



## **Bampton CofE Primary School**

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your patience while we tried to sort out the problems we were having with Arbor sending out group emails. I think there are still a few glitches but hopefully these will also be sorted shortly.

So much has already happened in the past two weeks, even though the term is young!

Fox Class had their residential at Pinkery last week and had an absolutely fantastic time. Many thanks to the adults who went with them and supported them so well. I don't think the photos do justice to the fun that was had by all!

Last week, we were very excited to receive our new polytunnel - thanks so much to the PTFA for buying this for us - we can't wait until it is up and filled with lots of growing plants. If there are any parents who would be able to give up a few hours to help put it up, we would be very grateful! After school or weekends - please let me know and I will put some dates out.

Our Amphitheatre is finally restored to its former glory and it is looking fabulous! This was made possible by very generous donations from within our community and from the PTFA. I can't wait to invite performers in to use the space, to hold our Collective Worships there in good weather and to see the children enjoying it for outside lunchtimes.

Also in place is the air source heat pump which is currently heating the pool. I am hoping that the temperature will be warm enough to swim from this week. Heating the pool in this way takes a little longer than the old gas heater but will be much more efficient and far more sustainable. Again many thanks to the very generous donation that made this possible.

Children in year 6 have been working hard to revise for their SATs tests which begin in one week's time. In order to ensure that the children are fully energised beforehand, we will be providing them with a 'french breakfast' each morning from 8.30am. We wish them the best of luck!

Finally, very heartfelt congratulations to all the children who took part in the gruelling Exmoor Challenge this weekend. Every one of them pushed themselves on and supported each other to ensure the success of the teams. 'It's only 2 miles' was the mantra for one of the teams from almost the beginning of the pretty gruelling 16 mile trek, but it got them all through so that they came in bang on time and the second team of all the 138 teams to start. I am extremely proud of every member of both teams!

Best wishes,

Lully Newman  
Headteacher

Attendance up until Friday 1st May. Please note the Trust target is 97% attendance.

**Whole school: 95%**

**Hedgehog-97%**

**Squirrels - 96%**

**Fox - 96%**

**Stag -94%**

After School clubs -1st half Summer 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) book with provider

Wednesday - Swimming Club -KS1 Miss Johnstone start date TBC

Thursday -- Woodland Club Mr McCutcheon

Thursday - CookStars Club (parent paid) book with provider

## **Dates for your Diary:**

11-14th May - Yr 6 SATS

20th May - KS1 and Reception trip to Rosemoor

21st May - Class photos

21st May - Water Safety Talk

**22nd May - NON PUPIL DAY**

1st - 5th June - Multiplication Tables Check yr 4

3rd June - Sports Day - parents into school from 1.15pm - 3.30pm

5th June - IRock Assembly 3.00pm

8th June - 12th June - Yr 1 Phonics Screening Test

8th June - 10th June - Stag Residential

10th June - Wilcombe Wobbler

17th June - Tiverton Swimming Gala

18th June - Open Afternoon and Parent Forum

24th June - Maggie Fasey Challenge

25th June - Yr 6 Transition day THS

2nd July - Moor Outdoor bike training

8th July - KS1 and Reception to Tiverton Canal trip

9th July - Moor Outdoor bike training

10th July - Harp and Flute concert

14th July - KS2 Play

15th July - KS2 Play

17th July - Reports out

22nd July - END OF TERM

7th September - Start of Autumn term

## **Our Learning**

**Fieldmice and Hedgehog Class** -We have had a super start to the new term, spending lots of time outside to enhance our learning. In science we have been learning all about minibeasts, including scientific language for identifying an insect, where minibeasts live and we actually built a bug hotel for the minibeasts to live in. We have been doing lots of planting, including our herb planter and individual pea shoot pots. We look forward to seeing how they grow before eating them!

**Squirrel Class** have produced some fantastic writing linked to our chosen text Traction Man and the Beach Odyssey. We have written question and exclamation sentences about Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush and looked at what a good piece of narrative looks like before we write our own. In computing we have been learning to use the paintz.app and exploring digital painting using lines, fill, spray paint effects and free drawing linked to the artists Mondrian and Van Gogh. In R.E we have been learning about what it means to be a Muslim.

**Fox Class** have been on residential! They have truly outdone themselves with the way they have been throwing themselves into all of the activities and the challenges of being away from home. In class we have been learning about the significant individual, Brunel. They have enjoyed learning about the Victorian revolution and how Brunel as an engineer helped to change Britain. In maths, we have been learning about fractions and time. It would be good if you could support this learning at home. So far we have covered o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past so children should be able to spot these times on clocks.

**Stag Class** have been learning about the start of World War Two and exploring how the German forces were able to occupy so much of Europe so quickly. I have been really impressed with how they have taken this knowledge on and used it to form further questions that they want to find out. We have also been working hard in our writing where we have been focusing on the benefits of drafting work first and then looking at what improvements we can make. Some children have put so much effort into this process and their second or third drafts have been incredible!

## **Ambassador Awards**

### **Oshy in Hedgehog Class**

Oshy has had a super start to the new term in all ways. In writing, Oshy has continued to produce work that is extremely neat and considered. In P.E. Oshy has excelled in different games, as well as being a great team mate. In science, Oshy has been very knowledgeable about minibeasts and has absorbed some huge scientific words. But the most impressive thing that Oshy has done this week was listen to Mrs. Newman's assembly about Earth day, and going out and doing something about it.

Well done Oshy!

### **Evie in Hedgehog Class**

Evie has had an amazing week, especially focusing on the characters of friendship and confidence. Evie has been her usual star self in reading and writing. However, this week it has been maths that she has really impressed me. We have been learning to recognise teen numbers and Evie was like a TA when we were playing bingo, helping the other children on her table without fuss. We are very lucky to have Evie in our class!

Well done Evie!

### **Ethan in Squirrel Class**

This week we have been really impressed with Ethan's writing in literacy. He has been using more interesting verbs and adjectives that we have collected over the year. He is also using these words in his answers in class and recalling which books we collected them from. In maths he is getting very speedy at his times tables and has some impressive times on TRRockstars.

### **Ella in Squirrel Class**

Ella has been working well in phonics and is a great partner for anyone, showing patience and expertise. Ella has also demonstrated excellent maths vocabulary when working with a partner.

### **Ned in Fox Class**

In recognition of his determination and perseverance this week. He has been first to be ready to learn each day and has shown a fantastic attitude to his learning. He has also been an excellent role model to the other children in the class, demonstrating kindness, responsibility and a willingness to always give his best.

### **Autumn in Stag Class**

Autumn has shown real courage over the last few weeks in taking on things that she finds difficult. I am so proud of how resilient she is being and giving things a try, even when she is really not feeling like it. Autumn is also using different strategies to help her to do these things and I am really impressed with how she is telling me what she needs to get her work done - this is so useful to hear as a teacher. Keep up the fantastic work Autumn!

### **Craig in Stag Class**

Craig has really impressed me with the effort he is putting into his schoolwork over the last couple of weeks. We have been learning the process of drafting our work and Craig has really taken to this, thinking carefully and critically about his first draft in order to make a second and third attempt that takes his writing to a whole new level. I have also noticed a generally more positive attitude towards school which we are really proud to see. Keep up the good work Craig!

### **Martha in Stag Class**

Martha could win the Ambassador award every week if that was allowed! Martha quietly gets on with her learning, always producing work to a very high level. She is a super friend, a reliable student and always willing to lend a hand. Martha, I am always excited to teach you because you make it so easy! Well done for impressing us all once again.



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.



# 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