



Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see the children playing up on the field which is now dry enough to use - long may this last!

Since the last newsletter so much has happened. We are delighted to welcome back Mr Conybeare to teach PE. He is also running an after school sports club each Tuesday. As well as Mr Conybeare, Beverley Bray has joined the team as SEND TA in Stag class. Mrs Bray has been a parent volunteer for the past few years and it is wonderful that she is now a member of staff.

Enrichment is a very important part of our school offer and over the past few weeks the children across the school have enjoyed learning to play cricket through A Chance to Shine, year 6 children have taken part in their first Exmoor Challenge practice walk which they thoroughly enjoyed and children in Hedgehog and Squirrel class have visited Barnhaven Care Home reciting poems and sharing books together. Fox Class have been lucky enough to hear all about a variety of careers ranging from Nursing to academic historians and working in TV, from visiting professionals. As well as these events, we are very proud to be able to offer the children opportunities to learn to play musical instruments during the school day such as piano with Mrs Francombe, recorder, flute and ukulele with Ms Lewis and now Guitar with Mr Reason. If you would like your child to learn guitar please let the office know.

We recently held a workshop on toilet training for parents of children in our Nursery delivered by Debbie Richards from the Bladder and Bowel team which was very informative. Under a new initiative by Devon County Council, we now have regular visits from our Inclusion Partner who is able to help us support children with a variety of issues that prevent them from coming to school, and a Speech and Language advisor who will begin working with children in school next term -as some of these have been on the waiting list for up to two years, I am hoping this will make a huge impact.

This week we had a wonderfully 'bookish' time enjoying a visit from the Bookery who were able to tell the children all about their top 20 titles for 2026 on Wednesday. On Thursday, World Book Day, the children dressed up in a fantastic variety of costumes, many homemade, and I was so impressed by the way they could articulate why they had chosen a particular character. We also had some amazing entries for our Book in a Box competition which are now on display in the corridor in school. On Friday Anne Parsons, author of the Archie series of books about an Airedale terrier, read extracts from her books and talked to the children about how she became an author.

Next week at 7.30pm in the church, I am attending the licensing service for our new Vicar, Reverend Charles. This is obviously an event open for all to attend. We very much look forward to welcoming Reverend Charles to school.

Finally, a reminder to save the date for Sunday 22nd of March for our next Parent Power day where we will be weaving the willow into the willow dome and hedges as well as other jobs in the grounds. 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: 96%

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 9th - 13th - Science Week

March 18th - Open Afternoon and Coffee and Chat 2.00pm, Parent Forum 3.00pm with SENDCo and Mrs Newman

March 20th - Comic Relief

March 20th -PTFA Quiz, Riverside Hall

March 22nd - Sunday Parent Power morning

March 23rd - 27th Parents evenings

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 thoroughly enjoying our topic on China, learning about Chinese writing, food, costumes and dance. We have also enjoyed recreating the Great Wall of China in the forest school area. In maths we have been learning about comparison and in PSHE we have been learning how to look after our family and friends. In PE we have enjoyed being taught by Mr. C and we had a great time during World Book Day.

Squirrel Class have started learning about 17th century London and analysing sources to understand the causes of the Great Fire of London. In maths Year 2 have been learning multiplication and division facts using resources and learning how to represent these number sentences by drawing groups. In RE we have shown our understanding of Holy Week through art and discussing why Easter matters to Christians.

Fox Class have had a brilliant first two weeks exploring the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The visit from historian and author Levi Roach really brought the period to life and the children were fascinated by the gory details of the Lindisfarne raid and by discussions about weapons and everyday life. In maths we have been consolidating multiplication and division skills and looking at perimeter and area in our Friday maths

lessons. They are looking forward to learning about what it takes to be an editor in TV today.

Stag Class have been learning about the Windrush generation and looking at why people wanted to travel to Britain after the Second World War. This has prompted some great discussion already and we will be moving on to looking at it from a political point of view over the next few days when we learn about the scandal that has followed. In the mornings we are now also getting very good at working on our own personal targets; please ask your child about what their targets are and what they are doing to work on them.

Ambassador Awards

Evie in Hedgehog Class

Evie has been working very hard on her handwriting size this week. Evie forms her letters correctly, but now she is writing them much smaller and on the line. Evie is also independently sounding words out in her writing. Evie has also impressed me with her writing of Chinese numbers and is always eager to please.

Well done Evie!

Billie in Hedgehog Class

Billie has shown an amazing level of independence in all areas for a number of weeks now. Billie is also doing extremely well with her reading and I am delighted at how she is progressing from sounding out words, to reading fluently. Billie is also listening more attentively in all lessons and can talk about the stories she has heard.

Well done Billie!

Livy in Squirrel Class

This week several adults have been impressed with how Livy is focussing and trying hard in all her learning. This week she has stood out for being super focussed in phonics. We are also really proud of how well she has adapted to wearing her glasses which is something she wasn't keen on at first but now she is remembering to put them on to help her with learning and wearing them with increased confidence.

Elaina in Squirrel Class

This week we have been really impressed with how Elaina has flourished in our new P.E topic 'dance'. Elaina has embraced this top and staff were particularly impressed with her independent dance based on traditional African dance, especially when asked to show some attitude! Elaina has also worked hard at developing her storytelling voice in phonics to engage the listener and keep them interested.

Albert in Fox Class

For your increasing bravery in the face of challenge. Albert has grown in resilience greatly over the past few months and I am incredibly proud of how he now takes on challenges without hesitation. His journey reflects a significant growth in resilience, demonstrating that with effort and perseverance, obstacles can be overcome.

Freya in Fox Class

For her hard work outside of school with her teddy tombola as well as her determination in class. Freya has really started to come out of her shell and show her fabulous personality in Fox class. Freya has also been adding to whole class discussions with more confidence which is really lovely to see.

Rose in Stag Class

Rose is showing fantastic resilience this year in her attempts to make her work even better. She is looking for any little area she can work on and doing her best to improve on it. What is wonderful to see is that, as

soon as Rose has practiced something, she then applies it in her actual work and this has really shown in her writing as she keeps taking this to the next level. On top of all of this she is a wonderful person to have in our class and brings the right levels of concentration and fun to the room.

Michael in Stag Class

Michael is working tirelessly in the mornings to improve on his personal targets of reading and handwriting. He is quick to settle down and, as soon as he does, he pushes himself to practice some of the tasks that he finds most difficult. This is now paying off and thanks to his determination (including writing the word 'Mississippi' hundreds of times to master joining the letter 's') his work in class is really improving. I am really proud of how Michael is achieving this!



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 or look out for meeting dates on the school website, posters around the school or for notes in your child's book bag.

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

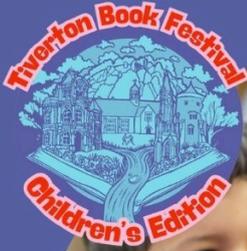
The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

Want to apply?

Not sure?

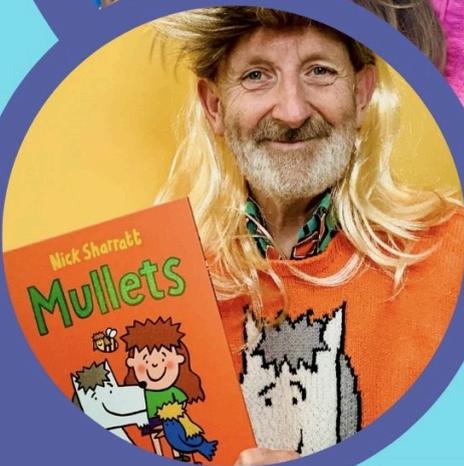
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BOOK TICKETS



Tiverton Book Festival

Children's Edition

2 – 27 March

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