

Weekly Newsletter

*At Bitterne Church of England Primary School, we are a welcoming and inclusive community where every child is valued as a unique individual, created and loved by God. Guided by our Christian values of **Hope**, **Courage** and **Creativity**, we work together so that all our pupils flourish - confident in who they are, ambitious in what they can become, and fully prepared for the next stage of their learning.*

We are proud to be a place where everyone is welcome, regardless of faith, background or belief. We passionately strive for every child to succeed - to learn with curiosity, act with kindness, and live with hope - becoming the very best version of themselves."

Together we soar...

Week Number: 4

Date: 25th September 2026

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Our lovely Year R children have settled into school brilliantly, and it has been wonderful to see them becoming increasingly confident in their new surroundings. This week, they have had lots of fun starting **'Squiggle While You Wiggle'**. This early writing programme uses music, dance and large body movements to help children develop the strength, coordination and control they need for handwriting.

School Council

We are also beginning the exciting process of forming our **School Council for 2026–27**. Miss Scriven launched this year's elections during Collective Worship on Monday and invited children to consider putting themselves forward to represent their class.

If your child would like to become a School Councillor, please help them over the weekend to prepare a short election speech to share with their class. Elections will take place over the coming week.

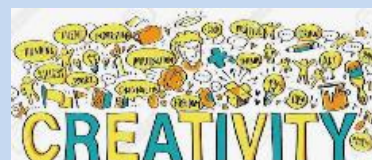
Our School Council is an important part of school life, giving children a meaningful opportunity to share their views, contribute ideas and help shape our school. We also use the elections as an opportunity for children to experience democracy in action, with candidates presenting their ideas before pupils cast their votes in our very own election hall!

We are looking forward to hearing the children's speeches and finding out who our new School Councillors will be.



Collective Worship Reflection

This week, our Collective Worship focused on our school value of **Creativity**, remembering that creativity is not just to do with art. We explored the wonderful story of **Creation from Genesis 1–2**, to help us remember and retell the story. Together, we thought about how God created the world with imagination, purpose and care. We reflected on the many different things that make our world special and considered how we can use our own creativity to make a positive difference.



We explored our schools **New Testament story of The Parable of the Talents** from Matthew 25. The



children were encouraged to remember and retell the story, thinking about what happened to the servants who were trusted with different amounts of money. We reflected on how each person was given something valuable and how they chose to use it.

Parent Question of the Week – We'd Love to Hear From You!

If you have a concern, do you feel that there is a member of staff in school that you can approach to help you?



Please share your views using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/iSWQ6pwUkyNTmCdU9>

Southampton City Council Safer Parking Campaign

Southampton City Council are launching their **Safer Parking Campaign** this September to promote safer and more considerate parking behaviour around schools. The campaign aims to remind parents, carers and visitors of the importance of parking responsibly during the school run, helping to create a safer environment for pupils, families and local residents. Poor parking around schools can obstruct visibility, create hazards for children crossing the road, block access for emergency vehicles and prevent people using mobility aids, wheelchairs or pushchairs from travelling safely.

Please remember to pick up your parking permit from the school office if you have not already done so.

WHY ARE YOU PARKING DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO OUR SCHOOL?

- ☐ I don't care about children's safety
- ☐ I don't care about a £70 fine
- ☐ I don't care about blocking key routes for people using mobility aids or pushing prams
- ☐ I'm selfish
- ☒ All of the above

HOW CAN YOU HELP KEEP US SAFE?

- ✓ Park considerately
- ✓ Never park on Keep Clear zig-zags or yellow lines
- ✓ Park further away from the school
- ✓ Avoid parking near junctions, driveways or crossing points

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Disabled badge holders only	Do not obstruct point of access	No waiting at any time
Keep school entrance clear	Do not stop or park near a bus stop	No waiting during times shown on sign
No loading at any time	No loading at times indicated on plate	

Update from Bitterne Friends United



REMINDER CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER IS BACK!



Your child should now have brought their template home. They can draw, colour and create their own festive masterpiece, then return it to school by: Friday 2nd October. We'll send their artwork to our printers, who will turn it into a personalised proof for you to see before ordering.

You'll then have the option to order their design on:



Christmas cards



Mugs



Christmas decorations



Coasters and keyrings

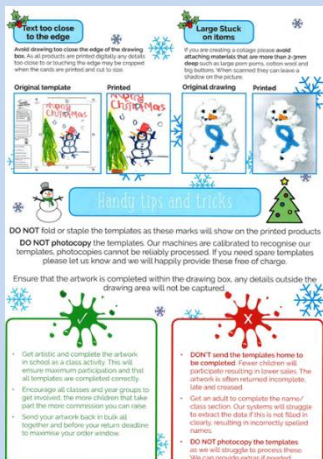
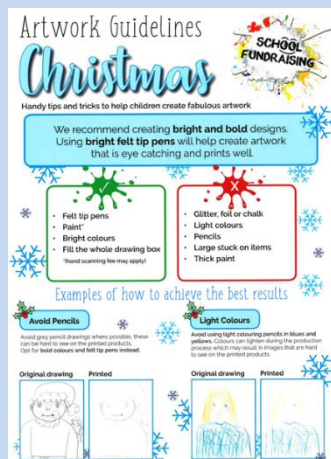


Stickers...and more!

There's absolutely no pressure to buy anything, but if you'd like the option, we **MUST** have your child's

artwork returned to the school office by end of day Friday 2nd October so we can meet the printing deadline. If you need more templates please pop to the school office.

Please see guidelines for making the most of your design:



We can't wait to see their festive creations!

Bitterne Friends United

Weekly Celebrations

- This week's House Cup awarded to Brownlow House
- Congratulations to these children who have been awarded Star of the Week: Ella-Rose, Elise, Robyn, Hannah, Hafsa, Harper, Eva, Izzy, Emilia, Joseph, Athena, Mya, Lucas P and Jayden
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year R Indigo and Bronze Class
- This week's best attendance goes to Harlequin Class with 98.7%



Well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary: Please see attached full list of dates for your diary for 2026-2027

- **Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October:** Year 5 Bikeability
- **Thursday 1 October:** Year R 2027 Entry Parent Tours 9.30am-11am
- **Monday 5 October:** SENDCo Drop-in session in the School Library 3.15pm-4pm
- **Monday 5 October to Friday 9 October:** Year 6 Marchants Hill Residential
- **Wednesday 7 October:** Year 2 Southampton City Mission – Question of Faith Day
- **Wednesday 7 October:** MHST Coffee Afternoon – 2pm-3pm
- **Monday 12 October:** Individual School Photos
- **Thursday 15 October:** Harvest Church Service 2pm- 3pm
- **Monday 19 October:** SENDCo Drop-in session in the School Library 3.15pm-4pm

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YOUTH RUGBY
AT TROJANS RUGBY CLUB

THEN COME AND GIVE RUGBY A GO!

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
GET MUDDY
HAVE FUN

AGES 4-18
BOYS AND GIRLS

MIXED U6 - U11
THEN SINGLE SEX
FROM U12 UPWARDS

SUNDAYS
FROM SEPTEMBER TILL MAY

TROJANS RUGBY CLUB
STONEHAM LANE,
SOUTHAMPTON

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Does your child have ADHD or ADHD traits?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR
"An Introduction to Parenting Children with ADHD"
Insights and strategies for families

Thursday 8th October 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

No booking required!
Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:
Meeting ID: 880 8179 1122
Passcode: 482248
If you prefer, feel free to email us at info@sfttrust.org.uk for the Zoom link.

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Does your child have or might have autism?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR
"An Introduction to Parenting Children with Autism"
Insights and strategies for families

Thursday 22nd October 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

No booking required!
Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:
Meeting ID: 827 1366 5621
Passcode: 182756
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Does it sometimes feel like everything is a battle with your child or teen?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR
Understanding Demand Avoidance in Neurodivergent Children
(diagnosed or suspected)
Insights and strategies for families

Thursday 12th November 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

No booking required!
Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:
Meeting ID: 827 2711 9710
Passcode: 701137
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Is your child masking at school and crashing at home?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR
"Understanding Masking and Burnout in Neurodivergent Children"
Insights and strategies for families

Thursday 26th November 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

No booking required!
Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:
Meeting ID: 864 1384 1444
Passcode: 303781
If you prefer, feel free to email us at info@sfttrust.org.uk for the Zoom link.

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Does your child struggle to attend school? Join us for an informative session exploring why school avoidance arises and learn some tips to help.

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR
"Emotionally Based School Avoidance"
Insights and strategies for families

Thursday 10th December 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

No booking required!
Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:
Meeting ID: 861 8378 9694
Passcode: 403772
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