



This week in school

The children have made an excellent start to the school year. I've spent a lot of time with other school and trust leaders in classrooms over the past two weeks, and we have all been so impressed with the behaviour of pupils. They are keen to learn, listen to their teachers, join in discussions and complete tasks. I also had the pleasure of listening to the school choir on Tuesday evening, and the pupils on the Year 6 residential to Grafham Water look like they are making memories that will last beyond their time at Bottisham.

Some small changes to the start and end of the day routines

In order to ensure that all classrooms are calm and purposeful first thing in the morning, we have decided to make a few changes. The time between 8:50-9:00am is a really important part of the day when teachers can spend time building relationships with pupils, and ensure that the environment children enter is one that sets them up for a successful day.

All class teachers in Key Stage 1 & 2, will now be inside classrooms at the beginning of each day. All teachers will still be available at the end of each day if you need to speak to them.

In Key Stage 1, teaching assistants will be at the cloakroom doors to welcome children and take messages for teachers.

Cherry and Birch will enter through their usual door from the playground into their cloakroom. A member of the senior leadership team, or a member of support staff will be here to welcome pupils and also take messages for the class teachers. Parents can also go to the school office and send a message to the teacher that way.

Elm and Maple should now enter through the doors that lead directly into their classroom from the playground.

Willow will continue to enter straight into the mobile classroom.

At the end of the day, parents and carers should collect pupils from the same door they entered in the morning. All teachers will be on these doors at the end of the day.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Grafham Water

What a brilliant time they had! Children took part in canoeing, high ropes and archery. They also jumped off a huge SUP and climbed up the famous Jacob's ladder, which remained a particular highlight. On their final day, they embarked on a 10 mile bike ride in search of hidden fossils. Their (very tired) teachers reported that the children had demonstrated both excellent team work, and spirit. Everyone back at Bottisham is looking forward to hearing more about their adventures next week. I am sure you will join me in thanking the wonderful staff who volunteered to give up their time to accompany the children on the trip.





Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Monday 21st September, 7pm online: PTA AGM

Tuesday 29th September & Thursday 1st October 3:40pm – 6:30pm: Parents consultations.

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October: Oak Class balance bike training

Tuesday 13th October: School photographer in – individual photographs

Friday 16th October, 9am-10am: Meet the Headteacher session for parents.

Wednesday 21st October, 5-6pm: KS2 Autumn Disco

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October: Half-term

Monday 2nd November: Staff training day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.

Wednesday 4th November, 3:30-4:30pm: KS1 Storytime session.

Friday 27th November: Flu vaccinations take place in school.

Friday 4th December, 4:30-6:30pm: Christmas Fair.

W/B Monday 7th December: Elfridges

Tuesday 8th December at and Wednesday 9th December at 2:15: Year 1 & 2 Nativity

Tuesday 8th December: Rocksteady concert (for parents of pupils in Rocksteady)

Thursday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December, 6-7pm, Holy Trinity Church: School Carol Service.

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January: School opens to pupils for Spring Term.

Please note new dates since last week are in red.

Letters sent out this week

- Parents evening letter
- Secondary School application poster – Year 6
- Primary School application letter
- Update on School Governance
- Class Newsletter and Topic Webs



Bottisham Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

*courage curiosity compassion
commitment respect*

PE

Children should now come dressed in their PE kits on PE days. This is so that pupils can come dressed in the most appropriate kits for the weather that day, and to minimize time wasted getting changed so that pupils have more time enjoying their PE lessons.

Oak: Friday

Hazel: Monday & Friday

Beech: Thursday and Friday

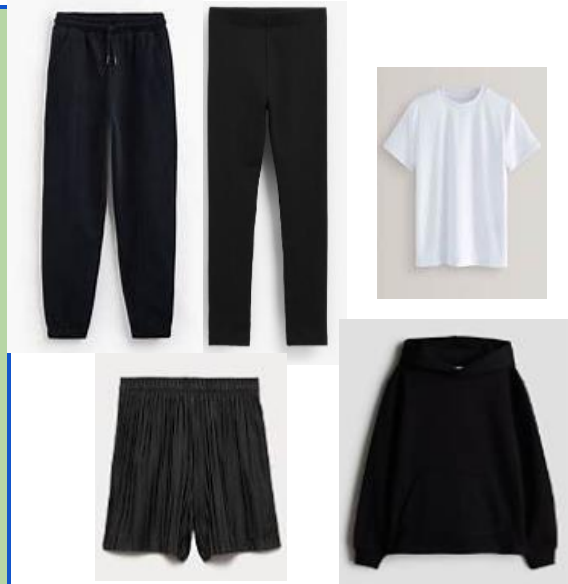
Cherry: Monday & Friday

Birch: Monday & Friday

Elm: Wednesday and Friday

Maple: Tuesday & Thursday

Willow: Tuesday & Thursday



Labelling Uniform

Each year, we end up with a large amount of unclaimed school uniform. To help us return lost items to the right child, please make sure that all coats and jumpers are clearly **named**.

Leadership Team

Head Teacher and Safeguarding Lead: Rebecca Brierley

Assistant Head, KS2 Lead & Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Diana Sands.

Assistant Head, EYFS & KS1 Lead & Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Helen Swift

Curriculum and Teaching and Learning Lead: Clair Palmer

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO): Emily Cridland



Reminder

In order to keep everyone safe, please remind children to disembark bikes and scooters when they enter the school gates.



BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Beechwood Avenue Bottisham CB25 9BE

School Tours for Reception 2027

We would like to invite new and prospective parents and children to visit our happy, caring and stimulating school.

Monday 23rd November 2pm
Tuesday 24th November 10am

Please contact the school office to confirm attendance

office@bottishamprimary.org

01223 811235



Apply now

for a Reception school place for September 2027

If your child
will be aged 4
by **31st August**

You need to
apply **NOW**
for a School
place



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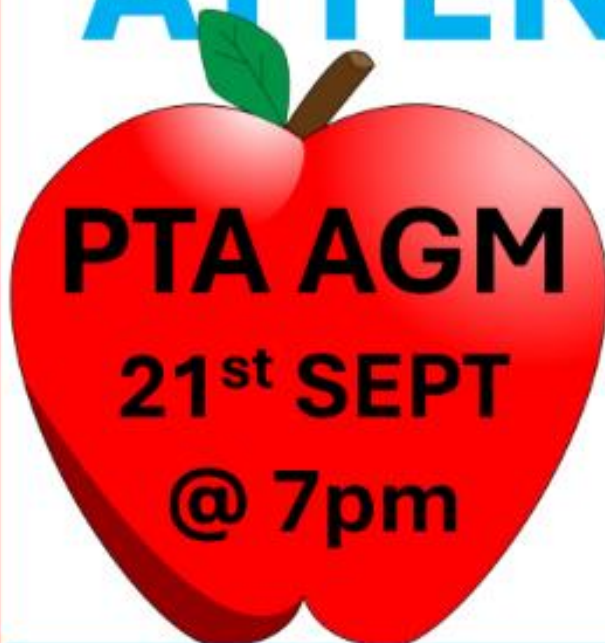
**Apply by
15th January
2027**

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or
email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

ATTENTION!



Join our online AGM to hear our plans for the coming school year and to let us know what you would like to see!



Microsoft Teams meeting

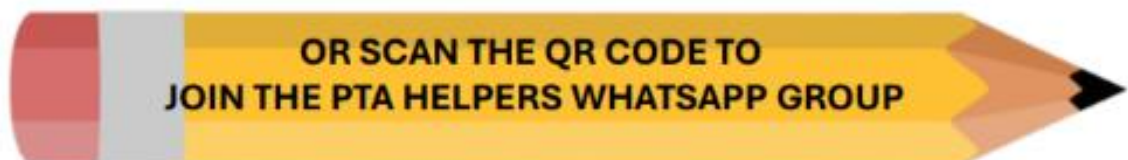
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Meeting ID: 381 221 746 040 435

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JOIN THE PTA!



We need you!

Email us for more information:
bottishamprimarypta@gmail.com

PTA helpers
WhatsApp group



Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to invite parents/carers to our workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for **September – October 2026**.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Supporting your child with angry feelings	Tuesday 29/09/2026 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting your child with angry feelings - EIFA core offer workshop or	
Managing behaviours that challenge	Thursday 01/10/2026 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Managing Behaviours that Challenge - EIFA core offer workshop or	
Supporting your child with sleep	Monday 05/10/2026 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting your child with sleep - EIFA core offer workshop or	
Managing sibling rivalry	Wednesday 07/10/2026 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Managing sibling rivalry - EIFA core offer workshop or	
Digital safety/internet safety	Tuesday 13/10/2026 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Digital safety/internet safety - EIFA core offer workshop or	
Supporting your child with feelings of worry	Thursday 15/10/2026 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting your child with feelings of worry - EIFA core offer workshop or	
Supporting your child with angry feelings	Tuesday 20/10/2026 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting your child with angry feelings - EIFA core offer workshop or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER



Bottisham Village College
Achievement through Inspiring, Caring, Enriching



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