Bottisham Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

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This Week in School

We have finally made it to the end of a very long half-term. Whilst we may all be quite tried, in true Bottisham-style the staff and children have pushed on through and finished on a high. It has been a week of dancing at the Key Stage 2 Halloween disco, running in near torrential rain for the cross-country team, pumpkin sales and Harvest Festival deliveries. Thank you, once again, for such a warm welcome to the school – I have loved joining your community.

Thank you to Darragh and his Year 6 team for selling pumpkins. They raised £74 for new playground equipment.

Thank you for the Harvest Festival donations. They were delivered by Mrs Palmer and Mrs Morrison to Cambridge Food Bank.

Thank you to the PTA for arranging the Halloween Disco for KS2. Much fun was had by all. Ms Brierley's favourite part was watching Ms Cridland on the dance floor. Unfortunately, she didn't win the dance competition.

Cross Country

Well done to our cross-country runners who spent a rather wet and soggy afternoon running around a field against five other schools in the Anglian Learning Trust. There was so many displays of resilience and respect. The teams cheered for their runners as they came back from the race! Bottisham placed 3rd overall, with the Year 6 children being the Year 6 Team winners! Well done to: Bella R C, Ellis M, Ralph P, Matilda M, Theo I W, Jamie W, Savannah P, Lydia H, Natan S, Nathan M, Cecelia R C & Jessica H.

A special mention also to Bobby and Erin in Year 4 and Mia and Findlay H in Year 3. They would also have qualified to compete if we had been able to take a slightly bigger team – they deserve recognition for the hard work put into the try-out.

Attendance – Thank you

Thank you to all parents and carers, who have brought their children into school regularly and on time. Thank you also to those parents and carers who have managed to improve their child's attendance – we recognise that success does not look the same for everyone. Finally, a special thank you to the parents andcarers, whose children find it hard to come into school sometimes. We know how much effort the mornings take for you, and we really value your engagement with the school and working together.

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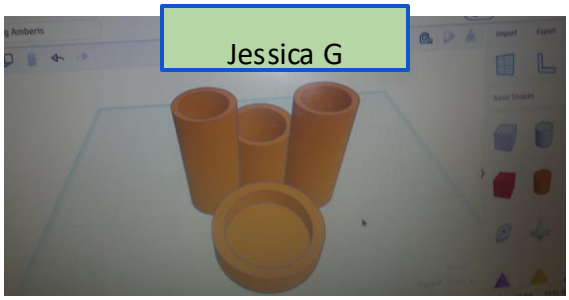
Much learning has taken place across the whole school this half-term, and we are all very proud of how well each pupil has engaged with the range of subjects. Classrooms are always busy and purposeful, with children often showing great enthusiasm to talk about what they are learning. Here is a snapshot of the range of learning that has taken place from Pre-school to Year 6.

Birch

Birch class have been getting creative! After studying the colourful and distinctive work of Clarice Cliff, the children had the exciting opportunity to design their own pots. With the guidance and support of Mrs Spurr, they experimented with bold patterns, shapes and colours to produce some wonderfully individual designs. We were really impressed by their creativity and enthusiasm!

Matylda S



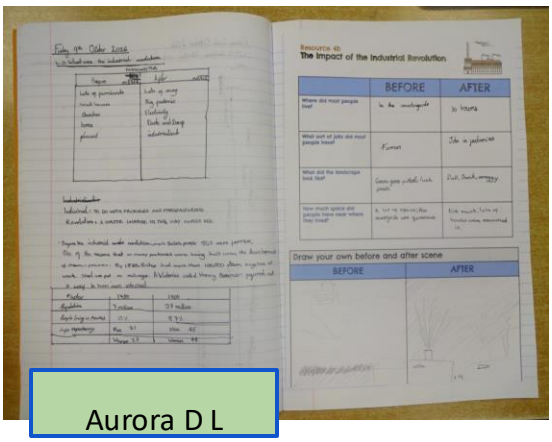
Jessica G

Willow

In Computing this half term, Willow Class has been creating 3D models using a website called Tinkercad. Here is Jessica G's work, which demonstrates how she created a hole in a 3D cylinder to make a pencil pot. Her model also shows how different dimensions and heights can be used to create levels within a 3D design. Jessica has successfully applied key digital design skills to create an accurate and purposeful model.

Maple

In History this half term, Maple Class has been learning about the Victorians. Here is Aurora D L's fantastic work, which shows how the Industrial Revolution changed Britain and helped it become one of the first countries in the world to industrialise. We also explored how the city of Manchester grew and developed over a period of 110 years, highlighting the significant impact of industrialisation on people's lives.



Aurora D L

Elm Class

Elsie, Olivia, Lylah Faith and Sophie working on their William Morris inspired prints in Elm Class.

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Hazel

We have been studying the work of the artist Andy Goldsworthy and we have made our own Environmental Sculptures.

Kaltrona S

Beech

The children in Beech Class showed creativity and perseverance in this half-term's 'Play Project' session. Using the 'Make', 'Build', 'Draw' and 'Message' stations, they let their imaginations run wild with the resources on offer. It was lovely seeing the children's projects evolve as they solved problems and saw opportunities to expand on their initial ideas.

As an example of some of the projects, Callum made a swinging Minecraft bell, Rosie made a sailing boat for her guinea pig, Teddy made a digger with a moving arm, caterpillar wheels and a cab that opened and Benjamin made a snake with a flexible body and opening jaws

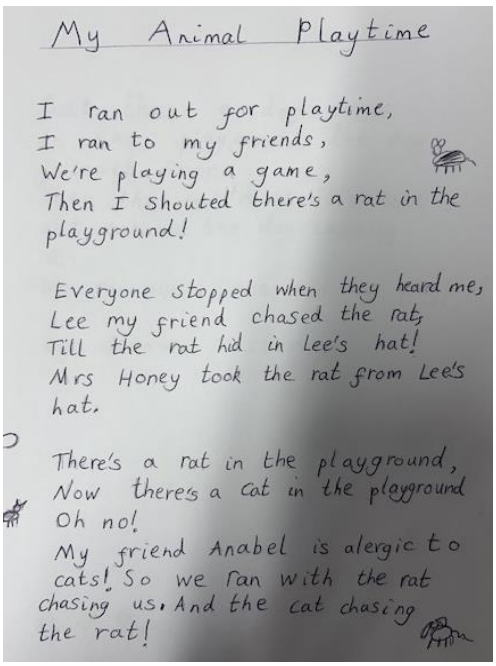
Teddy S

Acorns

This half term Acorns Preschool Class have been learning about Colours and Harvest. In our Colours topic we have identified colours, explored colour mixing and learned how colours can have meaning. In our Harvest topic we have been thinking about how important it is to be thankful for the hard work that farmers do to grow the wonderful food that we eat. To end the half term we combined our topics to create some super Pumpkin Patch Paintings.

Lidia S

Poem by Sienna M from Cherry Class



My Animal Playtime

I ran out for playtime,
I ran to my friends,
We're playing a game,
Then I shouted there's a rat in the playground!

Everyone stopped when they heard me,
Lee my friend chased the rat,
Till the rat hid in Lee's hat!
Mrs Honey took the rat from Lee's hat.

There's a rat in the playground,
Now there's a cat in the playground
Oh no!
My friend Anabel is alergic to cats! So we ran with the rat chasing us. And the cat chasing the rat!

Oak

This week Oak Class have been looking at signs of Autumn. We went on a walk around the school grounds, looking closely at the changing colour of the leaves, collecting conkers and pinecones, as well as learning about animals that are getting ready to hibernate at this time of year. Back in the classroom we used the conkers and pinecones to make repeating patterns and ordered them by size.

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Key Dates for the Autumn Term

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. Please see the PTA flyer on the next page for bookings.
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 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: Christmas Craft Afternoon – Oak Class
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.

Reception and KS1 Storytime

Bonfire Night & Diwali

Wednesday 4th November
3:30 - 4:30

£5 per child

- Stories
- Singing
- Snack
- Science experiments
- Crafts

Make your own edible sparkler (bread stick)!

Book your place here:
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/bottisham-pta/?event=event&eventId=125458

WILD @art

Art and Craft After School Club

Year 1-6

Bottisham Primary School

Wednesdays

3:30 to 4:30pm

£9.50 per session

Bookable in blocks only

Bookings: wildatartworkshops.com - "Book a club"

For queries: victoria.wildatart@gmail.com

For exact running dates please see booking platform

Wild at art workshops

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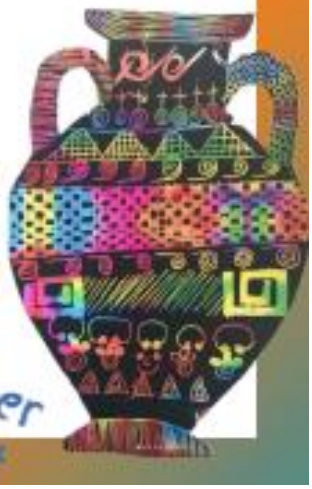
Mosaic Painting Collage Clay Printing Paper Craft



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NEXT TERM

SNEAK PEEK!

Balloon Rainy Day Craft

Christmas Pebble Craft

Exploring the artist Salvador Dali and his amazing elephants!

Pop Up Autumn Scenes

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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Rangoli patterns
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Poo Trail

Wednesday 28th October - Sunday 1st November

Why not come and get HANDS-ON with all things poo related?

- Find a poo
- Identify the poo
- Touch - yes - touch the poo!

HALLOWEEN CRAFT DROP-IN

Friday 30th October
10.30am - 3.00pm

Make your own spooky crafts.
Spooky costumes welcome!

Suitable for all ages. Booking not necessary. Free with normal museum admission.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for November.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form. If you don't receive the booking link, please check your spam/junk folder. A reminder email will also be sent to you an hour before the workshop.

Managing Challenging Behaviour	Tuesday, 10 November 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Managing Challenging Behaviour or
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Thursday, 12 November 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting with Angry Feelings or
Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 17 November 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting Your Child with Sleep or
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Thursday, 19 November 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting with Feelings of Worry or
Managing Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 24 November 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Managing Sibling Rivalry or
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Thursday 26 November 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting with Angry Feelings or

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

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Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday, 1 December 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry or
Managing Challenging Behaviour	Thursday, 3 December 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Managing Challenging Behaviour or
Managing Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 8 December 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Managing Sibling Rivalry or
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Dear Parent/Carer

October Half Term Music Workshop

Summary of Actions	**Deadline**
October Half Term Music Workshop: 10am to 4pm, Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 October Online sign-up and further information https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/yRMRbADnDh	Closing dates for applications: Wednesday 21 Oct 2026

In September 2024 we launched the brand new Bottisham Music Centre (BMC) based at Bottisham Village College. BMC is open to all budding musicians currently in school years 3-7. Our holiday workshops cater for all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced musicians, and we are pleased to announce that booking is now available for our October half-term course (Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 October).

This is a 2-day course in which students will take part in workshop sessions that will develop a wide range of music making skills and provide opportunities to learn and perform with other young musicians. Many of our groups cater for complete beginners, whilst others require some experience. Our balanced programme ensures that we are able cater for everyone. The workshop will culminate in a performance to family and friends to showcase our work at the end of the second day.

The following sessions are available. Choose **one** activity from each group:

Group A
- **Rock School** (Keyboard, Guitar/Ukulele, Bass, Drums): Work on playing a popular song to perform alongside Rock choir
- **Rock Choir**: Sing as a group with our Rock School band

Group B
- **Improver Bass**: For those with experience or tried previous bass tasters – 3 spaces
- **Tuned Percussion**: Learn to play melodic parts using a range of tuned percussion instruments eg Glockenspiels, Chime bars or Boomwhackers
- **Rhythm Bounce**: Making rhythm patterns using bouncing balls – 12 spaces
- **Bucket Drumming**: Learning drumming patterns using upturned buckets
- **Solo Singing**: Sing a solo line or two in a group song – 9 spaces

Group C
- **Beginner Bass**: For those new to bass guitar – 4 spaces
- **Beginner Keyboards**: For complete beginners or recently started – 12 spaces
- **Orchestra:** For players of brass, strings, woodwind or percussion.
- **Samba Drumming**: Rhythmic patterns and movement using drums and percussion
- **Harmony Choir**: Learn to sing in parts or learn simple harmonies

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Group D

- **Improver Bass**: For those with experience or tried previous bass tasters – 3 spaces
- **Improver Keyboards**: Group keyboard session. Min 6 months experience required
- **Djembe Drumming**: Group African drumming patterns
- **Body Percussion:** Body beats and movement patterns
- **Beginner Recorder**: Instruments will be provided
- **Musical Theatre Choir**: Sing songs from your favourite musicals

Please note that some of our groups have a limited capacity and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All groups are subject to change depending on numbers.

Important information:

When: Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th October 2026

Time: 10.00am-4.00pm (with Parent concert at 3.15pm on Tuesday 27th October)

Where: Music Department, Bottisham Village College, Lode Road, Bottisham CB25 9DL

Who: All aspiring & experienced musicians, currently in Years 3-7

How to sign up: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/yRMRbADnDh

Total cost for 2-day workshop: £70 per child, Sibling discount: £120 for 2 children from the same family

Online Payment:

Account Name:	Anglian learning t/a Bottisham village college
Account Number:	43596184
Sort Code:	201768
Reference:	BVCMS, followed by Child's First Initial & Child's Surname

For further information or questions, please contact Mrs Emma Andrews
BMC@bottishamvc.org

Yours sincerely,
Mrs E Andrews
Centre Manager
Bottisham Music Centre

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Bottisham Primary Community School

AUT 1: Starts w/c 7th September, Finishes w/c 19th October

AUT 2: Starts w/c 2nd November, Finishes w/c 14th December

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Monday	Dodgeball	Y3 - 6	15:30 - 16:30	£6 per session
Thursday	Performing Arts	Y1 - 6	08:00 - 08:45	£6 per session
Thursday	Cricket	Y1 - 6	15:30 - 16:30	£6 per session
Friday	Nerf	Y1 - 4	15:30 - 16:30	£6 per session

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