

Bourton on the Water Primary School

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Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week many of our KS2 children travelled to Birmingham to attend Young Voices. This is an amazing event that we have been attending for many years, where schools from all around the country celebrate music and perform together. It was such a wonderful experience for the children and even the late night didn't stop them from coming into school on Wednesday and telling us all about it. The adults that attended with the children expressed that despite the long day, they were wonderful, and represented our school incredibly.

Hopefully, you have received information about the World Book Day plans, and I know many children are very excited to bake their ideas. This is such a wonderful opportunity to make links between literacy and other areas of their creativity and learning. Plus, the opportunity to raise funds for books from the most magical bake sale. Equally, next week is National Storytelling week so what better time then to share a good book.

This week we have published our term dates for next year. This was slightly delayed as we have made a small change in comparison to the Gloucestershire dates published. For the next academic year starting September 2026, we will now have a two-week October half term. We have received feedback over the last few years about the impact of the long 8-week term on our new starters and how hard it can be, but also how tiring the older children can find it too, and we are hoping to combat this with the extended holiday. In addition, we always want to provide our families with any opportunity for low-cost holidays and family-time opportunities. Hopefully, this will help some families that like to holiday around this time of the year. The full dates can now be found on the website. It does mean instead of finishing school on Wednesday 22nd July, we will now end on Friday 24th July, 2027 at 2pm.

Following the visit from PSCO Allen this week, Mags has reported that School Hill has been a safer environment for the children walking to school. Please can we ensure this continues, and also any family members that may not have seen the iPal messages or newsletter know about the traffic order.

PC Leah Davis has also visited school this week. She has worked with our Year 6s to help enrich our computing and well-being curriculum by discussing the risks of on-line use. Many of the children shared that they use social media and/or play games that are not age appropriate. Please have conversations about how we stay safe online and when gaming. Mags will send out from the office the guidance provided by PC Davis about how to support your family with this.

Finally, this week we have received a huge number of deliveries of new resources for every classroom from the funds raised by FOBs. Every year, FOBs provide each teacher with money to support them in the classroom and this week it felt like Christmas had arrived early (or late) around the school with all the new equipment – thank you, FOBs!

If you still require a space in holiday club for February half-term, bookings are still open and space still available via iPal.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kilbey & Mrs Connor

Co Headteachers



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