



UPDATE FROM MR ASKEW

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that our Year 6 pupils will be undertaking their Key Stage 2 SATs tests next week.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and positive attitude the children have shown in preparing for these assessments. They have approached their learning with determination, and this is already something worth celebrating.

While the tests are an important milestone, we continually remind the children that they are only one part of their school journey. Their broader achievements, personal growth and the many contributions they make to our school community are equally valued.

We know that a calm and encouraging environment makes a real difference. Your support at home ensuring children feel well-rested, relaxed and reassured is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in helping them do their best.

On behalf of all the staff, and the whole community, I would like to wish each of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck next week. We are confident that they will approach the week with confidence and give it their all.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Askew

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BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY PRIM. SCH. NEWSLETTER

COURAGE, CURIOSITY, COMPASSION, COMMITMENT & RESPECT



**All of our pupils are visiting
the library this term.**

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Acorn Pre-school



We have had a super start to the summer term in Acorns Preschool Class. The new children have settled in very well. We are all very proud of how kind and helpful the older children have been in welcoming them into our class.

At the end of last term, all the children painted a little figure of themselves to create a wonderful paper chain wall display for our classroom. Our "Belonging" wall display reflects our class as a community where we aim to ensure that all children feel welcomed, valued and respected. It also reflects the children's own respect for each other.





Willow Class Pond



Dipping



Today, across the school, we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. All classes used our school grounds to carry out an investigation on living things. Classes also joined an online assembly and took an opportunity to watch some of the amazing programmes on iPlayer that Sir David has narrated over the years.

Below, Willow class enjoyed using their **dichotomous key** to identify pond creatures. They were delighted to find water boatmen, shrimp, pond snails, leeches and wonderfully 1 newt affectionately named Bob.





Bottisham Community Library



This term, classes will be visiting the local library. If the children bring their library card on the day they will be able to borrow a book when they visit. If you haven't already, you can register your child for a library card before their visit to avoid them being disappointed when they visit with their class.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY – Bottisham Village College





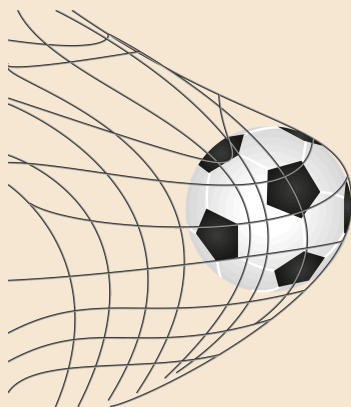
Girls Football Champions

On Wednesday 6th May our Year 5 and 6 girls completed their league fixtures and then competed in the final of the Anglian Learning tournament at Marleigh Academy.

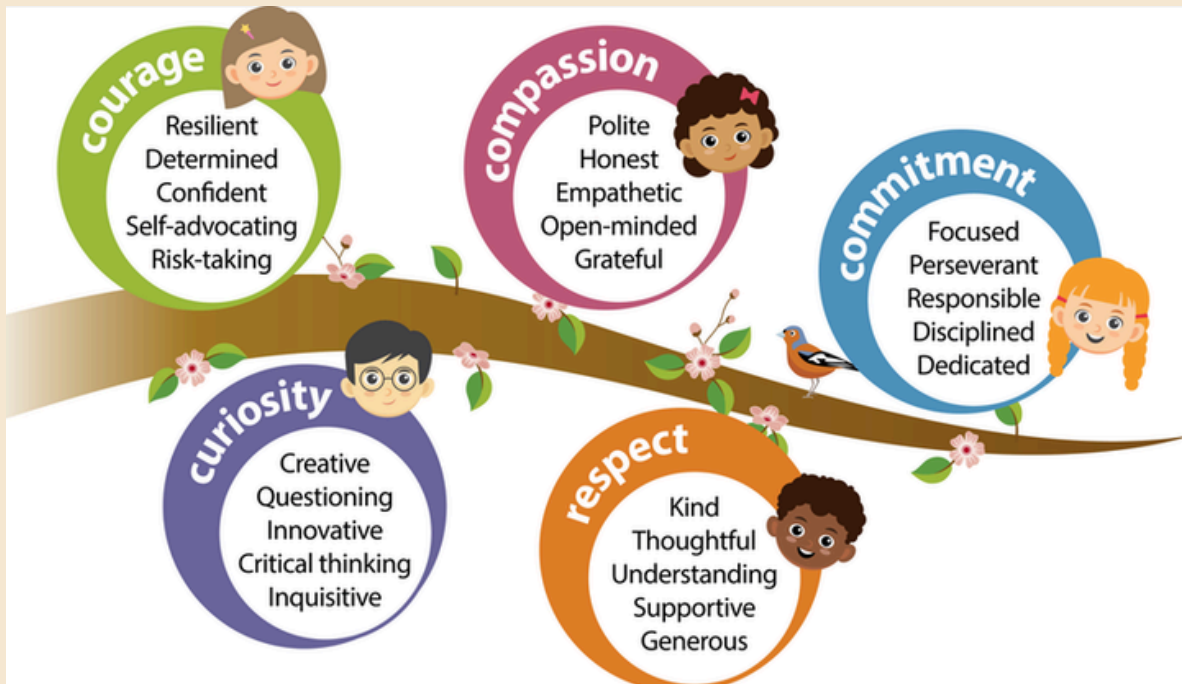
A few weeks earlier, the girls played their first fixture against Stapleford Primary school winning 6 0 at home, before completing the league fixtures in one afternoon against Marleigh, Fen Ditton and Icknield Primary schools.

The girls won all of their fixtures, and then played in the final against the second placed team to hopefully be crowned the overall champions. They competed against Stapleford in the final, and on this occasion, it was a much closer contest with the girls winning 1 0 thanks to Vanessa's winning goal and a crucial defensive tackle by Deivina.

All of the girls displayed a wonderful attitude throughout the games showing sportsmanship for the other teams and a real supportive and kind attitude towards each other.



Our Values and Priorities



Embed a strong values culture across the school

A shared positive and ambitious vision, ethos and culture, based upon the highest expectations of all members of the Bottisham's community.



High quality teaching and learning

Highly effective teaching and learning which enables successful outcomes for all learners
Teaching is inclusive, reflecting high expectations for all pupils, regardless of need or background.



Inclusion – Sense of belonging

An increase in academic engagement and achievement. Pupils have improved self-esteem and better mental health, as well as increased attendance rates for all cohorts.



Additional Areas of Focus

In addition to our 3 main strategic priority areas, we recognise that there are always other areas of school development that require some focus on a **yearly basis**.

Parental controls guides

Activate parental controls to manage children's devices, apps and platforms, to give them safer online experiences.

 FIND A GUIDE

SEE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Activate



The link below will take you to a brilliant website. Parental controls can be used to manage screen time, block inappropriate content, prevent accidental spending, and keep strangers away. Research shows they improve digital wellbeing when used alongside regular conversations about online activities.

[Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)



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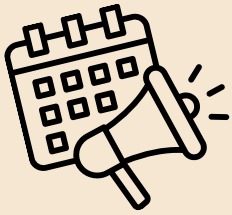
Learn how to set up parental controls and privacy settings on devices, apps, and platforms to help keep your child safe online.

 Internet Matters

School Events

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 15th April	Burwell House Information talk for parents
Friday 17th April	Year 1/2 Multi Skills Festival at BVC
Tuesday 28th April	Year 5 Cross County Maths challenge 4-5:30pm
Wednesday 29th April	Beech Class Assembly 2:30 - 3pm
Monday 11th - 14th May	SATS
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 Netball Comp at BVC
Wednesday 13th May	Red2Green SEN Art Project 1-3pm
Wednesday 20th - 21st May	Year 4 Burwell House Trip
Friday 22nd May	School Closed to Pupils – Teacher Training Day
25th-29th May	Half Term Week
Friday 5th June	Year 3/4 Festival
Thursday 11th June	Year 5/6 Bottisham Cup BVC
Thursday 11 th June 3:30pm	Art Exhibition
Thursday 25th June	Year 3/4 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Monday 29th - Tuesday 30th June	BVC Transition Days
Wednesday 8 th July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
Friday 10th July	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 16th July	End of Year Disco and Year 6 Leavers Party
Friday 17th July	Leavers Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 17th July	Last day of Term

Take note, that KS2 sports day is now on Thursday 9th July



PTA Events

Event	Date	Time/Location
PTA AGM	22 nd September 2025	7 pm online
Autumn disco	22nd October 2025	5 pm School Hall
Christmas fair	5th December 2025	4:30 – 7 pm in School Hall
Elfridges	15th December 2025	9 am in ???
Disney singalong	4 th February 2026	4:30 – 6:30 in school hall
Movie night	4 th March 2026	4:30 – 6:30 in school hall
Easter trail, crafternoon and cakes	20 th March 2026	3:30 - 5:30 in school hall and school field
Lolly Fridays	From 17 th April 2026	After school on field
Break the rules day	1st May 2026	During school day
Summer fair/Circus**	3 rd July 2026	Field 3.45 – 7 pm
End of year disco and leavers party	16 th July 2026	5 – 8 pm School Hall

Attendance

Last year we managed to hit our ambitious target of 96% for our overall school attendance. We wanted to thank you for your support. This meant that our school was in the top 15% of all schools nationally. We would again appreciate your support to maintain these levels as there is a direct link with pupils achieving excellent outcomes and good attendance.



Year Group	Attendance %
R	94.6
1	92.2
2	96.7
3	95.1
4	95.1
5	97.1
6	96.2

Overall attendance is 95.4%

Can we politely remind parents and carers to inform the school office if your child is unwell. Where possible try to avoid being late as this can be very disruptive for the rest of the class and unsettling for your child too. The doors open at 8:50am. Register is taken at 9:00 am

Data Protection

If you have changed address or telephone number or you need us to amend our records please speak to the school office. 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 upmost 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