



Bampton CofE Primary School

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This past week our year 6 children have been 'nose to the grindstone' for their SATs tests. These national tests are a measure of what the children have learned over their primary school years and are a way for parents, Ofsted and the Department for Education to monitor how well the school is doing. The tests can be very stressful for the children concerned but I am delighted to say that all our children took the tests totally in their stride and rose magnificently to the challenge! We are all very proud of them. I would like to congratulate Mr Narramore and his team for preparing the children so well so that stress was minimised and the children felt ready.

We have begun swimming this week now the pool temperature is up and the children have all been assessed and grouped ready for lessons next week. Particular thanks to Al Symms, our wonderful caretaker, who has worked so hard to make sure the pool is in tip top condition and ready for action!

Keeping up to date with the latest training and information is crucial in such a fast paced and ever changing educational environment. Our staff regularly take part in professional development training and it is fantastic to see how this positively impacts on the school experiences of our children. Recently we have had training on Early Language Development, the new Writing Framework rolled out by the DfE, Zones of Regulation and how to support children to understand the way they are feeling and the impact on others. We have learned about Sensory Circuits, and the activities that can calm children so they are ready to learn. Most recently we had an extended staff meeting where we invited Waymakers RISE in (a group of young people with Autism) to support our understanding of what the typical day looks like from the perspective of an autistic child so we can make this as positive as possible for them.

We have a fabulous staff team at Bampton who all work incredibly hard to give the children the best possible outcomes. I am so proud of how every adult in the school supports the children as best they can, according to their needs. Among many other things, Mrs Dickinson our incredible SENDCo, relentlessly fills in forms and chases other professionals in order to keep processes running smoothly so we can make sure our most vulnerable children are well taken care of.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to a grand 're-opening' of our Amphitheatre on Friday 19th June at 3.00pm. We will hold our usual Celebration Assembly in this space (fingers crossed for the weather) and follow this with a performance from students in the Fabula Arts theatre group and a short concert from Ms Lewis and Mr Reason. Refreshments will also be available.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Lully Newman
Headteacher

Attendance up until Friday 15th 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:

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

2nd June - LifePath visit Yr 4

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

4th June - IRock Assembly 3.00pm

5th June - Charmouth trip - Fox Class

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

8th June - 10th June - Stag Residential

10th June - Wilcombe Wobbler TBC

17th June - Tiverton Swimming Gala

18th June - Open Afternoon and Parent Forum

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

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 been learning about the life cycles of different animals, being creative using natural materials and building a bug hotel. In maths we have been learning all the number bonds to 10 and in phonics we have been learning more vowel digraphs. In PE we have been practising for sports day and finally had our first swims in the pool! It was great fun and the children were amazing at listening to instructions and being safe.

Squirrel Class - It has been wonderful to be able to swim this week and Squirrel class showed fantastic listening in the pool. This week we have started learning about 'What a plant needs to flourish?' in Science. As part of our learning we are keeping a plant diary to record observations of the beans we have planted. In computing we are learning how to create documents, add text and adapt text by using the **bold**, *italic* and underlining features on the toolbar as well as changing fonts.

Fox Class are writing their Brunel biographies and developing our skills as thoughtful writers. In maths, we are looking at equivalent fractions and practising time in 5-minute increments, including 5 past, 10 past and 15 past, so please continue to practise both digital and analogue clocks at home. We are also starting auditions for the school play on Monday 18th – very exciting! Our future graphic designers have loved using Canva for desktop publishing. We have started swimming in the school pool, which has been very exciting, and everyone is showing great confidence and perseverance.

Stag Class have been continuing our learning around WW2 and we have moved deep into the story of the war when exploring the evacuation from Dunkirk and then on to the D Day landings. The empathy of the children towards those who were affected by the war has been heartwarming and the questions they ask have been fantastic. Year 6 have also now completed their KS2 SATs and I am so very proud of how they have done: their behaviour was impeccable, the effort that they put in was exceptional and their overall approach has demonstrated what wonderful children we have in Year 6.

Ambassador Awards

Billie in Hedgehog Class

Billie has been a star this week and she has been noticed by a number of adults. In P.E. Mr. C and Mr. M were impressed with her listening skills, as well as her resilience when faced with a tricky task. In forest school, Ms. Brainch was impressed with Billie for her attitude and love of the outdoors. And in writing, Billie has impressed Mr. M and Ms. Brainch with her increasing levels of neatness, and adding things like finger spaces and writing on the line.

Well done Billie!

Yoana in Hedgehog Class

Yoana has been such a pleasure to teach this week. She has been trying really hard in all areas, writing more than ever, and trying hard with her maths in particular. Yoana has also been amazing in the pool, listening carefully to instructions and keeping safe as well as becoming more water confident.

Well done Yoana

Chloe in Squirrel Class

This week we have been really impressed with how hard Chloe has worked on her handwriting and presentation in literacy. She has been so focussed in handwriting lessons, sharing what she is proud of and what she needs to improve on and this can be seen in her written work. Chloe is also working hard in maths and used her knowledge to answer one of our how many questions by demonstrating addition, multiplication and part whole models in her thinking.

Hope in Squirrel

This week we have been really impressed with how Hope has been working with her partner in phonics, especially in paired reading. She has also listened with increased focus on the carpet to hold a sentence and written carefully in her book. Hope has been very proud of herself in handwriting and it was lovely to see her smiling at her work in our first cursive lesson and how much care she took with her letter formation.

Amelie in Fox Class

Amelie has shown improved maturity and should be very proud of the progress she has made. She is taking more pride in her work and approaching tasks with a growing sense of responsibility. Amelie is also learning not to let herself get distracted, which is helping her to stay focused and complete her work more effectively.

Isla in Stag Class

Isla has really impressed me with how resilient she has been over the last few months. There are times where Isla has struggled with work this year but she has never let that get her head down and her persistence in trying her best is starting to pay off. In both writing and maths she has grown in confidence and is showing just how capable she is. I hope that one day she will learn to believe in herself as much as I believe in her!

Lucas A in Stag Class

Lucas has worked very hard this week in order to prepare for his SATs tests. I have been proud of how he has worked with others, asked fantastic questions on areas where he has been struggling and then practiced these several times to make sure he understands them fully. I hope that Lucas will continue this approach for the rest of the year as he prepares for moving onto secondary school 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.



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

Free School meals

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

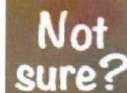
If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

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.

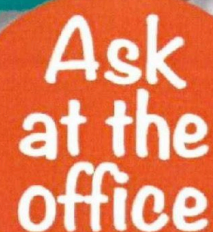
All applications are confidential.



Want to apply?



Not sure?



Ask at the office