

BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



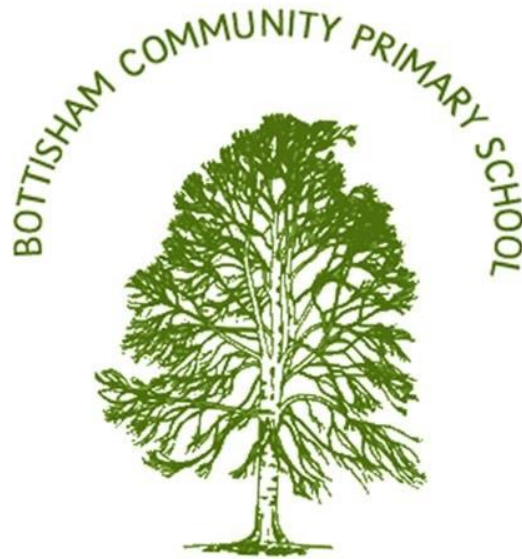
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Welcome to this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter!

Friday 5th May 2023

Headteacher Update



The last two weeks seem to have flown by here in school! It has been lovely to see the children getting stuck into their new topics and we have been especially impressed with some of the writing we have seen across the school - Mrs Walker has been spoiled for choice in choosing a star writer for our celebration assemblies!

This term is always very busy and so do take a look at the key dates calendar below. There are lots of trips planned and adult volunteers are always appreciated - please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help out at all. Finally, as the weather improves (fingers crossed!), please remember to send the children in with a named sunhat and water bottle.

Mrs Johnston

Dates for the Summer Term

Summer Term 2023 Diary Dates

17 th April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
18 th April	Spring term begins
19 th April	Y3/4 Swimming
24 th April	Y5/6 Swimming
25 th April	Y6 NHS Dental Checks
26 th April	Y3/4 Swimming
27 th April	Maple Class Assembly
1 st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
3 rd May	Y3/4 Swimming
5 th May	Coronation Celebration Day
5 th May	PTA Coronation Cake Stall
8 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
9 th – 12 th May	Y6 SATS
11 th May	Y1 Sports Festival @ BVC
15 th May	Y5/6 Swimming
19 th May	Hazel Class Assembly
22 nd May	Y5/6 Swimming
25 th May	Beech Class Assembly
29 th May – 2 nd June	HALF TERM
5 th June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
12 th June	Y5/6 Swimming
13 th June	PTA Father's Day pop-up shop
15 th June	Y3/4 Sport's Festival @ BVC
19 th June	Y5/6 Swimming
21 st June	Y3/4 trip to West Stow
21 st June	YR / Y6 NHS Height & Weight check
22 nd June	KS2 French Theatre company visit
26 th June	Y5/6 Swimming
26 th June	Class allocation 2023/23 shared
28 th June	Y6 production
28 th June	YR Assembly
29 th June	Birch Class Assembly
3 rd / 4 th July	Y6 transition visit to BVC
3 rd July	Class swaps
4 th July	New YR Stay and Play sessions
4 th July	Cedar Class Assembly
6 th July	Whole school art exhibition
7 th July	PTA Summer Fair
7 th July	Pine Class Assembly
11 th July	New YR Teddy Bear's Picnic
13 th July	YR / KS1 Sports Day (am)
14 th July	KS2 Sports Day (am)
17 th July	Reports sent home
17 th July	PTA Disco & Y6 Leaver's BBQ
18 th July	Y6 Afternoon Tea
19 th July	Leaver's Assembly

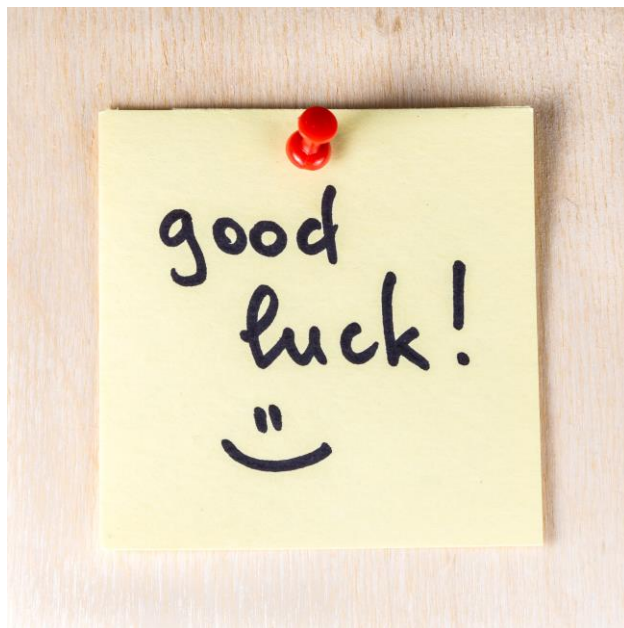
Maple Class Assembly



A huge well done to all the children who took part in Maple Class assembly last week. The children had written the assembly themselves and did a brilliant job of sharing what they have been learning over the year so far. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to watch the assembly and to invite them back to the classroom afterwards to look at the children's written work. A big thank you to Mrs Walker and Mrs Ocepko for their hard work in organising the assembly.

We are looking forward to more class assemblies later this term - please check the list of dates to find out when your child's assembly is scheduled.

Good Luck to Y6



We'd like to wish all the children in Y6 good luck with the SATS which are taking place next week during which the children will sit statutory tests in maths, reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling. We are incredibly proud of our Y6 cohort and all that they have achieved regardless of the outcome of the

tests and know that they have worked hard preparing for next week. We will be starting each morning with our fabulous 'SATs breakfast' event which all the Y6 children are invited to attend. This is a really fun way to start the day and enjoy a lovely breakfast which has kindly been provided by our PTA. There will also be a celebration for all the children to mark the end of the tests on Friday.

Bank Holiday - Monday 8 May



A reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 8 May for the Coronation Bank Holiday.

Themed Menu day - 18th May



If you would like your child/ren to have the Horrible Histories menu on Thursday 18th May, this can be booked via the Innovate portal:

[IFG - Online school meal ordering \(cashlesschool.co.uk\)](https://cashlesschool.co.uk)

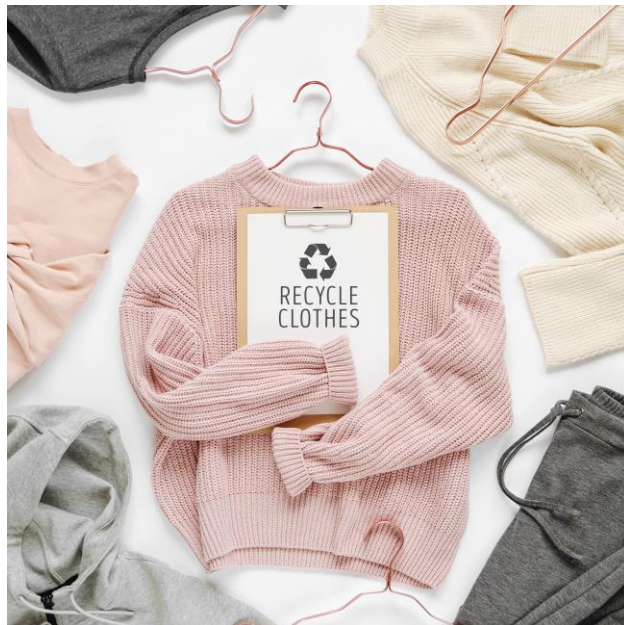
Please note that the final date for booking the meal is midnight on Saturday 13 May

Tadpoles in Reception!



The children in Oak and Ash have been learning about the life cycle of a frog by studying tadpoles from our pond. They have been observing them closely and noting changes in their development before safely releasing the tadpoles back into the pond. We are very lucky to have a super wildlife area with a pond-dipping deck and with the advent of warmer weather, we are looking forward to more classes having the opportunity to visit over the coming months.

Eco Council Uniform Stall



The Eco Council will be running a pre-loved uniform stall at the PTA Coronation Cake Stall on Friday 5th May. All the uniform has been checked, washed and organised by size. It's a great opportunity to pick up a bargain and an environmentally sustainable way to buy uniform. We keep a good selection in stock so please let us know if you are interested in any pre-loved uniform but were unable to make it to the sale.

Linton Children's Book Festival



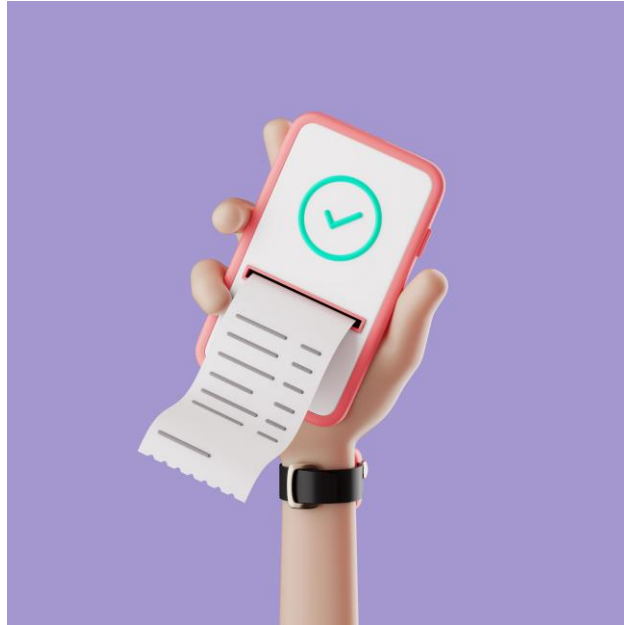
The Linton Children's Book Festival will be taking place on 13 - 14 May.

The big Bookfest weekend will be full of activities for children aged 2 to 12 – talks by authors and illustrators, creative workshops, storytelling, poetry and more. There will also be pre-festival storytelling in local gardens and author visits to the local schools. All events are free of charge and aim to promote creativity and a life-long love of reading.

This year our theme is 'Adventure Starts Now'.

[Find out more](#)

Beat Your Bills - Free Course



East Cambs Child and Family Centra have spaces available on a Free 3-week family budgeting course: Beat your Bills.

Starts Friday 12th May for 3 weeks.

9.30-11.30am

Littleport Child and Family Centre

This course will offer you an opportunity to learn budgeting skills and tips and tricks to make your money go further. You will look at ways to save money on purchases and household services, develop your maths skills to ensure you are in control of your finances and demystify some of the jargon surrounding managing your finances.

During the course you will cover:

- Building your confidence with money
- Using price comparison websites
- Be able to create a realistic budget for your household
- Identify suitable progression opportunities

[ALS Cambridgeshire MUX4M302 Beat Your Bills\) \(cambridgeshireglobal.net\)](https://www.cambridgeshireglobal.net)

To book a place please call 01353 612770 or Cambridgeshire Skills on 01353 613013

Nursery Places - September 2023



Do you have a child who will be three in September 2023?

We currently have some spaces available in our wonderful Nursery Class, Acorns, for September 2023. We are able to offer provision from 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday with the children in Nursery also able to access our wraparound care at the start and end of the day. We accept 30 hour funded childcare places as well as universal 15 hour provision and can offer a mixture of whole days, mornings and afternoons. The children at Acorns have access to a superb Early Years provision which helps develop their independence and learning to prepare them for the transition into school. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office on 01223 811235.

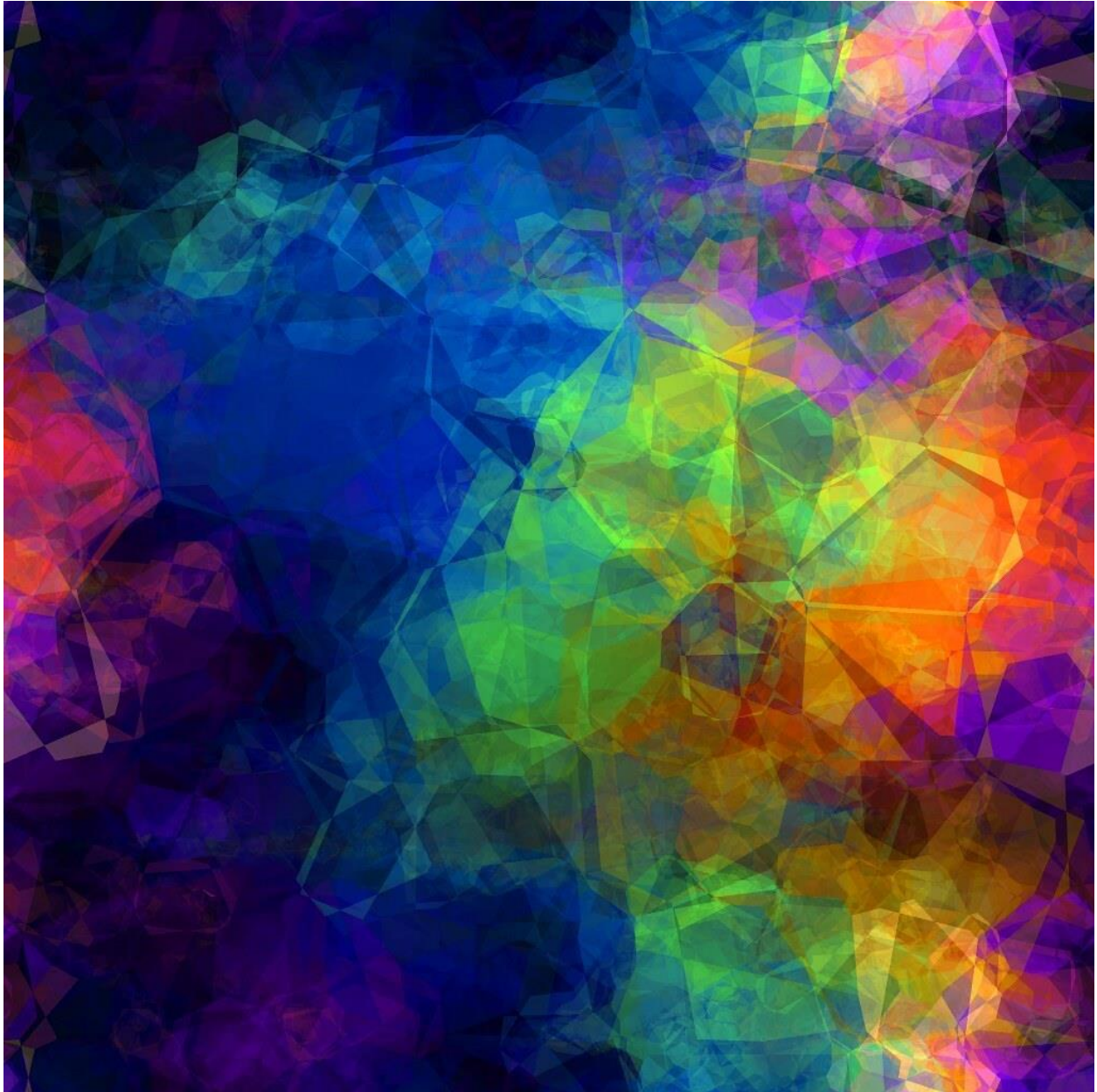
Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

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

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

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