

Botley C of E Primary School Newsletter

22nd July 2025
Summer 2 2024/25

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This Year's INSET Dates

- ◆ 2nd September
- ◆ 4th November
- ◆ 14th February
- ◆ 4th April
- ◆ 23rd June

Term Dates

- ◆ Last Day of Autumn 1: Friday 25th October
- ◆ First Day of Autumn 2: Tuesday 5th November
- ◆ Last Day of Autumn 2: Friday 20th December
- ◆ First Day of Spring 1: Monday 6th January
- ◆ Last Day of Spring 1: Thursday 13th February
- ◆ First Day of Spring 2: Monday 24th February
- ◆ Last Day of Spring 2: Thursday 3rd April
- ◆ First Day of Summer 1: Tuesday 22nd April
- ◆ Last Day of Summer 1: Friday 23rd May
- ◆ First Day of Summer 2: Monday 2nd June
- ◆ Last Day of Summer 2: Tuesday 22nd July (1.15pm finish)

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents,

I am sure that you would agree that this school year has absolutely flown by. It seems like only a few weeks ago that we were welcoming the children back to school last September.

Whilst we are of course looking forward to the summer break and the exciting changes that will be coming up as children move year groups, class and even schools it is also of course sad as we say goodbye to members of our school community that are leaving us. We wish the best of luck for the future to all of the Year 6 children as they head off on the next step of their education and their exciting adventure to secondary school. We know that they have been prepared well for the challenges ahead and hope that they are in a position to make the very best of all of the opportunities that will arise for them. I hope that they will look back on their time at Botley with many positive memories and it is always lovely to see former pupils come back to the school to say hello to us all and tell us about their achievements. They finished their time at the school on a high with an amazing end of year production of Matilda. Thank you to all of the children - and of course the staff - who put so much time and effort into this brilliant production. I hope that you really enjoyed it if you came to see it.

We are also saying farewell to a number of members of staff. As you have been

informed Miss Ellie Major is leaving to work at Sparsholt CE Primary School and Miss Jemima Kingsland has moved to Shamblehurst Primary School now her teacher training has been completed. Miss Chrissie Aindow and Mrs Hayley Green will also be leaving us today. Mrs Green is moving on to a role at Deer Park whilst Mrs Aindow is pursuing an exciting opportunity to become a School Chaplain. All of these members of staff have been brilliant during their time at the school and we wish them all, all the best for the future.

We still have some spaces within the school for September and we would love to fill these up! There are a few spaces available in Year 3 and Year 6 and there is plenty of room in Year 5. If you know of anyone looking for a school place for their child in these year groups - including parents who live in the Hedge End/Botley/Boorley area who would like their children to go to Deer Park then please let them know.

Remember the school pool is open on the 23rd and 24th July from 10:00 - 12:55.

Finally, may I take the opportunity to wish you all a very wonderful summer. As always, if you have any queries, my door is always open. See you in September!

Mr. Joe Cooil
Headteacher

Dear Lord,

We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer.

May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

Amen

Important Dates

- ◆ 7th October
Individual Photos
- ◆ 2nd October
Year 5 Residential (2 nights)
- ◆ 15th/16th October
New Teacher Meetings
- ◆ 17th October
Harvest Festival (All Saints' Church 9:30am)
- ◆ 21st October
Year 6 Residential (4 nights)
- ◆ 10th / 11th December
Year R Christmas Performance
(2:00pm and 6:00pm)
- ◆ 17th / 18th December
Year 1/2 Christmas Performance
(2:00pm and 6:00pm)
- ◆ 20th December
Christmas Service (All Saints' Church 9:30am)
- ◆ 26th February
Sibling Photographs
- ◆ 28th February
Mid-Year Achievement Summaries to Parents
- ◆ 4th / 5th March
Parents Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
- ◆ 26th / 27th March
Year 3/4 Easter Celebration
(9:00am and 2:00pm)
- ◆ 3rd April
Easter Service (All Saints' Church 9:30am)
- ◆ 7th May
Class Photos
- ◆ 12th May
Year 6 SATs Week
- ◆ 2nd June
Swimming Lessons start
- ◆ 2nd June
Year 4 Multiplication Check Window
- ◆ 18th June (Reserve Date 26th June)
Lower School Sports Day (9:30am/1:00pm)
- ◆ 19th June (Reserve Date 27th June)
Upper School Sports Day (12:30pm)
- ◆ 8th / 10th July
Year 5/6 Performance
(2:00pm and 6:00pm)
- ◆ 11th July
End of Year Reports to Parents
- ◆ 15th July
Open Classroom
- ◆ 16th July
Sports Presentation Evening
- ◆ 22nd July
Leavers Service (All Saints' Church 9:30am)

School Safeguarding Team

There will be some changes to our school Safeguarding team when we return in September. Mr Cooil will continue as Designated Safeguarding Lead with Mrs Shuttle as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Roberts is also fully DSL trained as is our Child and Family Support Worker, Mrs Thomson, who has recently been fully trained. Please see the email addresses below to contact us if you have anything you would like to raise.

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Attendance

As we come to the end of the school year the overall attendance here at Botley is 96.4%. This compares favorably to the national primary school figure of 94.8% and is above our school target for this year of 96.3%. The percentage of children who are classed as persistently absent - less than 90% - sits at 7.3%. Again this is lower than the national school figure of 18.3% (10.9% in 2018/19) and last year's primary school figure of 14.6%. However, this remains higher than we would like as a school. The school figure for unauthorised attendance this year at this school is 1.1% compared to the national figure of 1.6%. Congratulations to the thirty-eight children (10.3%) at the school who have 100% attendance for the whole year and the additional two children who only missed one day. It is important that all parents strive to ensure that their children miss as little school as possible. Every missed day at school will impact upon a child's learning and development and impact upon their outcomes.

Summer Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to all of the children listed below who were chosen by their teachers to be the winner of the Headteacher Award for the first half of the summer term and those chosen for the second half of the term. These are children that have been showing all of our school values of **Courage, Stewardship and Respect on a consistent basis**. Well done to all of you. The winners in each class were as follows:

Dragonfly: Millie and Finley

Bumblebee: Chris and Reece

Robin: Robyn and Theo

Butterfly: Matthew and Faeryn

Kingfisher: Theo and Iya

Fox: Charlie and Lawson

Otter: Luna and Ava

Deer: Martha and George

Badger: Daisy and Jaxson

Rabbit: Thomas and Ariana

Hedgehog: Eleanor and Ariana

Woodpecker: Evelyn and Elijah

Eagle: Lydia and Muna

Uniform - Ties, Ties, Ties!

Please remember that in line with our School Uniform Policy, children should return after the summer holidays in our standard school uniform, which includes a button up shirt and tie. Ties that need to be tied are available from the school office and elasticated come from Skoolkit. Children in Year R in September will be able to wear a polo and no tie is required. If your child is in Years 1-6 in September they should only have a variation on our standard uniform if this has been discussed and agreed by a member of the school's Senior Leadership team. Thank you.

2025/26 INSET Days

As a reminder, please see below the INSET dates for next year.

- Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- Monday 3rd November 2025
- Friday 13th February 2026
- Friday 27th March 2026
- Monday 22nd June 2026

The children will return to school on Thursday the 4th September 2025.