Bottisham Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

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This Week in School

It has been particularly wonderful to see the improvements made by staff to the Key Stage 2 playtime provision this week. It was a hive of activity when I went outside yesterday lunchtime with multiple ball games being facilitated (shooting hoops, four square, netball, skittles and table tennis). There were also lots of skipping ropes being used and other imaginative play taking place. Next week a music area will be introduced. The behaviour of all pupils was excellent, as they followed the rules of the competitive games and took turns with equipment. The Play Team already have plans to improve Key Stage 1 playtimes next.

Anglian Learning Sporting Alliance

Congratulations to the pupils across Key Stage 2, who took part in a Pentathlon at Marleigh Primary School last week. They competed against five schools from the trust and did Bottisham proud. They demonstrated excellent team spirt, hard work and resilience.

Reading Display

Please see Ms Brierley's poster about, artwork for the entrance reading display, on page 4 of the newsletter.

School Council Christmas Fair Stall

School Council are asking parents and carers for small toy donations for the Christmas Fair. The toys will then be wrapped up by School Council to help raise money for the school. Please send donations in to class teachers by Friday 4th December. Many thanks.
Mrs Childs and School Council.





For their English learning, Maple and Willow recently visited some local horses to gather inspiration for their writing. During the visit, they sketched the horses and explored powerful noun phrases that would help bring their descriptions to life and make their writing really stand out!

PTA News

Please look at the PTA newsletter sent out earlier this week. It contains a lot of useful information about up-and-coming events, particularly as we begin to prepare for the Christmas season. It also has some ways that you can help raise money for the school – some of which won't cost you a penny! I would particularly like to draw your attention to Easy Fundraising.

Learning in Beech Class.

Science - Absorbent Materials



Year 2 have enjoyed carrying out experiments in our science unit about materials! We investigated a big spill in the kitchen and helped decide which material would be best for cleaning it up.

We learned about **absorbent** and **non-absorbent** materials, then carried out a fair test by giving different materials 30 seconds to absorb a measured amount of water. Afterwards, we carefully measured how much water was left.

We discovered that some materials are much more absorbent than others and discussed which would be most useful for mopping up spills. We were fantastic scientists, making predictions, carrying out tests and recording our results.



Robin's artwork.

Art – Andy Goldsworthy

This term, the children in Beech Class have learnt about the landscape artist, Andy Goldsworthy. We experimented with using natural and found materials to create our own artwork. The children explored repeating patterns and using lines and shapes to create interesting final pieces.





Teddy and Maks' creation.

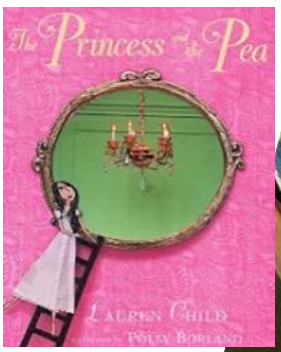


Colby and Aoife's sculpture.



English - Traditional Tales

As part of our traditional tales unit, we have been enjoying The Princess and the Pea in Year 2. During our exciting experience day, we set out to discover who was secretly a prince or princess! The Queen of Fairyland challenged us to show our royal manners, solve problems around the kingdom and demonstrate the graceful walk of true royalty. The final test was the trickiest of all: who was sensitive enough to feel a tiny pea hidden beneath a pile of blankets on the royal bed? We had great fun putting our royal qualities to the test!





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Key Dates for the Autumn Term

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.
Wednesday 16th December – Choir visiting Queens Court Residential Care Home.
Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January: School opens to pupils for Spring Term.

Letters Sent out this Week

- PTA Newsletter
- Payment reminder for Victorian Day – Birch, Elm, Maple & Willow
- Acorns and Reception Tour Reminder
- Readers for Care home – Selected students
- Parent Helper request for History off the page

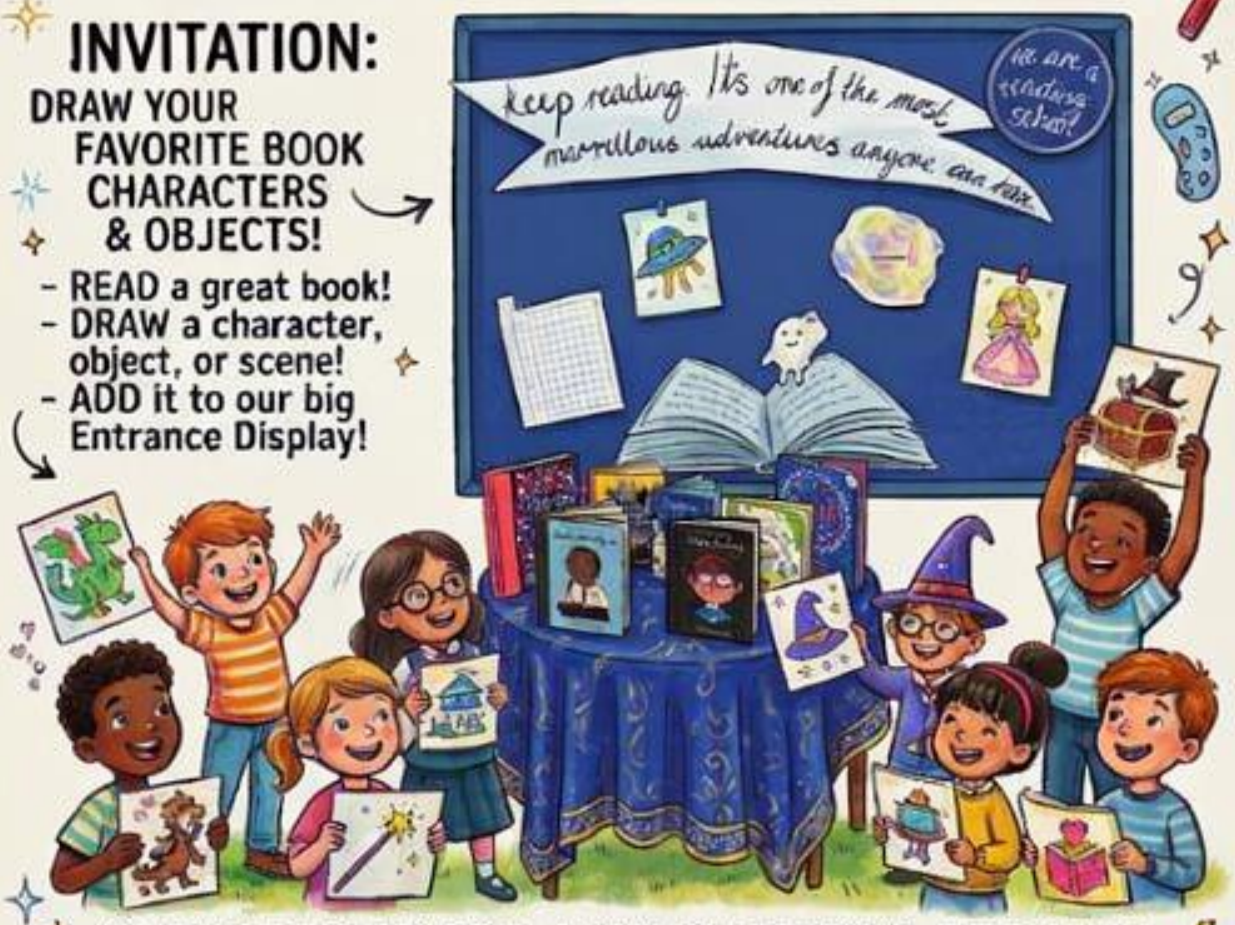
CALLING ALL BOTTISHAM ARTISTS!

DECORATE OUR READING DISPLAY!

INVITATION:

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTERS & OBJECTS!

- READ a great book!
- DRAW a character, object, or scene!
- ADD it to our big Entrance Display!



SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK BY FRIDAY, DEC 11th!

Include your Name & Class on the back!

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DOXING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Doxing, or 'doxxing' (short for 'dropping documents'), is when someone's personal information is shared without their consent. This could include their phone number, home address, place of work or study, or sensitive information about their family, health, or other private matters. According to Ofcom, 5% of UK 13- to 17-year-olds say they've seen or experienced doxing online. It's often a malicious act and, depending on the circumstances, may be a crime.

REPEAT OR MULTIPLE ATTACKS

Doxing is rarely a one-off incident. Information may be shared across multiple sites or groups, meaning an instance of doxing can escalate quickly. Some victims experience targeted, coordinated campaigns instigated by several people at once, which can feel overwhelming. Even when the information is successfully removed from online platforms, it may reappear on different accounts or sites, making it difficult to escape repeated harassment.

CAMPAIGNS OF CONTROL

Doxing, or the threat of it, can be used to manipulate and control victims. It's a known tactic used by cybercriminals to exploit young people online and can also be used to punish or control victims of domestic abuse. Blackmail, threats, harassment, stalking, and coercive control can constitute criminal offences, so incidents may need to be reported to the police.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS

Doxing is linked to mental health risks, including stress, depression, and anxiety. Having sensitive personal information exposed online can feel violating, leaving victims feeling powerless. Doxing can also be seen as an 'invitation' for others to harass or 'pile on' to a target, making them feel increasingly vulnerable. Victims may need support and safe spaces to discuss the impact of a doxing campaign on their wellbeing.

UNEQUAL IMPACTS

Doxing can disproportionately affect those who are already marginalised, including women and girls, racially minoritised groups, LGBTQ+ people, those with disabilities or health conditions, and people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds. While anyone can be a victim, research shows that women are more likely to experience image-based or sexualised harassment and online 'mobbing' alongside doxing. One study found that 10% of young women aged 16 to 24 reported being doxed.

OFFLINE RISKS

When doxing reveals someone's location or address, it can put them at risk of offline harm or harassment. Victims may face vandalism, unwanted contact from strangers, being recorded or followed, or receiving items they did not ask for. Others living with them, such as family members, may also be at risk. Limiting the personal information available online can help reduce exposure, while harassment can be reported to the police.

CRIMINAL CONSEQUENCES

There are risks for those who take part in doxing, too. Under UK law, teenagers have been prosecuted for targeting other young people online. 'Swatting', which involves making false emergency reports to trigger an armed police response, is also linked to doxing and can be a criminal offence. Hacking into others' online accounts is illegal, too. Young people need to understand what constitutes a crime online and where to seek advice.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KNOW THE LAW

Doxing sometimes overlaps with criminal offences, including hacking, harassment, stalking, threats, coercive control, exploitation, blackmail, and image-based abuse. Depending on the circumstances, some victims may also have grounds to bring legal action against the misuse of their private information. Make sure that young people understand the potential legal consequences, both as victims and perpetrators, and contact the police about any suspected criminal activity.

ACT SWIFTLY

If a child or young person has experienced doxing, take it seriously and act quickly. Keep a record of the posts and accounts involved, report the doxing content to the platform, and consider whether temporarily limiting account activity could help. Seek advice from online safety organisations such as Internet Matters or CEOP and report any criminal activity to the police. In educational settings, follow safeguarding procedures. Signpost young people to Childline or The Mix for confidential support.

EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Talk through the various digital privacy and security settings available online with young people. Show them how to make their accounts private, limit who can see their posts or contact them, and manage any location sharing settings. Encourage them to review these settings regularly, particularly when joining new platforms, to help them stay in control of their personal information and reduce the risk of being doxed.

TALK INFORMATION SECURITY

Doxing becomes easier when a person's information security is weaker. Ask young people what might be unsafe or compromise their privacy when posting content publicly online. Parents and educators should likewise be cautious about what they share and should try to model good cybersecurity habits, such as updating their passwords and using two-factor authentication.

Meet Our Expert



Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in media law, online safety and young people. Her PhD investigates youth understandings of criminal and legal risks in a digital context. She works in schools to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations of rapidly advancing technologies.

See full reference list on our website

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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

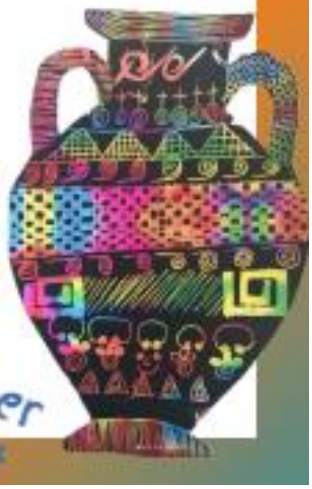
For exact running dates please see booking platform

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AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

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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EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL...

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Gymnastics	Y1 - 6	08:00 - 08:45	£6 per session
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

Premier Education is the UK's No. 1 provider of sport and physical activity to primary schools, improving children's health and wellbeing through active learning every day!

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running the above listed clubs at your school this term for boys and girls of all abilities. Full details are available on our website.

To book, please follow these simple steps:

1. visit www.premier-education.com
2. search your postcode in 'book a course'
3. select your school and click BOOK NOW
4. complete your details and receive email confirmation of your booking.

Please note booking remains open throughout the duration of the course, the price will adjust on the payment page! If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, the payment can be paid for by the school. If your family circumstances have changed since being awarded the Pupil Premium grant and you feel you could make a contribution or pay the full payment, it would be very much appreciated.

Any questions email info@premier-education.com

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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

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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
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Thursday, 10 December 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Supporting with Angry Feelings or

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