

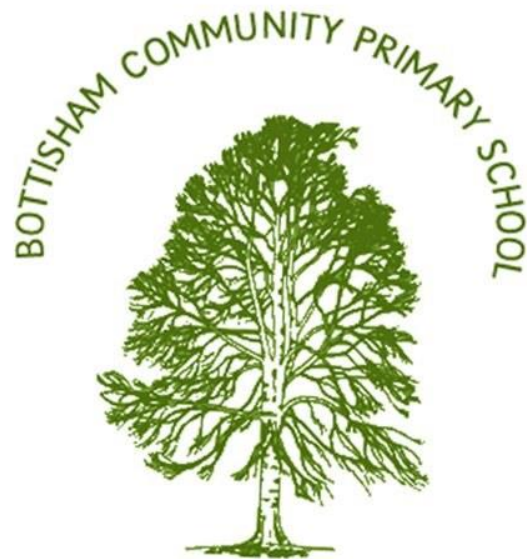
BCPS News 24.02.23



Welcome to this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter!

Friday 24th February 2023

Headteacher Update



Welcome back to the start of a new half term. We hope that you had a lovely break and were able to enjoy some of the sunshine that was around last week. Our whole school assembly this week focused on the tradition of Shrove Tuesday and it's connection to Lent after which the children have been particularly keen to share with us their favourite pancake toppings!

Along with this newsletter, you will also find attached an overview of how we teach maths here at BCPS and a copy of our calculation guidance. We know that lots of parents and carers would like more information about this to support children when doing homework and so hopefully, this will provide useful guidance.

Mrs Johnston

Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates

Thursday 5 th January	School opens to pupils
Friday 13 th January	Y6 Cool Choices session
Monday 16 th January	Burwell House residential trip (Y4) – information event
Friday 20 th January	PTA Film Night
Monday 23 rd January	Diversity Role Models Workshop – Y5/6
Tuesday 24 th January	O2 Choir visit
Thursday 2 nd – Friday 3 rd February	Y4 residential visit to Burwell House
Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 10 th February	PTA Valentine's Cake Stall
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half term
Friday 24 th February	PTA Young Apprentice event – Y5/6
Tuesday 28 th February	Parent / Carer Consultations
Thursday 2 nd March	Parent / Carer Consultations
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 th March	Sycamore Class Assembly
8 th – 10 th March	Y6 Grafton Water residential visit
Friday 10 th March	PTA Mother's Day Gift event
Friday 17 th March	KS1 visit to Mountfitchet Castle
Monday 20 th March	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 20 th March	YR Village Walk
Wednesday 22 nd March	World Water Day
Thursday 24 th March	Anglian Learning Y5/6 Cross Country competition
Tuesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Production
Wednesday 29 th March	Willow visit to Wellcome Genome Campus
Thursday 30 th March	Maple & Sycamore visit to Wellcome Genome Campus
Thursday 30 th March	Anglian Learning Y3/4 Music Event @ West Road
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term

Parent & Carer Consultations



A reminder that our spring term parent and carer consultation meetings are taking place on 28th February and 2nd March. At this meeting, your child's class teacher will share their mid-year report which contains an update on their attendance and attainment so far this year. There will also be an opportunity to look at some of your child's work. If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact the school office on office@bottishamprimary.org

Please note that appointments are scheduled to 10 minutes each. We would be grateful if you could arrive promptly for the start of the meeting as latecomers may not be able to be accommodated as most teachers have a full schedule for both evenings.



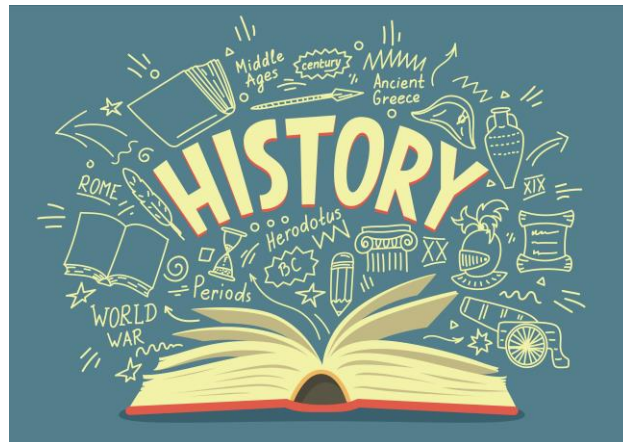
Looking for our term dates?

You can find term dates for 2022/23 and 2023/24 on our website



1 - [Click here to view our term dates](#)

Subject Spotlight: History



Subject Lead: Holly Ociepko

Our history curriculum has been designed with certain key elements in mind:

- To build a logical progression in skills, so that each year those skills are tested, practiced and deepened. These skill sets should be able to be adapted to meet the needs of all children by means of differentiation and support so that all children can make progress over their time at our school

- To have a set of overarching Big Ideas to link together certain themes and strands which can be picked up and revisited over their time at BPS, developing a deeper understanding of history as a whole, rather than as a set of unrelated events or time periods.
- To build chronology so that children are able to gain a good understanding of time periods and how they link together.
- To look at key individuals in history and aim to promote diversity by celebrating and examining the roles of people from different and diverse cultures and backgrounds.
- To be engaging and exciting! We have picked topics which the children have been particularly engaged in in the past, or have shown an interest in learning about. We have spoken to the children about which topics they have enjoyed and remembered, and worked with that alongside the national curriculum to put together a programme of study which covers what they need to learn in a varied, stimulating and exciting way.
- To be purposeful. We should know why each lesson is being taught, which skills we are developing, and how that links to our themes and goals.
- To be cross curricular. Where possible and practical, History can make positive links to geography, English, maths, art and DT, allowing the children to expand and use their knowledge in new ways and make connections between different strands of their learning journey

Over their years at BPS, children should cover the key elements of the history curriculum and develop skills such as questioning, researching, comparing, and understanding sources and their reliability. They should have a concept of history as a whole, within their lifetimes, their parents lifetimes and in the far further past. They should be exposed to history as something that occurred locally and internationally and be able to make connections between the two. The progression of skills, together with the Big Ideas should allow a slow build of skills and knowledge that is accessible to children of all abilities, giving them the tools at each stage to build on prior learning.

World Book Day: Friday 3rd March



World Book Day officially takes place on the 2nd March, but we will be celebrating the day as a school the following day, **Friday 3rd March**. We would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.

Dress Up

Some children love dressing up- others aren't so keen! So your child will have two options. One, as usual, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. For costume ideas visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas> .

Alternatively, children can come to school in pyjamas/onesies or comfy clothing (anything they would wear to curl up with a bed-time story). There is no cost to this day.

Mrs Ociepmo will be setting up a **Costume Swap** on the KS2 playground on **Monday 27th February after school from 3.30-3.45pm**. If you have any unwanted costumes (including special hats, jackets etc) that you would like to donate please drop clean items into the school office or to your child's class teacher before or on this date. Please do come to the Costume Swap even if you haven't donated- this is a chance for us to declutter & recycle clothes in our school community for free...and help us avoid those last minute dashes to Tesco!

How else will we be celebrating World Book Day at school?

Our theme will be 'Take One Book'. We'll be doing this with a whole school focus on a picture book like we did last year (to be revealed on the day...it's a good one!). Every class will have a chance to explore the rich vocabulary that can unfold through plenty of discussion & book themed activities throughout the day. Of course the knock on effect of immersing ourselves in a book is there will be some fantastic writing opportunities too, which we will be celebrating as a whole school in our assembly the following week.

We would love children and staff to **bring in their favourite book** to school to share at the end of the day. This could be a chapter book or picture book. We'll be having a biscuit and read at the end of the day! If YOU as a parent would like to come in and share one of your favourite stories at the end of World Book Day with the class, please speak to your child's class teacher.

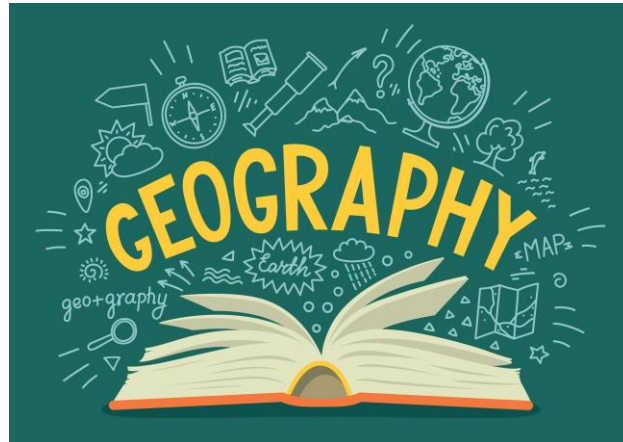
Book Sale

Our School Council and Librarians will be selling some books in the school hall straight after school on Friday 3rd March. We have some wonderful titles and have been sorting out books we no longer need, so please help us give these books new homes and raise money for the school. There are big plans for our school library- more on this another time.

World Book Day Book Token

Children will be coming home with a **£1 World Book Day voucher**. They can swap the token for a free World Book Day book or get £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more. There is a fantastic selection this year so keep an eye out for the books available for just £1 from participating shops.

Year 5/6 Geography Quiz



A huge well done to the children from Y5/6 who took part in the cross-trust geography quiz which took place at Marleigh Primary Academy this week. The children were joined by teams from other schools in Anglian Learning and took part in several rounds of the quiz which tested their geography skills and knowledge. There was even a round in which they had to wear VR headsets! A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to taking part in more events like this with our partner primary schools. Thank you to Miss Cridland and Mrs Gokool who accompanied the team for the visit.

National Trust

Spring & Summer at Anglesey Abbey

World Book Day
4 & 5 March
Free child entry and free childrens lunch boxes from Redwoods Restaurant for every child who is dressed up, brings their favourite book, or can tell a member of the team their favourite book. There will be storytelling, a creative writing competition and a mad hatters tea party in Redwoods.
For the full terms and conditions see our website.

Easter adventures at Anglesey Abbey
1-6 April
Join the egg-citement this Easter and head on an adventure inspired by the magic of books. Don't forget your chocolate egg reward!
Pre-booking essential
£3 per trail

Come and enjoy a summer of play at Anglesey Abbey. To find out all the latest information and what's on visit our website.

nationaltrust.org.uk/Anglesey-Abbey

Parking



We have had several concerns raised by local residents about parking outside the school during the drop-off and pick up times, including about damage to the grass verges on the area around the school caused by cars parking on them during these times. If you are travelling to the school by car, please could we remind you to be respectful of our neighbours when parking.

Thank you.



PTA Newsletter

23rd February 2023

We hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter for 2023. This includes information about what we have raised so far, what we are raising money for and which events we have planned for the rest of the year. Thanks for your continued support.

What has been raised since October 2022?

Christmas Disco - £640.06 Christmas Raffle - £420
Elfridges - £ 450.32 Santa's Grotto - £150
Christmas Fair - £927.65 Valentine's Cake Stall - £118
Movie night - £391.50

Total - £3,097.53

What is the money raised being spent on?

* The school library is a little tired from years of use and is in need of a refresh. This year, the PTA have been asked to provide the funds to enable this to happen so this is the primary aim for our fundraising efforts

* Each class will be given £100 to purchase books and £100 for activity resources

* The PTA are funding the school participating in the Cambridge Standing Tall Sculpture event. Look out for the mini giraffe in Spring 2024

* The PTA will fund new PE kit for children to wear when representing the school at events

Get in touch by email:
bottishamprimarypta@gmail.com

PTA Website for booking events:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/bottisham-pta/>

Get involved! WhatsApp group for PTA helpers
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/B6Akz23kOAUAltIpalgsy4>



What's on.....

3rd February to 6th March
Young Apprentice (Y5&6)

10th February to 10th March
Silver Smarties (YR – Y4)

Friday 24th February
Young Apprentice Showcase

10-14th March
Mother's Day Gift Shop
(Acorns – Y6)

Friday 24th March
Easter Eggstravaganza
5-7:30 pm (All welcome)

Wednesday 29th March
Easter Discos (YR – Y6)

Friday 21st April
Lolly Friday starts. Every
Friday during summer term

Friday 5th May
Coronation cake stall

Thursday 18th May
Film Night (YR – Y6)

Tuesday 13th June
Father's Day Gift Shop
(Acorns – Y6)

Friday 7th July
Summer Fair (All Welcome)

Monday 17th July
Summer Discos (YR – Y6)
and Leavers BBQ (Y6)

Bags2School – Date TBC but
you can leave your bags all
year round.

PTA Event: Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop



The PTA pop up Mother's day shop will running be on 10th March. Gifts can be purchased for any important female figure in the child's life - mum, step-mum, carer, aunty, grandmother to name but a few. We will collect the children from their classes, let them choose gifts, help them wrap the gifts. All done in plenty time for Mother's day.

As the children in Y6 will be away at Grafham, they will have the opportunity to visit the pop up shop on 13th March instead.

£4.50 will let a child choose a gift for the lucky lady. Please note the gifts available are only for adults.

[Book here](#)

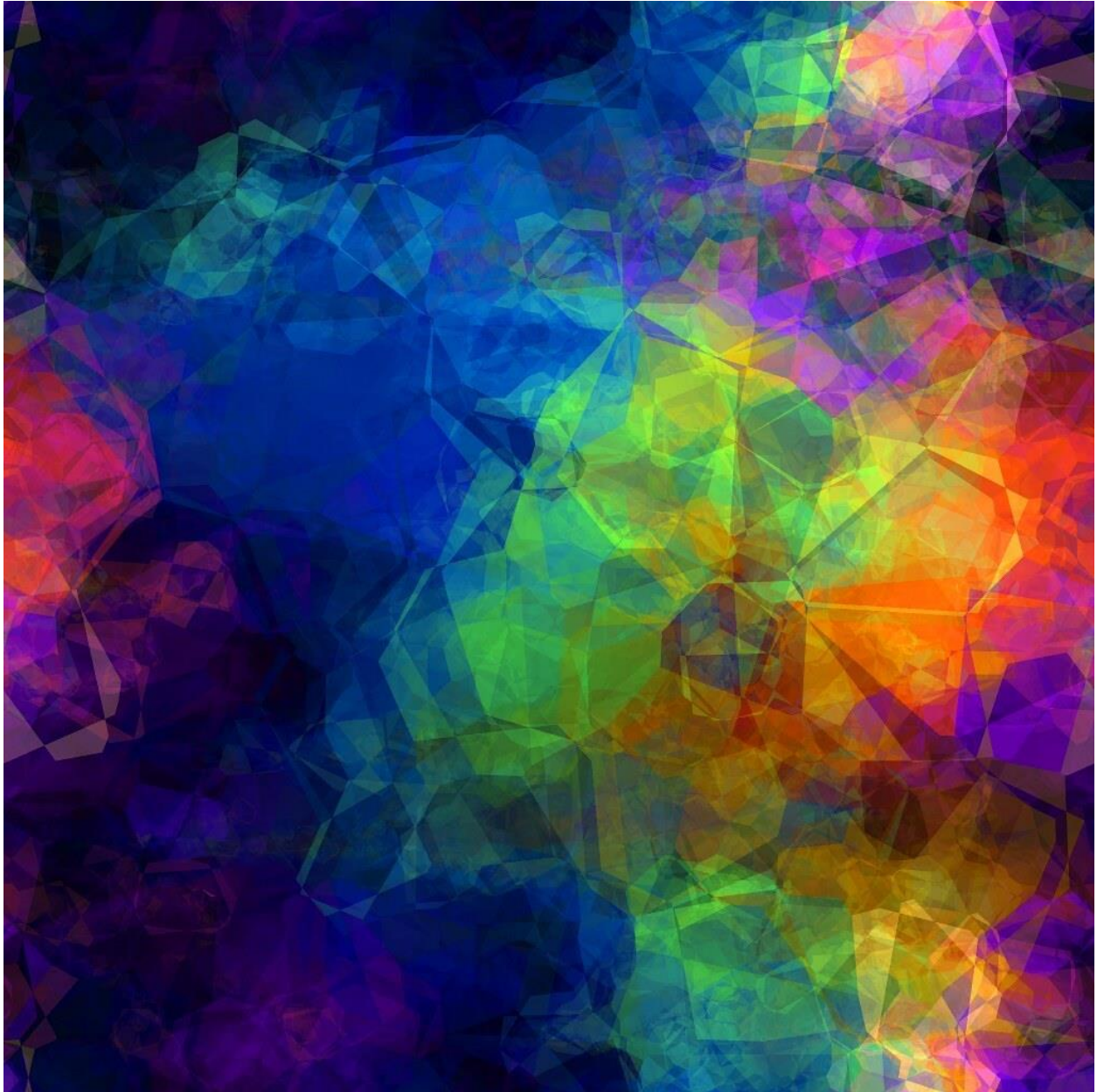
Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

Child Protection involves taking steps to safeguard children and young people at risk of, or suffering from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. It also means protecting children from witnessing Domestic Abuse and Violence as well as supporting families who are in financial or medical difficulties. It is vital that **everyone** takes personal responsibility to look after children, families and friends and report their concerns. If we all watch out for each other then we will ultimately support and protect the future lives of our children.



If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org.

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 2 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5 September - Start of term

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October - Half term

Wednesday 21st December - End of term

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4 January - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 January - Start of term

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February - Half term

Friday 31 March - End of term

Summer term 2023

Monday 17 April - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 18 April - Start of term

Monday 1 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half term

Monday 5 June - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 19 July - End of term

Contact Us



Please get in touch if you have any queries - our office team will be happy to help

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