



## Bampton CofE Primary School

Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I have been doing my regular attendance monitoring and I am delighted to say that I have given out certificates to 15 children whose attendance was either at 100% or 99.5% for the whole of this year so far.

Getting to school in good time ensures that the children start their day without fluster or anxiety. The gate should be shut at 9.00am so please may I politely ask that all children arrive at school in time to be in their classrooms by 9.00am. It reduces worry and ensures that no learning time is lost. If you do arrive late to school and your child needs to have a school lunch, please could you let us know as soon as possible so we can make sure we have enough for everyone.

I know that one reason children may be late to school is that the carpark can be such a nightmare in the morning. I would like to assess how many people might be keen to use a **Walking Bus**. This could start at Station Road carpark and would hopefully reduce the congestion in the school carpark. Please could you respond using this form:

<https://forms.gle/QbZFXVjkhTwhqQt48>

Many thanks to the PTFA for organising a fundraising event to purchase a polytunnel and other resources for growing our own vegetables in the Summer. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter. Every child will be given £2 and challenged to grow it into more money using their creativity and great ideas! Money raised by children will be collected by Friday 27th February - it will be added up in house groups so you can use your child's house QR code for online payments (see the office if you child is unsure)! Please make sure any cash is placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and house written on the envelope and hand it into the office or class teacher.

Children can fundraise in any way they choose — from washing cars to sponsored activities and events, cake sales to odd jobs at home! The house that raises the most money will WIN a prize! All money raised will go towards creating a fantastic school growing area, including a polytunnel, raised beds, grow bags, seeds and gardening equipment. This will help our children learn about growing food, caring for the environment, and healthy living. If you'd rather not take part. Just hand your envelope back to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks to Gabbie Chant for becoming our parent representative for a **Smartphone Free Childhood**. If you haven't done so already, please fill in the form so she can gauge interest. <https://forms.gle/vQSJBSZ8YJ88Q2qn8>

Finally, I would like to congratulate our wonderful Youth Speaks teams for taking part in this year's Rotary Club competition. We entered three teams who spoke so eloquently about their specialist topics, it was hard for the judges to choose between them. Imogen, Jack and Thomas went through to the next round held in Barnstaple today and engaged everyone with their astonishing knowledge of the White Sea Eagles on Exmoor. They really made us proud!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman  
Headteacher

Attendance up until Friday 6th Feb. Please note the Trust target is 97% attendance.

**Whole school: 96%**

**Hedgehog-96%**

**Squirrels - 96%**

**Fox - 97%**

**Stag -94%**

After School clubs - 1st half of Spring 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 and outside providers 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 (parent paid direct to the provider)

Wednesday - Board games Club KS1 and KS2 with Miss Johnstone

Thursday -- Film Club KS1 and 2 Mr McCutcheon

Friday - Yama Martial Arts Club (parent paid direct to the provider)

## Dates for your Diary:

February 10th Hedgehog and Squirrel class to Barnhaven

February 16th - 20th - Half term - Mr Conybeare will be running a sports camp on Tuesday 17th Feb

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

March 3rd - Exmoor Challenge practice walk - yr 6

March 4th - Visit from Bookery

March 5th - World Book Day

March 6th - Author Anne Parsons visit

March 9th - 13th - Science Week

March 20th - Comic Relief

March 22nd - Sunday Parent Power day

April 2nd - End of Term

April 20th - Summer Term begins

## Our Learning

**Fieldmice and Hedgehog Class** -We have continued to enjoy a range of traditional tales and activities associated with these, including investigating which material would be best to make a waterproof roof for the Gingerbread Man's house. In phonics we have been continuing our reading of short stories and I have been amazed at how well our fluency is building up and how well we can read in partners. In science we have been thinking about how seeds grow into plants and have started an investigation into growing seeds in water. In maths we have been concentrating on composition - how numbers are made up of smaller numbers - particularly looking at how 6 and 7 are 5 plus a bit more.

**Squirrel Class** have been working really hard to include interesting verbs in their stories this week and have thought carefully about making their writing more interesting to the reader. In Maths Year 2 are working on multiplication and Year 1 and working hard on addition and subtraction facts. We have been

supporting each other in team games to practice fluency and recall in Maths as well as increased independence using the helpdesks to support our learning. In science we have been looking at materials all around us and testing their properties.

**Fox Class** have been writing their own versions of Flotsam. We have had an exciting few weeks of exploring the wordless book. I have been very pleased with the exciting vocabulary that Fox class have been choosing to use in their writing. Fox class have also shown perseverance in completing their tests this week. We have also had our first visitor to tell us about their job. Fox class really enjoyed learning about what it takes to be a nurse and they are looking forward to our next visitor.

**Stag Class** have been getting stuck into writing some mini Wind in the Willows stories. We have loved reading the book over the last couple of months and have enjoyed all of the adventures that the creatures have found themselves on. Stags have really impressed me with the wonderful use of language they have been showing in their writing and I have been blown away by how well they have done using colons and semi-colons in their narratives to add detail and improve the flow. In maths we have looked at both fractions and decimals so please do quiz them at home and help to show them how fractions and decimals are used in the real world!

## **Ambassador Awards**

### **Osian in Hedgehog Class**

Osian has really impressed me with his attitude in writing this week. Osian takes his time and makes sure that every letter is correctly formed and sitting on the line. Osian has also been a great friend in the construction area, building everything from Police stations, to houses for his cat, including power cables and light sources. Well done Osian!

### **Rona in Hedgehog Class**

Rona has been a star this week, especially with her speaking in full sentences. Rona speaks clearly and expresses her feelings. Rona also explains her learning, in particular in maths. I'm very proud of Rona, Well done!

### **Charlie in Squirrel Class**

This week we have been really impressed with the progress Charlie has made so far in Year 1. I was so impressed with Charlie's story writing this week, not just because his stamina for writing has improved so much, but he uses his phonics to help him with his spelling and has become much more independent getting resources. In reading Charlie has become much more confident in partner reading and is demonstrating a good understanding of the books he has read.

### **Jesse in Squirrel Class**

This week we have been really impressed with how Jesse has used his immense vocabulary to introduce new words to the class as we build our lists of interesting verbs to use in our writing. In his cold writing task about a dragon he included similes which impressed us so much Mrs Newman she took him down to Key Stage 2 to read his impressive work. He listens carefully to feedback and has an great memory for spelling longer words. We are really looking forward to reading more of your stories in the future.

### **Ron in Fox Class**

For his progress in writing. Your increased motivation and independence have truly impressed both me and Mrs Brainch. Additionally, your enthusiasm for reading at home is absolutely fabulous! Keep up the fantastic work, Ron. Your efforts are paving the way for even greater achievements. Remember, every word you write and every book you read brings you closer to your goals. We are so proud of you and excited to see what you will accomplish next!

### **Joseph in Fox Class**

For his motivation and perseverance to do well in his tests. Joseph really impressed Ms Branch with the way that Joseph has been taking his tests so seriously. He was determined to independently complete them. I am really proud of how much you are beginning to challenge yourself.

### **Brayden in Stag Class**

Brayden is doing a fantastic job of becoming more independent this year and has really impressed me with his can-do attitude. Not only will he give everything a go, even if it is something that he finds difficult, he will show great determination to keep working at it until he gets it right. It is really lovely to see the pride that he is now taking in his work and I hope he can keep this up as it is such a valuable skill to learn. I am so proud of how he is doing.

### **Sylvie in Stag Class**

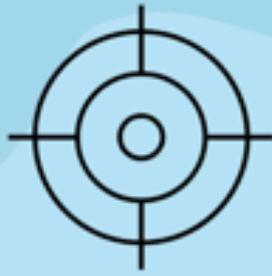
Sylvie is a simply wonderful student to teach and is the type of person who makes our class a better place to be. She is incredibly kind to all of those around her and a real team player as she will try and get everyone involved as well as doing her own part to the best of her ability. I have been so impressed with how hard she has worked on her writing over the last week: pouring over every detail to try and make it the best she possibly can. I am so thankful for having her in my class and look forward to seeing what else she will achieve this year.



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.



# BAMPTON SCHOOL

## ACTIVITY DAY



### Address

Bampton CoE School  
School Close  
Bampton  
Devon  
EX16 9NW

### Booking Link

[www.bookwhen.com/aacoachingclubs](http://www.bookwhen.com/aacoachingclubs)

### Contact Us

[aacoachingcamps@gmail.com](mailto:aacoachingcamps@gmail.com)

### Activities

Arts & Crafts, Nerf Wars,  
Zorbing, Dodgeball,  
Football, Lego challenges &  
Much more

**Tuesday  
17<sup>th</sup>  
February**

**ages 5-12  
£20**



# Free School meals

Please ask even if your child is of Infant school age.

## Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

**If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium**

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

Want to apply?

Not sure?

Ask at the office

# GROW YOUR MONEY!

Bampton Primary School Fundraising Challenge

Each child gets **£2** and must try to grow it into more



Compete in your School Houses to **WIN**

What Are We Raising Money For?

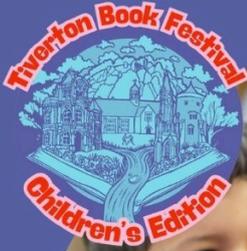


A Polytunnel      Raised Beds      Grow Bags      Seeds & Equipment

Help Us Build Our School Growing Area!

Let's Grow Our Money & Grow Our School!

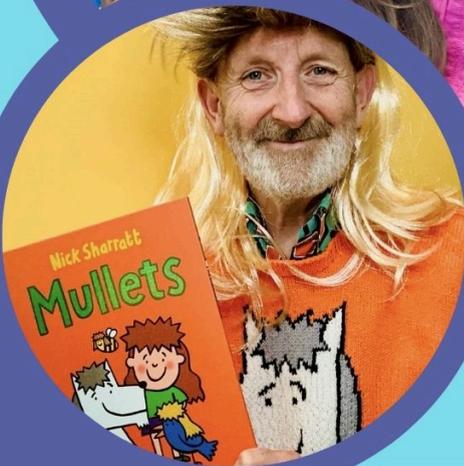
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BOOK TICKETS



# Tiverton Book Festival

## Children's Edition

2 – 27 March

See the full programme at [tinyurl.com/tivevents](https://tinyurl.com/tivevents)

