grotto

Father Christmas is coming to town! Visits are by appointment only, but Santa's helpers will try to hurry him along as politely as possible so he can see as many good boys and girls as he can.

£2/4T per child



Christmas Games & Competitions

- Festive themed games such as, **Corn Ho-Ho-Hole**, **Nerf the Elf off the Shelf**, **Snow Pong** and many more. Win sweets for yourself OR House points for your house.
- **"Guess the Gifts"** and **"Name the Elf"** to win some fun prizes
- **Christmas Lottery (to be confirmed)** and **Hamper prizes up for grabs** too.



Christmas Treats

We are looking to provide warm drinks and treats for you to purchase, details to be updated once confirmed.

TRANSLATIONS



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BITTERNE FRIENDS UNITED

fieldpalmer
ESTATE AGENTS

DATES

AUTUMN 2

3 - 21 Nov

Xmas Jumper donation weeks

1 - 15 Nov

Xmas cards online shop **open**

11 & 13 Nov

Pre-Loved Uniform sales @
Parents Evening

29 Nov

Christmas Event (Sat 2-4pm)

This November, Easyfundraising are giving **£2 for every new supporter** who signs up via their app to support **BITTERNE FRIENDS UNITED**
It costs nothing but makes a huge difference

Select
"BITTERNE
FRIENDS
UNITED"

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**Google
Play Store**

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How you can support us for free

Limited £2s available

- Download the easyfundraising app
- Sign up as our supporter
- Once registered, we'll get a £2 donation!

The Free £2 App-eal

Download > Register > Get £2

Bonus tip (for iPhone/Mac users): Go to Settings → Safari → Extensions, then turn on "Easyfundraising" so a reminder pops up whenever you shop on donation sites.



Does your
child have
ADHD or
ADHD
traits?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

“An Introduction to Parenting Children with ADHD”

Insights and strategies for families

Monday 17th November 2025, 12.30–14.00

No booking required!

Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:

Meeting ID: 881 0383 0231
Passcode: 705280

If you prefer, feel free to email us at
info@sfrust.org.uk for the Zoom link.



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Does your
child have
or might
have
autism?

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“An Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism”

Insights and strategies for families

Monday 24th November 2025, 12.30–14.00

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 **ITCEN COLLEGE
CHRISTMAS FETE**
SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
10AM–4PM
**A GREAT MIX OF
STANDS TO BUY FROM**

- **MEET PRINCESS ELSA**
11AM–1PM
- **MULLED WINE**
- **CHRISTMAS FACE PAINTING**
- **GAME STANDS**

**BOOK YOUR TIMESLOT
BE ENTERED INTO THE PRIZE DRAW**



Sports Centre Reception
Parking at Middle Road, Bitterne, SO19 7TB

 **SHOLING VALLEYS
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

★ **Saturday 29th November**
11.00am to 2.00pm

Woolston Masonic Hall,
Manor Road South
SO19 2DS

**Handmade Craft Stalls, Toy Tombola,
Raffle, Children's Activities,
Refreshments**

Father Christmas

FREE ENTRY

Churches Together in Bitterne present

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Saturday 15th
November

Bitterne Precinct

Stalls & Rides
from 2pm

Performances
from 4pm

Light Switch on
by the Lord Mayor
at 5pm

