



## **Bampton CofE Primary School**

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to those parents who were able to attend the Open Afternoon, Parent Workshops and the Parent Forum. We are trying to find a way to share the slides from the Parent Workshops on our website, for those who were not able to make it.

I was very proud to show the CEO and the Operations Manager from ACE, around the school last week. They were very impressed with the children and our amazing grounds and the CEO's parting comment was 'this is just the sort of school I would like to be a headteacher of'. I completely agreed with her!

Squirrel Class had an exciting visit from Tiverton Library last week, learning about schools in the past and experiencing what it was like to attend school in the Victorian times. There was a real buzz to their learning and it was great to see them so engaged.

The whole school had a visit to the Library Van last week as well. The children absolutely love these visits and the opportunity it gives them to choose new books to read and share. We want to foster this love of reading which can take them to places beyond their own imagination in such a magical way as well as providing them with a knowledge and understanding of the world around them that they may not yet have experienced. It can also support their own writing through the rich and varied vocabulary and sentence structures that they automatically adopt when reading a wide and varied range of books.

Many thanks to parents who were able to take some of the year 6 children to the Dulverton Literary Festival to listen to Lauren Child (author of the Clarice Bean and Charlie and Lola books) speak about how she overcame her dyslexia to become a renowned author. The feedback from the children was wonderful.

The official Bampton Christmas Lights On is tonight and with that Christmas has officially started! Tonight, the PTFA will be running the Christmas Fair in the Community Hall from 3.00 to 6.00pm (see poster at the end of this letter). Many thanks to Anna and the team as always for their hard work to raise funds for the school. They will be selling the children's crafts at the Fair as well as hosting some external stall holders.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman  
Head teacher

Attendance up until Thursday 28.11.25. Please note the Trust target is 97% attendance.

Whole school:96.7%

Hedgehog-96.%

Squirrels - 97%

Fox - 98%

Stag -95%

After School clubs - 2nd half of Autumn term

There is a paid after school club every night which will run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. In addition to this below is a list of clubs run by Teachers from 3.30pm until 4.40pm. These clubs are subject to change at any point depending on staff illness or training.

Monday - Cuppa Club (yr 6) - Mr Narramore

Tuesday -Football Fun Factory Club - KS1

Wednesday - Sewing Clubs KS2 - Miss Johnstone and Mrs Newman (children in KS1 requiring after school club may attend)

Thursday -- Recorder Club KS1 and 2 Mr McCutcheon

Friday - Woodland Club -Mrs Newman, Chess Club KS2 Mr Narramore

## Dates for your Diary:

Friday 28th November - Christmas Fair and Lights On 3-6 Community Hall

Thursday 4th December - Nativity and Christmas concert in the Church 2.00pm

Friday 5th December - Exmoor Game School KS1

Friday 5th December - School Christmas Disco (PTFA) 4.30 - 5.30pm

Monday 8th - Friday 12th December - Care Home Visits

Friday 19th December - End of term

Monday 5th January - INSET day

Tuesday 6th January - Children return to school

February 16th - 20th - Half term

February 25th 1.30pm -EY Parent workshop - toilet training - run by Bladder and Bowel Nurse

## Our Learning

**Fieldmice and Hedgehog Class** -We have been ramping up our rehearsals for the Nativity play in recent weeks with full costume. The children are ready and excited to perform! We have been learning about Diwali, and have made tea light holders as part of our Christmas crafts activities. Construction city has been busy with children building different parts of Bampton out of a range of materials. In maths we have been learning about composition, which is how different numbers are made out of different parts to create a whole.

**Squirrel Class** had a very exciting visit from Tiverton Museum this week. We learnt how being at school in Victorian times was different to Bampton School today. Boys and girls were separated and we practised reciting arithmetic from the black board. We then used chalk and blackboard pencils to write our names on our own little blackboards, they were very squeaky and we couldn't fit much writing on them. Then we handled Victorian artefacts and tried to work out what they were for. In literacy we finished writing our robin shape poems and in maths we have counting in 10s.

**Fox Class** have been learning about internet safety. Fox class were visited by Councillor Steve Lodge last Thursday and they were very keen to show all that they had learnt from their Barney and Echo books. This week we have started to think about how a movement or gesture can tell a larger story. They have been busy learning about charcoal and how artists like Laura McKendry use charcoal to convey emotions. In maths we are continuing to work on our column addition and subtraction.

**Stag Class** have been busy using our new video editing skills to make some fantastic videos that build upon our work on the industrial revolution. I am incredibly impressed by how professional they have turned out and am very proud of the effort that went into making them. We are now starting a new topic on typography and putting our creative and artistic abilities to the test by seeing how we can embed extra meaning into words by considering design aspects such as colour, shape and different typefaces.

## **Ambassador Awards**

### **Emilia in Hedgehog Class**

Emelia has been showing lots of kindness this week, welcoming a new member of class and looking after the class plants. Emilia is a great friend to have and we are lucky to have her in Hedgehog class.

### **Lilah in Hedgehog Class**

Lilah has been amazing in writing recently, with perfectly formed letters and a really good size. Lilah has also been very good at playing with other children, taking turns and using her language to express her feelings. Well done Lilah!

### **Isla in Squirrel Class**

Isla has impressed us all term with her efforts in literacy and maths and especially spelling where she has got 10 out of 10 almost every week. She is an excellent role model to others, she listens carefully and asks if she is unsure. Isla has a lead role in this year's nativity play and has learnt all her lines but it has been particularly lovely to see her grow in confidence as she takes centre stage.

### **Lauryn in Squirrel Class**

Lauryn's work has really impressed us this half term. We have noticed how carefully she is working in literacy ensuring that her sentences and tenses are grammatically correct before writing. Her book is neat and shows pride in her presentation as she thinks carefully before writing. We are also always so impressed with how much English Lauryn has learnt since joining us at Bampton School. Lauryn asks if she is unsure of new words and uses word banks carefully to help build her vocabulary and improve her spelling.

### **Gully in Fox class**

Gully, for the effort he has put into his work this week.

Gully has really impressed Ms Brainch & I with the amount of effort he has been putting into all of his work this week. Gully can sometimes be reluctant to get started independently but this week he has worked well without prompts and been showing how fab he can be.

### **Maria in Fox Class**

Maria for your ongoing resilience in your work and in sewing club. We have been really impressed with how you keep persevering to understand things and to get the best out of your learning. Maria puts her full effort into everything she does both academically and in the wider school community. I have also been really impressed with Maria's growing independence in year 4 and how she has been an excellent role model to the year 3s in her enquiry group.

### **Sreevind in Stag Class**

Sreevind has been making fantastic progress in class recently as he is working very hard in all subjects. He is making incredible progress in learning English and is even starting to write more expressively in class.

Sreevind is also a wonderful artist: he often amazes Stag class with his lovely sketches and he uses his work to express things that are important to him such as his remembrance day picture and his recent picture of the school.

### Max in Stag Class

Max has shown great independence this year in trying his best to improve on different areas of his work. He is a fantastic researcher and can always be relied upon for interesting and timely facts when we are having discussions as a class. His hard work has really been paying off and showed in his tests last week. On top of all of this, he showed just how good he is getting at reading in our class this week, bringing characters to life and showing courage to read out loud in front of the whole class.



The PTFA is made up of parents, carers, teachers, and friends of Bampton School with a shared interest in raising funds for equipment, resources, and activities to enhance the children's learning experience.

We meet monthly to discuss how we as a school community can develop and improve school facilities and students' opportunities, through planning fundraising events such as Bingo events, the Christmas Community Evening, Easter Extravaganza etc.

We welcome new and old members and are hoping for more support in the coming months. If you can help in any way, or would like more information on the work we do then please contact [bamptonptfa@gmail.com](mailto:bamptonptfa@gmail.com) or look out for meeting dates on the school website, posters around the school or for notes in your child's book bag.



# COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

PTfA Area

28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

3PM - 6PM

COMMUNITY HALL



Refreshments



Handmade Christmas Crafts  
made by Bampton  
School Children



Local Stall Holders



Christmas Trees  
& Wreaths



Local Children's Author



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