



## Bampton CofE Primary School

Friday 19th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the Open Afternoon, Zones of Regulation and Parent Forum this week, and for all the positive and supportive emails we have received from so many of you following this. I am so sorry that I was unable to attend but am very grateful to Mr Narramore and Mrs Dickinson for leading the meetings. The questions and answers will be sent out to all parents as well as some summary information about the Zones of Regulation.

I was delighted to attend the licensing service for Reverend Charles Wheeler last week. It was a lovely welcoming service and I was very pleased to introduce him to the school only 2 days later! Reverend Charles will be coming into school regularly for our Collective Worship services on Wednesdays.

I also recently had a meeting with Nicky Lewis, the new Headteacher at Tiverton High School. She is very keen to work with us on transition to support any children who are moving on to there and is intending to re-commence the Local Learning Community meetings with the feeder primary schools which will improve communication and offer opportunities for increased transition across the learning community.

ACE central team visited us last Friday to look around the school and speak to us about how they intend to 'onboard' us. Unfortunately, there will be a delay in joining them and we are now looking at the 1st of September. Ten members of their team visited and gave us lots of information which all sounded very sensible and positive.

I met with Olivia Heath from Cooks Stars North Devon today. Olivia will be offering an after school Cooking Club next term. The sessions will be from 3.45 to 5.00. Everything will be provided and while the food is cooking, the children will be given an activity to do as well as a snack and a drink before they start. The cost of the club will be £12.50 per session booked straight to Cooks Stars North Devon. I am gauging support for this in case she needs to run clubs as there are only 12 places available for each club. Ages from 5 upwards.

Finally, a reminder sign up for our next Parent Power day where we will be weaving the willow into the willow dome and hedges as well as tidying up the grounds and painting the 'red' room a calmer colour. The PTFA have kindly agreed to provide refreshments and bacon baps.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman  
Headteacher

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

**Whole school: 95%**

**Hedgehog-96%**

**Squirrels - 96%**

**Fox - 96%**

**Stag -94%**

## After School clubs - 2nd 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 - Sports Club with Mr Conybeare - Reception to Yr 6 (parent paid)

Wednesday - Board games Club KS1 and KS2 with Miss Johnstone and Mr Narramore

Thursday -- Film Club KS1 and 2 Mr McCutcheon

## Dates for your Diary:

March 20th -PTFA Quiz, Riverside Hall

March 22nd - Sunday Parent Power morning 10am-1.00pm

March 23rd - 27th Parents evenings

March 28th - Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk

April 2nd - Easter Service in the Church 2.00pm

April 2nd - End of Term

April 20th - Summer Term begins

## Our Learning

**Fieldmice and Hedgehog Class** -We have been making amazing progress with our reading and writing, becoming more fluent every day. There is a great thirst for learning in class at the minute! We have been looking at the Easter story in R.E., learning what happened and why it happened. We have made Palm leaves and El Salvador crosses as we take a creative approach to the story. We have also enjoyed the recent good weather with some forest school with Mrs. Brainch.

**Squirrel Class** have almost finished their enquiry researching causes and consequences of the Great Fire of London. We have successfully applied our knowledge to analyse sources and furthered our understanding using maps and artefacts to conclude why the fire spread so quickly. In maths we are focussing on the 2 times table and Years 2s and working on their speed to answer 2 time table facts. We are proud of our current learning journey boards in our classroom which show the progression in History and RE this half term so please feel free to have a look.

**Fox Class** have been exploring the Easter story, focusing on Good Friday and why Christians call the day "Good"; the children considered what sacrifice means both historically and personally and produced very persuasive, well-reasoned arguments about responsibility for Jesus' death. They have also greatly enjoyed showcasing their learning with their creative Easter Gardens. In maths we have been practising multiplying 2- and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, a tricky skill, and the Foxes have shown great resilience, using written methods and problem-solving strategies — please continue short, regular times-table practice at home to build fluency.

**Stag Class** have been studying all things tectonic plates and their inquistiveness has been shining through. There have been so many detailed questions and extra lines of enquiry that we have followed over the last week and it has made it a wonderful learning experience for all of us. Their research skills are truly coming to the fore and they have made some wonderful presentations about volcanoes that they have researched

and collated - do ask them to log on to Google Classroom and show you if you are interested. We are going to use this knowledge, along with some of the English skills that we have been learning and improving upon to write our very own disaster survival guides over the next week.

## **Ambassador Awards**

### **Lily in Hedgehog Class**

Lily has been a star this week, especially with her writing. Lily is now forming most letters correctly and putting finger spaces where they are meant to be. Lily is also beginning to sound words out independently in her writing. Lily is a great friend to all in class and very helpful to all the adults who she works with. Well done Lily, keep it up!

### **Yoana in Hedgehog Class**

Yoana has had a super week in Hedgehog Class. Yoana's writing is beautiful, all letters formed correctly, sitting on the line and sized correctly relative to each other. Yoana's reading is also improving greatly, making the jump from sounding words out to reading them speedily. She is also a great partner to have for the other children as she is very helpful when they are struggling. Well done Yoana!

### **Lola in Squirrel Class**

We have been very impressed with not just how well Lola contributes in class but how she is looking for opportunities to embed her learning. She has been working very hard in maths this week and took time out from board games club last night to write out number bonds to 10 and 20! It has also been lovely to watch her confidence grow in her piano lessons. She started a new piano book this week and we are really looking forward to hearing about her progress and maybe one day hear her perform. Keep up the good work Lola!

### **Sidney in Fox Class**

For his determination and improved confidence towards his writing. Sidney has been putting extra effort into his writing and it is really showing. He hasn't always found it easy to get started but now does so with enthusiasm. Sidney has also grown in confidence since joining Fox class and is now much more willing to put his hand up and have a go in whole class discussions.

### **George in Fox Class**

For his hard work and dedication to his handwriting. George has been trying really hard to improve his handwriting. He has been following and asking for advice on where the joins should be. George has also been applying what he has been learning to his work in his book independently which is really lovely to see.

### **Gus in Stag Class**

Gus has put lots of effort into his writing recently and every area of his written work has improved. He has worked very hard on his handwriting and has really impressed me with the times where he has re-written work when he was not happy with his presentation. The clarity and pride he now has in his work has also pushed him to improve the accuracy of his grammar and punctuation as well as how ambitious he is with his vocabulary and I can't wait to see where he takes his writing next.

### **Harry in Stag Class**

Harry has shown a tremendous attitude towards his maths over recent weeks and made it his personal mission to master arithmetic. He has done extremely well, slowly working on each of the areas he had struggled with until he was able to answer them all consistently correctly. I am really proud of the work that he has put into this, and other areas of his learning, as it is showing his desire to work hard and see the results that follow from that!



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 Primary School  
School Cl, Bampton,  
Tiverton EX16 9NW

### Pricing & Booking Booking Link

[www.bookwhen.com/aacoachingclubs](http://www.bookwhen.com/aacoachingclubs)  
£21 a day or book all 4 for a bulk  
discount

### Contact Us

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

### Activities

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

7/8/9/10<sup>th</sup>  
April

ages 5-12



# 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**

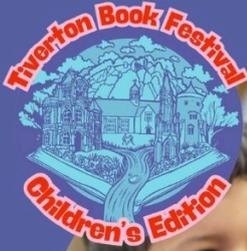
The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

Want to apply?

Not sure?

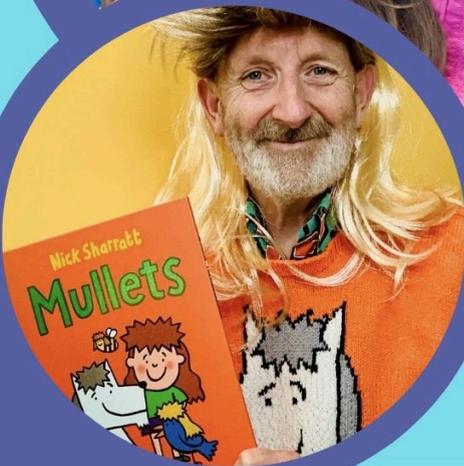
Ask at the office



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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)

