



Bampton CofE Primary School

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past couple of weeks have flown by - mainly because so much has been going on.

Music can sometimes be underestimated in its importance in our learning but in our first week back after half term, all the children took part in a fantastic music workshop delivered by Sonopera, who roused them into singing songs, chants and rounds that was truly inspirational. They played a range of musical instruments and their performance was totally inspiring! This week, I was sad to miss the iRock assembly as I was on training with ACE Trust, but I am assured it was brilliant and just as inspiring. I have asked iRock if they can come back again to perform to parents - fingers crossed! For those children who would like to take up lessons from iRock, these will now start in September so there is plenty of time to sign up!

I was very fortunate to accompany year 4 children to St Peter's church in Tiverton to attend the Life Path day last week. The children (and I) learned all about the Wesley family who came from Tiverton. They took part in workshops learning where John Wesley travelled around the world, wrote a new hymn with the help of Charles Wesley, learned how to use a quill pen and ink from Mrs Wesley and what herbs could cure ailments from John Wesley. It was a great day and I would like to thank LifePath for inviting us to join them and for funding the transport.

Fox Class went to Charmouth last week and very much enjoyed searching for rocks and fossils and learning all about Mary Anning and this week I accompanied Stag Class on Residential to Torquay PGL Barton Hall. The children were brilliantly behaved and threw themselves into all the activities on offer - it was an absolute privilege to be with them. Very many thanks to all the members of staff who have accompanied children on residential this term, many of whom have had to make alternative arrangements for their own children, stay up late into the night encouraging pupils to go to sleep and work through the day without a break. We are so lucky to have such a great team supporting our children.

Next Friday, 19th June, we will be holding our grand re-opening of our amphitheatre starting at 2.45pm with Ambassador Award certificates, followed by drama workshops with Fabula Arts and music from Ms Lewis and Mr Reason as well as refreshments from PTFA and stalls to browse until 4.30pm. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible!

As you know, I am always so grateful to the wonderful work the PTFA do to raise money for our school and to enable the children to have as many exciting experiences as possible. Having done some amazing work over the past three years, Anna Edwards and Rebecca Froggett will be standing down at the next AGM in September as Chair and Treasurer. Without a core of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary the PTFA cannot continue and for us, that would be terrible! Anyone interested in these positions or anyone who would like more information please contact Anna Edwards - Anna.edwards@hotmail.co.uk or contact her through the Bampton School PTFA Facebook page. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Anna and Rebecca for all their hard work leading the PTFA and making it the great success it is.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman
Headteacher

Attendance up until Friday 12th June. Please note the Trust target is 97% attendance.

Whole school: 95%

Hedgehog-97%

Squirrels - 96%

Fox - 96%

Stag -96%

After School clubs -2nd 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 4.30pm. These clubs are subject to change at any point depending on staff illness or training.

Monday - Prop building KS2 - Mr Narramore

Tuesday -Sports Club with Mr Conybeare - Reception to Yr 6 (parent paid) book with provider

Wednesday - Fun Fitness Club Mr McCutcheon

Thursday -- Swimming Club -KS1 Miss Johnstone

Thursday - CookStars Club (parent paid) book with provider

Dates for your Diary:

17th June - Tiverton Swimming Gala

18th June - 2.00pm Open Afternoon and Parent Forum (further training from Mr Narramore about Zones of Regulation

19th June - 2.00 - 4.30pm Grand re-opening of Amphitheatre - celebration assembly outside followed by musical concert and theatre group. PTFA refreshments and stalls. All welcome

24th June - Maggie Fasey Challenge - yr 6 (THS transition)

25th June - Yr 6 Transition day THS

26th June - INSET DAY - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

2nd July - Moor Outdoor bike training

8th July - KS1 and Reception to Tiverton Canal trip

9th July - Moor Outdoor bike training

13th July - Harp and Flute concert Musical Curiosities - for Nursery, Reception and KS1. Parents welcome to join - time tbc

14th July - 2.00pm KS2 Play

15th July - 1.15 Sports Day

15th July - 5.30pm 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 been enjoying our new topic 'Where does my food come from?' We have been learning about different types of farms, the produce they produce and the different jobs farmers have to do. We have also been growing some of our own food, including strawberries, tomatoes and our potatoes, which are almost ready to harvest. In maths we have been using rekenreks to help our learning and in PE we have been continuing to become water confident and safe in swimming.

Squirrel Class have shown incredible enthusiasm for our new enquiry 'What secrets can post boxes tell us about the past?'. We have already filled a display board with photos of the children cypher spotting around Devon and even as far as Bristol, London, Sark and Guernsey. In maths we are learning to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We have written about our days using time to identify what we do and when. In swimming as well as developing our stroke techniques we have been practising self, buoyancy aid and reach rescues.

Fox Class have had an exciting two weeks back at school. We have begun our enquiry into "*How do rocks beneath our feet help us understand life from the past?*". The children visited Charmouth to learn about fossils and how they form, and it was really good to see them applying their knowledge of the different types of rock. In maths, we have been learning about fractions and developing our understanding through a range of practical activities. We have also been doing lots of swimming, building confidence and improving our skills in the water. It has been fantastic to see the children making so much progress.

Stag Class have been writing stories based on volcanoes and earthquakes and have been studying closely the art of building up suspense and tension. I am so impressed by the imagination that some of them are showing along with how well some are using the model texts to push their work even further than before. We have also completed our residential to Barton Hall: three days filled with fun activities including zip wires, rafting, archery tag, trampolining, lots of eating and a huge amount of singing. The children did themselves and Bampton School very proud.

Ambassador Awards

Alfie in Hedgehog Class

Alfie has made a fantastic start to life at Bampton school. He has been enthusiastic, confident and shown a love of learning. I have been particularly impressed with Alfie's ability to take on advice and he has already made progress in his writing. We are very lucky to have Alfie. Well done for such a strong start!

Mitsy in Hedgehog Class

Mitsy has been working particularly hard with her writing this week, producing excellent work in class, whilst also bringing in a lovely piece of work from home. Mitsy has shown great resilience, coming in when not feeling 100% and always tries her best.

Well done Mitsy!

Aaron in Squirrel Class

We have been really impressed with how focussed Aaron has been in class. He always has his hand up to ask and answer questions and in our new enquiry has demonstrated enthusiasm researching different types of post boxes and recalling the different British monarchs and their cyphers. Aaron's handwriting this year has transformed beyond belief, he has worked so hard to writing cursively and his book is so neat demonstrating the care he is taking in his learning.

Lexi in Squirrel Class

We have been really impressed with Lexi's commitment to homework this week and the knowledge she has shared with her family about post box cyphers and designs. Lexi has also been making sure her spellings are correct by editing her writing using our key topic word lists and reading her work back carefully to ensure it makes sense. In swimming she is getting more confident on her front and back by working on her stroke skills and responding to feedback to improve her technique.

Paige in Fox Class

I could give this certificate to Paige every week, as she consistently shows an outstanding attitude to learning. She loves learning and does so with enthusiasm, always trying her best in every task. Paige has

been working so hard with her spelling, and her progress is a credit to her determination. When I tell Paige she needs to fix something, she does so without complaint and with a positive attitude. Paige is a thoughtful, hardworking learner who should feel very proud of all she achieves.

Edward in Stag Class

Edward has been working incredibly hard in class over the last few weeks in order to improve his writing. He has taken a lot of care over the planning of his work and, once completed, he is editing it diligently. He is also using the model texts for inspiration and is now able to adapt his writing style depending on the purpose of the text. I am really enjoying reading his work now and look forward to seeing where he can take his writing next.

Charlie in Stag Class

Charlie is a student whom I can always rely on for enthusiasm and he certainly delivered that during this week's residential. He was volunteering for everything and giving 100% of his effort for every task. I have been impressed for a while now with how he is starting to show responsibility and he showed that again over the last few days so I am very proud of him and I hope that he keeps it up as he starts to prepare for Year 6 next 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 or look out for meeting dates on the school website, posters around the school or for notes in your child's book bag.



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.

