



Courage **Curiosity** **Compassion** **Commitment** **Respect**

Bottisham Community Primary School

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer. We would like to welcome your child (and you!) to year 4/5. We have enjoyed getting to know your children as they've settled in. Our topic this term is **'The Victorians'** with a specific focus on this period as a turning point in British history. We will be learning about the rapid growth of industry, the beginnings of the railways the poor/rich divide and what it would have been like as a child during the times.

Structures and Routines

Your child has two teachers this year:

Mrs Ociepko (Monday to Wednesday)

Miss Durrant (Monday 1st lesson, Thursday and Friday)



Please note that:

- Classroom doors open at 8:50am and registration begins promptly at 9:00am. During that 10 minutes morning work is set up for the children to completed as they arrive, so they should be in class at that time.
- The school day ends at 3:25pm. Your child will be released once we have seen who is collecting them, so please be visible near the exit door. Uncollected children will wait in the office after 3:30pm.
- Lunchtime starts at 12:00 and the afternoon session starts at 1:00pm.

Supporting Your Child's Routine

A smooth transition back to school can be helped with consistent meal, bedtime and reading routines. At school, we will provide children with structured daily timetables. Children need a **named** water bottle, **healthy** snack for breaktime, **full PE kit** (see below) and **every piece of uniform named**. We would like to reduce the amount of lost property we quickly accumulate each term! They do not need a pencil case or indoor shoes. Pencil cases/pots, with all the equipment they need have been provided. If they would like to bring in their own colouring pencils and pens, these should be in a small case that will stay in their drawers until needed.

Homework

Homework will be assigned on Fridays and is due the following Thursday, so that we are able to check any misconceptions. Each child will receive a homework book and necessary worksheets, along with answers (on google classroom) for self-marking. Teachers will provide verbal feedback on the completed work if needed. A HP will be awarded for completion of homework.

- Expect 20-30 minutes each for English, Spelling and Maths.
- If your child hasn't finished in that time but has worked hard, please send a note. We understand that life can sometime be busy!

Google Classroom

We use Google Classroom for messages, reminders, documents and celebrating achievements. Please get into the habit of checking it regularly. Homework will be posted here if any homework sheets get lost and/or you need to ask a question about the tasks.

PE Days and Kit





Your child will now come **into school in their PE kits** rather than changing within school. This is to maximise the time children get doing PE. Mrs Brierley will explain more in her newsletter surrounding this decision.

For the PE days, we suggest the following for indoor and outdoor PE:

- Indoor PE: White t-shirt and black/navy shorts (you may wish to wear the outdoor jogging bottoms and jumper for the rest of the day too)
- Outdoor PE: Black/navy jogging bottoms, black/navy jumper and trainers

Long hair should be tied back, and jewellery (including earrings) must be removed before PE.

PE Days:

- Elm class PE sessions: **Wednesday** afternoon (outdoor PE) and **Friday** afternoon (indoor PE).

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place in person on the **29th of September** and **1st of October**. Please look out for booking details from the office soon.

We are hoping to organise various events throughout the year, and information will be sent home as soon as these are arranged. This will include a class assembly.

We are looking forward to the year ahead!

Kind regards,
Mrs Ociepkó and Ms Durrant

School Term Dates and Holiday Dates for the 2026/2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Professional Training Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Professional Training Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	School Open to Students
Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Professional Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	School Open to Students
Friday 18 th December 2026	Last day of term for pupils

