

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024



UPDATE FROM MR ASKEW

We have come to the end of a very long 8 week half term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for their dedication and hard work during this period.

Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to read the letter we shared yesterday, regards further improving our health and safety procedures. I have already received some supportive messages from parents about these measures which is very much appreciated, and I hope that you can support us by having a conversation with your child about these changes.

I would like to finish this update by thanking parents who always park in a considerate way, and quite rightly follow the highway code when it comes to parking safely. Unfortunately, I am still constantly receiving emails from local residents who are becoming understandably frustrated that some cars are parked across their driveways or are on pavements or grass verges. I too have witnessed some parents parking in the bus bays or on the corners of junctions which is a real health and safety hazard putting families at risk as there is less visibility to cross roads, or results in blocking the accessibility drop down curbs. Can I respectfully ask that everyone parks in a considerate and safe way. Please consider setting off a few minutes earlier and be prepared to park a bit further away and walk (park and stride).

I also hope that you all have lovely week with your family, and you get to make a few memories during this break.

BOTTISHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils enjoying a theatre production experience



Anglian Learning presents

PLATFORM 24

an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning
secondary schools and sixth forms

11 - 23 November 2024

Michaelhouse Café, Trinity St,
Cambridge, CB2 1SU

Featuring artwork from:

Bassingbourn Village College


Bottisham Village College

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport and Sixth Form

Linton Village College

The Netherhall School

Sawston Village College



If you are looking to inspire your child with art, you might like to visit a collection of art work created by secondary pupils in our Trust, which is open from 11th November.

Flute and Recorder workshop and concert



Mrs. Dunton will be holding a flute and recorder workshop followed by a concert at Bottisham Village College on Thursday 13th March at 6:00pm.

All Mrs. Dunton's flute and recorder students at Bottisham Community Primary are invited.

Field to Fork project



Potato salad made by Becky in the kitchen with the potatoes planted as part of our Field to Fork project in the summer term. The children harvested them last week.

PTA Events

Event	Date	Time/Location
PTA AGM	30th September 2024	7 pm School hall
Autumn disco	23rd October 2024	5 pm School hall
Christmas fair	6th December 2024	4:30 – 7 pm in School hall
Wreath making	11th December	7 pm School hall
Elfridges	13th December 2024	9 am
Film night	January TBD	3:30 in school hall
Silver Smarties (Acorns to Y4)	Throughout Feb/Mar	Deadline 14 th March 2025
Young Apprentices (Y5 & Y6)	Throughout Feb/Mar	Showcase Friday 7 th March 2025 Deadline 14 th March 2025
Mother's day	20th March 2025	9 am
Easter crafternoon and cakes	4 th April 2025	3:30 - 5:30 in hall
Mr Green Marathon event fancy dress run to coincide	27th April 2025	TBD
Lolly Fridays	From 25 th April 2025	After school on field
Film night	2nd May	After school in hall
Father's day	5th June 2025	9 am
Summer fair/Circus**	Friday 4 th July	Field 5 – 7:30 pm
End of year disco and leavers party	Mon 21st July 2025 (Term ends 23rd July)	5 – 8 pm School hall

School Disco

The pupils had a brilliant evening dancing the night away on Wednesday, and with parents support raised an amazing £700, thank you.

New Clothes and Shoe Donation Station



There is now a place you can bring your old clothes and shoes to be recycled. This will replace bags being left outside the site supervisors house.

Acorn Preschool work



This week in Acorn Preschool Class the children have been learning about Celebrations and making beautiful Diya Lamps and Rangoli Patterns in preparation for Diwali on 1st November.

Class Assemblies Autumn Term



All Year 5/6 assemblies will be in the Autumn term. They will be as follows:

Maple- 7th November,
2.45pm
Sycamore- 12th November
2.45pm

Attendance

This year we have set an ambitious target of 96% for the our overall school attendance for the year. The national benchmark is 95%, and last year our attendance was 94%

Current attendance in each Year Group:

Reception - 94.93 ↑
Year 1 - 97.5
Year 2 - 96.1 ↑
Year 3 - 95.5
Year 4 - 97.4 ↓
Year 5 - 96.1 ↑
Year 6 - 97.7 ↑

Before and After School Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8am – 8:45am	Gymnastics with Premier (Reception – Year 6)		Targets club with Mr Green (Year 1 – Year 6)	Dance and Drama with Premier (Reception – Year 6)	
After School 3:25pm – 4:30pm	Football Club (Year 3 – Year 4)	Dodgeball Club (Year 5 – Year 6)	Netball Club (Year 3 – Year 6)	Forest school club (Year 5 – 6) Multi Sports (Year 1 – Year 2)	

Some changes to this timetable. Choir is on Mondays. After half term Forest school has come to an end for now. There is also a new Arts and Crafts club starting on Wednesdays.

Monday Before school Gymnastics with Premier (R-6) – 10 weeks

Monday 23rd September, Monday 30th September, Monday 7th October, Monday 12th October, Monday 4th November, Monday 11th November, Monday 18th November, Monday 25th November, Monday 2nd December & Monday 9th December

NO CLUB - Monday 21st October

Monday After school Football with Mr Green (3-4) – 11 weeks

Monday 23rd September, Monday 30th September, Monday 7th October, Monday 12th October, Monday 21st October, Monday 4th November, Monday 11th November, Monday 18th November, Monday 25th November, Monday 2nd December & Monday 9th December

Tuesday After school Dodgeball with Mr Green (5-6) – 10 weeks

Tuesday 1st October, Tuesday 8th October, Tuesday 15th October, Tuesday 22nd October, Tuesday 5th November, Tuesday 12th November, Tuesday 19th November, Tuesday 26th November, Tuesday 3rd December & Tuesday 10th December

NO CLUB - Tuesday 24th September – Parents evening

Wednesday Before school Targets with Mr Green (1-2) – 11 weeks

Wednesday 25th September, Wednesday 2nd October, Wednesday 9th October, Wednesday 16th October, Wednesday 23rd October, Wednesday 6th November, Wednesday 13th November, Wednesday 20th November, Wednesday 27th November, Wednesday 4th December & Wednesday 11th December.

Wednesday After school Netball with Mr Green (3-6) – 10 weeks

Wednesday 25th September, Wednesday 2nd October, Wednesday 16th October, Wednesday 23rd October, Wednesday 6th November, Wednesday 13th November, Wednesday 20th November, Wednesday 27th November, Wednesday 4th December & Wednesday 11th December.

NO CLUB - Wednesday 9th October

Thursday Before school Dance and Drama with Premier (R-6) – 11 weeks

Thursday 26th September, Thursday 3rd October, Thursday 10th October, Thursday 17th October, Thursday 24th October, Thursday 7th November, Thursday 14th November, Thursday 21st November, Thursday 28th November, Thursday 5th December & Thursday 12th December.

Thursday After school Multi-Sports with Mr Green (1-2) – 9 weeks

Thursday 3rd October, Thursday 10th October, Thursday 17th October, Thursday 7th November, Thursday 14th November, Thursday 21st November, Thursday 28th November, Thursday 5th December & Thursday 12th December.

NO CLUB - Thursday 26th September – Parents evening

NO CLUB – Thursday 24th October – School Disco

Thursday After school Forest School with Louise Crook (5-6) – 5 weeks

Thursday 26th September, Thursday 3rd October, Thursday 10th October, Thursday 17th October, Thursday 24th October

School Events

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 15th October	Bentley Photographic - Individuals/Siblings
Thursday 17th October	Willow Class Assembly 2.45pm-3.15
Tuesday 22nd October	Vision Screening - Reception Class
Wednesday 23rd October	PTA School Disco - 5pm - 7.30pm
Friday 25th October	Inset Day - School Closed
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term - School Closed
Wednesday 6th November	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 7th November	Maple Class Assembly 2.45pm - 3.15
Tuesday 12th November	Sycamore Class Assembly 2.45pm-3.15
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 18th November	Flu Mop up session
Wednesday 4th December	Year 3/4 History of the Page Day
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	KS Carol Service 6pm-7pm
Thursday 12th December	Reception Sing Along -2:30pm
Tuesday 17th December	Rocksteady Concert - 9.30am - 10.15am
Wednesday/Thursday 18th/19th December	Year 4 Burwell House Trip
Thursday 19th December	Last day of Term

Data Protection

Thank you to parents for completing the data collection sheets regards use of photographs. We will be reminding parents who have not yet completed these forms to do so over the next few weeks. Can we also remind you that you can opt out at any time for your child's photograph to be used by any third party

Safeguarding

We take the Safeguarding of the pupils at Bottisham Community Primary School as our utmost priority. If you have any worries about a young person, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to a member of our designated safeguarding team. Alternatively you can email head@bottishamprimary.org¹