



School Newsletter

Bridgetown Primary School

Ready, Respectful, Safe

10 July 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the greatest responsibilities we share as a school community is helping our children to stay safe, not just in the classroom, but beyond the school gates too.

With the hot weather upon us and the summer holidays just around the corner, this week we welcomed visiting health professionals to deliver water safety assemblies for all Reception, KS1 and KS2 children. Sadly, recent weeks have seen a number of heart-breaking incidents across the country, and even within our local area, where young people have lost their lives in open water.

It is impossible not to be moved by these tragedies, and they serve as a powerful reminder of why education around water safety is so important.

The assemblies provided children with clear, practical advice about recognising the dangers of water, making safe choices, and knowing what to do if they ever find themselves in an emergency. We hope these messages will stay with them and help them make safe decisions throughout the summer and beyond.

As families begin to enjoy days out and holidays together, I would encourage you to continue these conversations at home. A simple reminder before heading out could make all the difference. Keeping children safe is something we achieve best when school and home work together.



Best wishes,

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Headteacher



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Wear Your Football /Sports Kit to School

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in the *Wear Your Football or Sports Kit to School* day. It was wonderful to see so many children proudly wearing their favourite teams' colours and sporting outfits. We are incredibly grateful for your generous donations, which will help make our FOBS Fayre a fantastic event!



Rocksteady Concerts

This week, our talented Rocksteady bands took to the stage in two fantastic concerts on Monday and again today. We were incredibly proud of all the children who performed with such confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork. It was wonderful to see how much progress they have made and to celebrate their hard work and dedication.



Summer Reading Challenge 2026

This summer, we are encouraging all of our pupils to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library. As this is the Year of Reading, libraries are promoting their biggest challenge yet, with lots of exciting activities, rewards and opportunities to keep children reading throughout the summer holidays. Taking part is free and is a fantastic way to help children maintain their reading skills, discover new books and develop a lifelong love of reading. Visit your local library to sign up and join the challenge. We would love to hear all about the books our children have enjoyed when they return to school in September. Happy reading!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in their Bikeability training and were a credit to the school throughout. They demonstrated excellent behaviour, listened carefully to instructions, and showed fantastic effort during every session. The instructors were impressed with their positive attitudes and willingness to learn, and the children developed valuable cycling skills and confidence for riding safely on the roads.



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Parent Forums

As we look ahead to September, a big thank you to everyone who attended the transition Parent Forums for KS1 and KS2 last week, and/or our New Reception Parents evening. For reference, the slides can be found here: <https://www.bridgetown.warwickshire.sch.uk/briefing-slides-for-parents/>

Free School Meals - Important Information Current Year 2 Parents/Carers:

From September, your child will no longer receive **Universal Infant Free School Meals**, so meals will need to be paid for via ParentPay unless your child qualifies for **benefits-based Free School Meals**. If you receive certain benefits, your child may be eligible. **Registering is important, even if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch**, as it enables the school to receive additional government funding (Pupil Premium, if applicable) to help provide extra support, resources and opportunities for eligible children.

You can check your eligibility and apply online here:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Applications can be made from the beginning of August and should be completed before the start of the Autumn Term.

All Parents/Carers:

If you think your child may be eligible for benefits-based Free School Meals but you have not applied previously, we encourage you to check your eligibility using the link above.

By applying, you could help the school secure valuable additional funding that directly supports children's learning and wellbeing.

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Summer Music Concert

Thank you to everyone who came to our Summer Music Concert last Thursday afternoon. From the recorder groups and drum solos to the choir and everything in between, the children were true stars. We are so proud of every performer and grateful to all who came along to support them.



Helpers' Tea Party

Yesterday, our Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) hosted a charming tea party to celebrate and thank our wonderful volunteers for their invaluable support throughout the academic year. Guests enjoyed tea, coffee, and delicious cake, all served by the children, before being treated to a beautiful performance by our school choir. It was a lovely afternoon and a small token of our appreciation for everything our volunteers do for our school community.

Class News

Keep up-to-date with all the wonderful things going on in classes, by checking-in on the Class Pages section of our website. Here you will find key information, knowledge organisers and photos of recent learning experiences.

<https://www.bridgetown.warwickshire.sch.uk/class-pages/>

Highland Games

There was plenty of excitement during Year 3's Highland Games lesson as the children designed and ran their very own competitions. They took on the roles of event organisers, leaders and umpires, keeping scores and encouraging their teammates throughout. The afternoon ended with a memorable awards ceremony to celebrate everyone's achievements. We were incredibly proud of the creativity, teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship shown by all the children, who had a fantastic time from start to finish.



Bicycle Bus

We are delighted that the Bridgetown Bicycle Bus volunteers were recognised by the High Sheriff of Warwickshire on Sunday 5 July, for their dedication to helping children travel to school safely by bike. This recognition reflects the enthusiasm, commitment and community spirit of our amazing volunteers, who make every Bicycle Bus possible. Thank you to everyone who has supported the initiative. We are so proud of what we have achieved together!



More Water Play

Reception enjoyed a fun water relay challenge this week! Working in teams, the children used a sponge to collect water from a bucket, then carefully raced to squeeze it into their team's container before passing the sponge to the next teammate. They worked brilliantly whilst cheering on their friends, developing their communication, mathematical language, turn-taking, coordination and problem solving. Everyone showed fantastic enthusiasm and great team spirit!



School Awards

Well done to the following pupils who have received awards in Achievement Assemblies...

Week beginning: 29 June 2026

Reception: Harlie, Evan, Zac, Connie, Leo, Clara, Annie, Oliva

Year 1: James and Harry

Year 2: Ella and Charlie

Year 3: Dylan and Oliver

Year 4: Libby, Florence, Beren and Giuliana

Year 5: Elowen and Felipe

Year 6: Abby, Anton and Romeo



Best Attendance for two weeks ago: Chaffinches Class with 96.4%

Week beginning: 6 July 2026

Reception: Grace, Oscar, Joel, Carlo, Nina, Leo and Heer

Year 1: Harshiv

Year 2: Seren, Alex and Zac

Year 3: *Out of school on an educational visit*

Year 4: Delilah

Year 5: Samuel and Ryen

Year 6: All Year 6



Best Attendance for last week: Woodpeckers Class with 99.6%



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Stratford Cluster Netball Champions

Our netball team took part in the annual Stratford Cluster Netball Tournament. For many of the children, this was their final opportunity to represent Bridgetown Primary School before moving on to Year 7, and what a fantastic way to finish their netball journey! The team were absolutely phenomenal throughout the afternoon. Playing six matches in very warm conditions, they demonstrated great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Their defence was outstanding, allowing very few goals from opposing teams, while their attacking play was exceptional, resulting in superb performances on court. After winning five of their six matches in convincing style, Bridgetown were crowned Stratford Cluster Netball Champions!



Key Dates 2025-26

Summer Term 2

Tuesday 14th July 2026
Wednesday 15th July 2026
Thursday 16th July 2026
Thursday 16th July 2026
Friday 17th July 2026
Friday 17th July 2026

Year 6 Production 1.30pm
Year 6 Production 6pm
Year 1 Hatton Country World visit
Staff vs Year 6 Rounders Match 3.30pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Break up for summer holidays 1.30pm

Remember to
check out our
Facebook page!



Keep up to date with the latest news,
events and celebrations from
around school.



Visit our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/108260537224021?ref=embed_page

Click the link!

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Key Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term 1

Tuesday 1 September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 September 2026	Children return to school
Thursday 3 September 2026	Safeguarding Training for Governors/Volunteers 6pm
Monday 7 September 2026	Flu immunisation for Reception – Year 6
Monday 14 September 2026	Times Tables Rock Stars launch
Monday 14 September 2026	Clubs begin
Sunday 20 September 2026	FOBS Dragon Boat Race
Monday 21 September 2026	PLT applications in (Year 6 pupils)
Monday 21 September 2026	FGB meeting 6pm
Tuesday 6 October 2026	National Child Measurement Programme – Rec/Y6
12-16 October 2026	SEN Support Plan Meetings
Wednesday 14 October 2026	Parent Forum: Key Priorities for the year 6pm
Thursday 15 October 2026	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 16 October 2026	FOBS Disco
Tuesday 20 October 2026	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21 October 2026	Individual / sibling photographs
Thursday 22 October 2026	Parents' Evening
Friday 23 October 2026	INSET day
26-30 October 2026	HALF TERM BREAK (inc FOBS Scarecrow Trail)

Autumn Term 2

Monday 2 November 2026	Children return to school
Friday 6 November 2026	Open Morning 9.30am-12pm
Monday 9 November 2026	OPAL event for parents 1.30pm
Wednesday 11 November 2026	Reception Curriculum Information evening 6pm
Sunday 14 November 2026	Remembrance Sunday Parade (PLT)
Friday 20 November 2026	FOBS Christmas Quiz Night
23-27 November 2026	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 23 November 2026	FGB meeting 6pm
Tuesday 24 November 2026	Maths Parent Open Afternoon
Friday 4 December 2026	FOBS Christmas Fayre
Monday 7 December 2026	Year 1 Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 8 December 2026	Reception Nativity Song Concert 2pm
Wednesday 9 December 2026	Year 2 Christingle at Holy Trinity Church 5.30pm
Friday 11 December 2026	Clubs end
Monday 14 December 2026	KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church 6pm
Tuesday 15 December 2026	Christmas Lunch and Class Parties
Friday 18 December 2026	Break up for Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm

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but may be subject to change.*

Key Dates 2026-27

Spring Term 1

Monday 4 January 2027	INSET day
Tuesday 5 January 2027	Children return to school
Monday 11 January 2027	Clubs begin
Wednesday 20 January 2027	Year 6 Residential meeting 6pm
25-29 January 2027	Careers Week
Monday 25 January 2027	FGB meeting 6pm
Thursday 28 January 2027	Reception Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 4 February 2027	English Parent Open Afternoon
Friday 5 February 2027	FOBS Panto – evening
Saturday 6 February 2027	FOBS Panto – afternoon and evening
Tuesday 9 February 2027	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10 February 2027	Parent Forum
Thursday 11 February 2027	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.15am
15-19 February 2027	HALF TERM BREAK

Spring Term 2

Monday 22 February 2027	Children return to school
22-26 February 2027	SEN Support Plan Meetings this week
Wednesday 3 March 2027	Year 6 SATs information evening
Friday 5 March 2027	World Book Day
15-19 March 2027	Year 6 Residential to Arête
Thursday 18 March 2027	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 19 March 2027	Red Nose Day
Friday 19 March 2027	Clubs end
Monday 22 March 2027	FGB meeting 6pm
Tuesday 23 March 2027	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 24 March 2027	Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 March 2027	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 25 March 2027	FOBS Fundraising Finale event
Thursday 25 March 2027	Break up for Easter Holidays

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Key Dates 2026-27

Summer Term 1

Monday 12 April 2027	Return to school
Monday 12 April 2027	Annual Stakeholder Surveys this week
Monday 19 April 2027	Clubs begin
Friday 23 April 2027	FOBS Disco
Saturday 24 April 2027	Shakespeare's birthday parade (PLT)
Monday 3 May 2027	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 5 May 2027	Parent Forum 6pm
Thursday 6 May 2027	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am
10-13 May 2027	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 14 May 2027	FOBS Bake Sale after school
Friday 21 May 2027	Dimensions Parent Open Afternoon
Monday 24 May 2027	FGB meeting 6pm
Thursday 27 May 2027	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 28 May 2028	FOBS Colour Run after school
31 May - 4 June 2027	HALF TERM BREAK

Summer Term 2

Monday 7 June 2027	INSET day
Tuesday 8 June 2027	Return to school
Wednesday 9 June 2027	Class Photos
14-18 June 2027	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
14-18 June 2027	Year 1 (and Year 2 resits) Phonics Screening Checks
Wednesday 16 June 2027	Reception Generation Day picnic 2pm
Friday 18 June 2027	Sports Days 1 st choice
Friday 25 June 2027	Sports Days 2 nd choice (in case of inclement weather)
Wednesday 30 June 2027	Forum - Transition (KS1 3.30pm / KS2 4.30pm / Rec 6pm)
Thursday 1 July 2027	Summer Music Concert 3.30pm
Friday 2 July 2027	Clubs end
Wednesday 7 July 2027	Transition Morning, Warwickshire secondary induction day
Thursday 8 July 2027	Helpers' Tea Party 2.30pm
Friday 9 July 2027	FOBS Summer Fayre 6pm-8pm
Monday 12 July 2027	FGB meeting 6pm
Tuesday 13 July 2027	Annual Reports published
Wednesday 14 July 2027	Year 6 Production 1.30pm
Thursday 15 July 2027	Year 6 Production 6pm
Monday 19 July 2027	Staff vs Year 6 Rounders Match 3.30pm
Tuesday 20 July 2027	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 20 July 2027	Whole School Assembly 11am
Tuesday 20 July 2027	Break up for summer holidays 1.30pm



READ to the BEAT

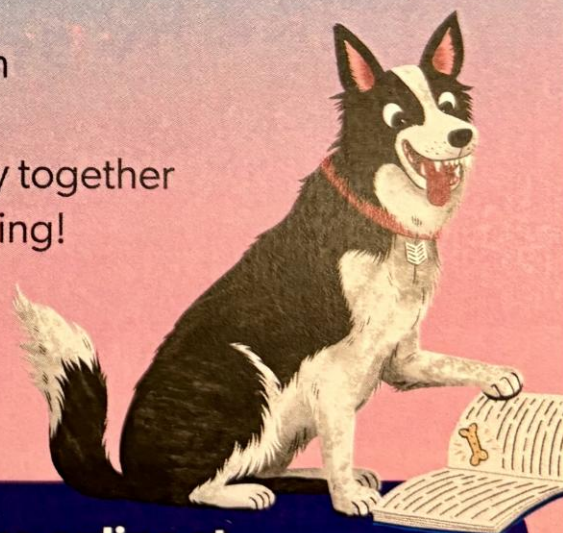
Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

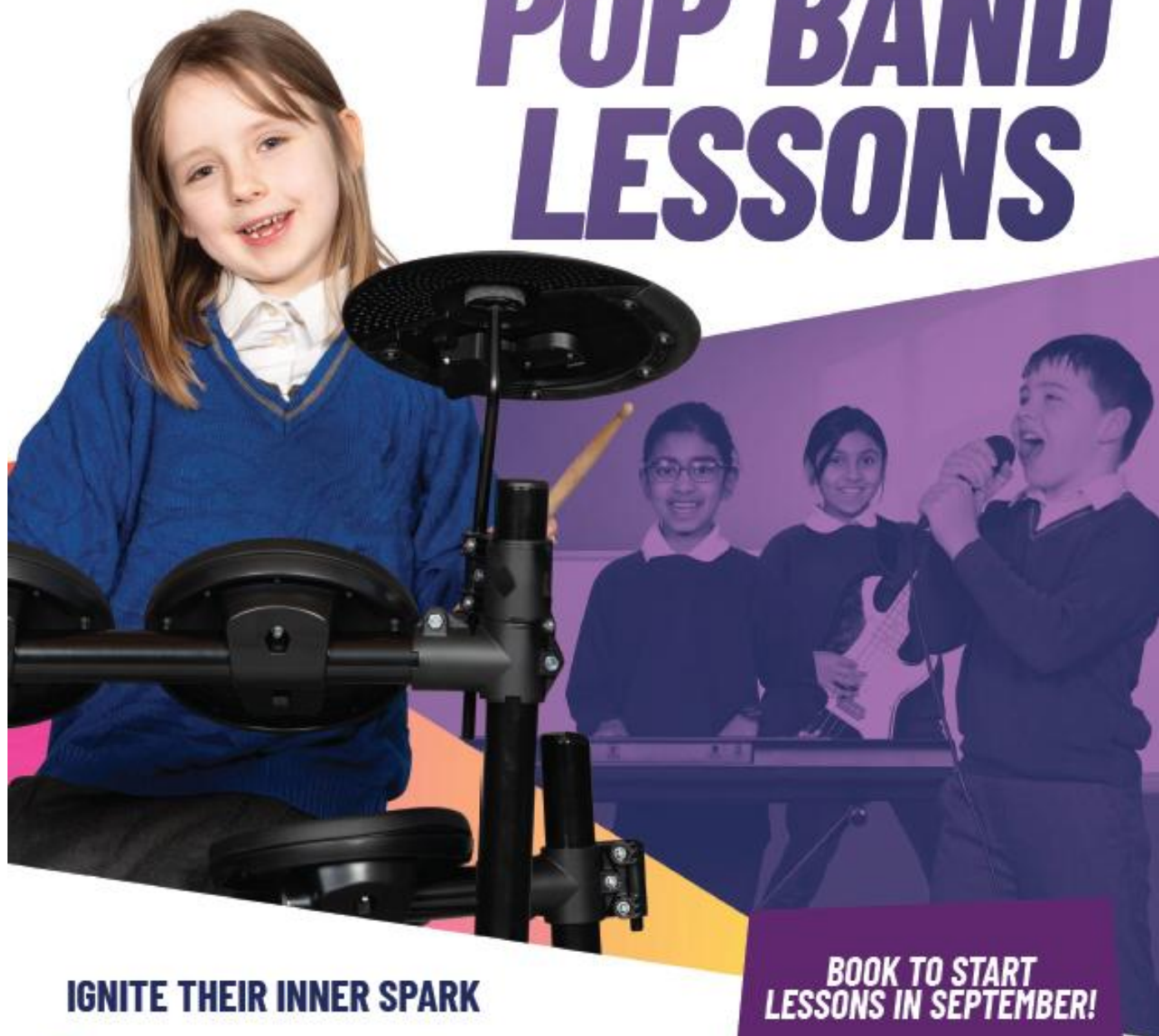


Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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of parents say their child loves or enjoys their Rocksteady lessons
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"Rocksteady has given Campbell a true love of music. It has improved his life dramatically."

Georgia

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TENNIS SUMMER CAMPS



WEEK 1: August 4th, 5th, 6th 9-3:30pm

WEEK 2: August 11th, 12th, 13th, 9-3:30pm

WEEK 3: August 18th, 19th, 20th 9-3:30pm



Tennis in the mornings, Multi-sports in the afternoon. Learning all the shots and a mini tournament on the last day.

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TENNIS SESSIONS AT BRIDGETOWN

DAY: TUESDAY

TIME: 3:15-4:15

DATES: 15TH SEPT-
8TH DEC



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SAFE PARKING REMINDER

Please park safely and
considerately around
our school.



Keep our children
safe – park away
from the school gate
and zig zags.



Do not park on
yellow lines,
dropped kerbs or
driveways.



Please drive
slowly and
carefully – children
are hard to see.



Be respectful of
our neighbours
and keep noise
to a minimum.

Thank you for helping to
keep our school community safe!

