



School Newsletter

Bridgetown Primary School

Ready, Respectful, Safe

13 February 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible set of performances the audiences were treated to! This year's pantomime of Cinderella was a joy from start to finish and a true showcase of our school community at its best. The cast were simply outstanding, performing with confidence, humour and heart. My sincere thanks go to our dedicated FOBS Team, fantastic staff, talented parents and children, and our excellent governors, whose involvement made the production such a success. It was a terrific team effort and a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved. Very well done to everyone involved!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, families and staff a lovely, safe and well-deserved half-term holiday next week.

Enjoy the rest, relaxation and time together. We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to school, refreshed and ready for the next half term ahead, on Monday 23rd February.



Best wishes,

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher



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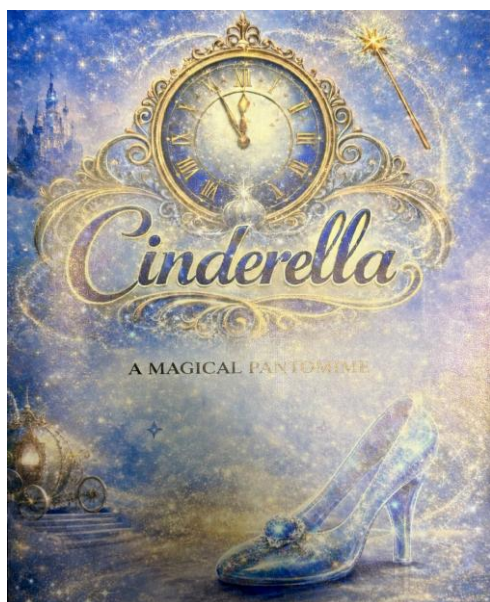


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Safer Internet Day 2026: Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

We have had a variety of activities on the go this week across school to mark Online Safety Day 2026, with the national theme of exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. On Monday, children from Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes enjoyed an assembly with the message tailored to their needs followed by Year 3, 4 and 5 having an assembly with the same key messages. Our Year 6 classes then took part in Online Safety workshops delivered to them also by Open Education, discussing topics that will help them to keep safe online and understand the digital world.



On Tuesday, many Key Stage 2 classes tuned in to the BBC Live lesson which was an interactive and engaging way to reinforce the messages. We were also lucky to have one of our parents - Ellie Proffitt - come into school. Ellie has a wealth of experience working in the field and so was able to deliver online safety lessons to both of the Year 5 classes and she even found time to pop to Reception to read an exiting interactive story with key safety messages.

Dimensions Parent Open Afternoon

Following the fantastic success of our Maths Morning last term, we are delighted to invite our KS1/KS2 families back into school for another special session of learning alongside your child. This time, you will have the opportunity to experience a lesson focused on our new Dimensions curriculum. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and curiosity this curriculum has sparked across the school and we are excited to share this with you first hand in the classroom.

We look forward to welcoming you on Monday 9th March 2026. KS2 parents are invited from 1:15 to 2pm and KS1 parents are invited from 2:15 to 3pm. All children will be collected at the usual time of 3:15pm from the playground. We are looking forward to opening the doors of our Bridgetown classrooms and welcoming you.

African Dance Workshops

Miss Sutor led a series of wonderful African dance workshops across the school last week. We are fortunate to have someone with such talent and skill within our school.



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Book Fair

We are delighted to announce that our much loved Book Fair will be returning to school from 3rd to 6th March!

Each day, children and families are warmly invited to visit the ICT suite straight after school from 3.15 to 3.45pm to browse and buy from a fantastic selection of books. Please enter the door through the KS2 playground. There truly is something for everyone, with a wide range of titles and prices from approximately £4 to £15. To celebrate World Book Day, every child will receive a token which can be exchanged for a special £1 book, making this a wonderful opportunity to discover something new and exciting to read. Please note that the Book Fair will be cash free this year, so do bring your card or device to make any purchases. Not only does the Book Fair help to nurture a lifelong love of reading, it also supports our school. Every purchase earns rewards that we can use to secure free books for our classrooms and library. We cannot wait to see you there and share in the excitement of choosing a brand new book together.

SATs Information Evening

Year 6 families are warmly invited to attend our SATs information evening at 6pm on Wednesday 4th March 2026.

Open Morning

We are delighted to be holding an Open Morning for Prospective Parents on Monday 23rd March 2026. Please see the poster on the next page of the newsletter for details.

Indoor Athletics

Twenty five keen Year 6s walked to the High School on Wednesday 4th February to take part in Indoor Athletics, organised by the School Games. The children had a brilliant time as they competed in their different field and track events.

The teamwork and sportsmanship was great to see and we are very proud of all of them. Bridgetown ended at a very respectfully third place, out of 9 schools. Very well done!



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Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Is your child due to start school in September or are you moving to the area? Come along to our Open Morning on **Monday 23rd March** between **9.30am and 11.30am**. Please contact the school to book your appointment time.



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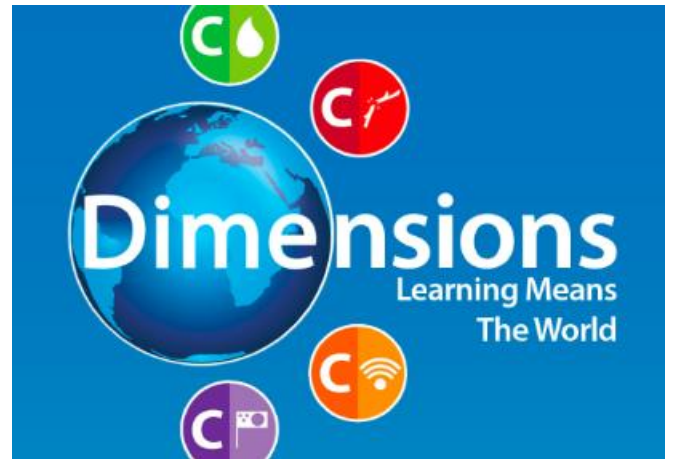
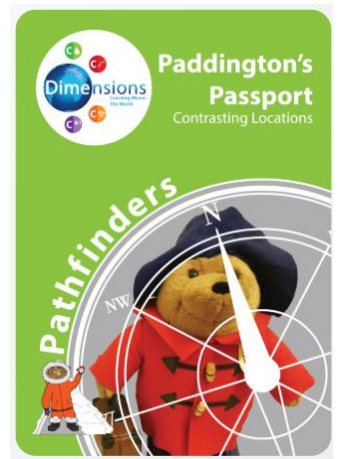
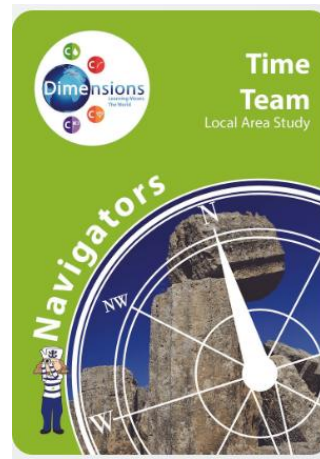


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Dimensions Curriculum

What an absolutely brilliant first half term we have had exploring our Dimensions curriculum! Every corner of the school has been alive with purposeful discussion, deep thinking and a real buzz for learning. The excitement has been unmistakable and we could not be prouder of the curiosity, independence and enthusiasm our children demonstrate each day.

This half term has been packed with rich and memorable experiences. From sampling foods from around the world such as nori, sour cucumber and heart of palm at lunchtime, to Year 1 discovering how blubber keeps polar bears warm through a hands on butter experiment, learning has been immersive, practical and joyful. These moments do far more than build knowledge. They spark creativity, strengthen collaboration and develop the critical thinking skills our children need to thrive in the modern world.



We are just as excited about what is to come. Next half term, children will journey with Paddington to London, comparing life in the UK and Peru while deepening their understanding of similarities and differences across cultures. Our scientists will explore the fascinating world of forces, investigating how pushes, pulls and gravity shape everyday life. Our historians will step back in time to examine how Stratford has changed since Shakespeare's day, confidently applying their knowledge to understand continuity and change.

This has been an inspiring and energising start to our Dimensions journey and we are only just getting started. We cannot wait for another half term of ambitious, engaging and truly purposeful learning.



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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/>

Reminder: World Book Day - Thu 5th March

The Theme: A doorway to adventure!

Step through, explore, imagine.

Children (and Staff) are invited to dress as someone ready to step through a doorway into an adventure - a traveller, explorer, dreamer, artist/creator, or reader. Costumes can be created from everyday clothes. Costume ideas include pyjamas, maps - shorts - hats - backpack, art apron - art brush, books - glasses, magnifying glass. Children will engage in many creative tasks during the duration of the day. We encourage pupils to bring their favourite books from home (please name these on the inside cover) along with a pillow/favourite cushion or small throw.

Choir Club

We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to you all for Choir's Easter Song Concert on Thursday 5th March at 4pm in the school hall. Please note the revised date. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially those who love an enthusiastic rendition of *Spring Chicken!* Please also note that there will be no Choir Club after school on Thursday 12th or Thursday 19th March.

Safeguarding: Online Community Networks

We want to make parents and carers aware of harmful online networks that are currently targeting children and vulnerable young people in popular areas of the internet, including social media apps and online games that many children enjoy, such as Roblox, as well as TikTok and Snapchat. These are not formal organisations, but loose online communities that use changing names, phrases or number codes. This includes groups such as "741", "*Haters Handbook*" and "*No Lives Matter*".

Content linked to these online spaces can include self-harm, suicide, harm to animals, sexual behaviour, hate and violence. In some cases, children are actively encouraged to copy or take part in dangerous behaviours themselves, share harmful content, or keep secrets from trusted adults. This can place children at significant risk.

We ask parents and carers to:

- Take an "it could happen here" approach to online safety
- Talk regularly with your child about what they are doing and seeing online, including in games
- Be alert to concerning language, behaviour changes, or secrecy around online activity
- Contact the school if you have any concerns, so we can offer support

We are aware of current cases of this in other schools in Warwickshire and continue to work closely with safeguarding partners. Thank you for working with us to help keep children safe online.



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Science

Children in Year 5 designed their own experiments to test the strength, absorbance and flexibility of different materials.



Paper Frog Fundraiser: Wednesday 25th February

We are delighted to share that five of our creative pupils from Goldfinches (Jessica, Isla Jo, Amelia and two other girls) have come up with a wonderful fundraising idea!

They have been busy making colourful paper frogs, which they will be selling on Wednesday 25th February in the lunch hall. Each frog will cost 50p, and all proceeds will go directly to supporting our school. If your child would like to buy a frog and take part in this lovely initiative, please send them to school with 50p on the day. Thank you for supporting our children's creativity and their enthusiasm for helping the school!

Reading for Pleasure

It has been lovely to see great use of the library in school this half term, including Year 4 reading for pleasure as can be seen below.



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Warwickshire Mental Health Directory

Warwickshire has a range of mental health services. Support is available to everyone to help improve wellbeing. The directory lists a mix of emergency and non-emergency contacts should you, or someone you are concerned about, need specific mental health assistance. Please know that you are not alone and please reach out for help.

Wellbeing for Warwickshire can support people with their mental health.

24/7 365 days a year Mental Wellbeing Line: A friendly and compassionate team is available every day of the year to help find the best Wellbeing for Warwickshire services or signpost to other services.

Call: 0800 616171

Services offered:

- Dedicated website with access to information to help with mental health, with Live Assistance, which is an alternative option to making a phone call.
- Community wellbeing hubs across Warwickshire for 1:1 support
- Online e-mental health platform
- Support service to access your local community.
- Range of online/in-person mental health courses.

Wellbeing for Coventry also provides a support service, which provides mental health and wellbeing support, useful apps, online resources, and signposts to services throughout Coventry.

Primary Care / GP

If you are experiencing emotions or behaviours that are difficult or hard to manage, speak to your GP. If you aren't registered with a GP, please [click here](#) to find your nearest GP surgery.

Coventry, Warwickshire, and Solihull services

Coventry, Warwickshire, and Solihull Talking Therapies

NHS Talking Therapies is for people with mild, moderate, and moderate to severe symptoms of anxiety and low mood in Coventry, Warwickshire, and Solihull.

Please visit the website for details of ways to refer to the service.

Talking Therapies are available if you live outside of Coventry, Warwickshire, and Solihull.

[Warwickshire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service \(SENDIAS\)](#) provides free, confidential and impartial information and guidance for young people aged 16-25 and for parent carers of children with SEND living in Warwickshire. If you need help understanding SEND processes, such as exclusions, appeals or making a complaint, you can book a private 45-minute consultation with one of their advisors.



SUPPORT AND ADVICE FOR FAMILIES IN WARWICKSHIRE

No one ever said being a parent or carer was easy! There are lots of support services available in Warwickshire to support you and your family...

THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE
Get in touch with Warwickshire's Family Information Service for advice and guidance on a wide range of subjects including:

- Housing
- Finance
- Childcare
- Parental conflict and contact
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

01926 742274
fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
@WarwickshireFIS @WarksFIS

Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

FAMILY SUPPORT
Get in touch with a Family Support Worker for advice and guidance on parenting and all aspects of family life.

Support can be offered through telephone calls, video calls, text messages or email to suit your needs.

01926 412412

Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. All enquiries will be responded to during this time.

To contact your local district or borough family support team via email please visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familysupport for more information.

SCAN THE QR CODE

Scan the QR Code to sign up to the Family Information Service newsletter for regular updates to support you and your family!

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentupdates

Warwickshire County Council

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for Children

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is a benefit for children under 16 who have a disability or health condition that means they need extra help or supervision compared to other children of the same age. DLA is not means-tested and is paid to help families with the additional costs of caring for a child with extra needs. DLA has two parts:

- **Care component** – for children who need extra support with daily activities or supervision
- **Mobility component** – for children who have difficulty walking or getting around

Receiving DLA can also help families access other support, such as Carer's Allowance or additional services. Having DLA does not depend on a diagnosis alone, but on how a child's needs affect daily life. If you would like more information or support with an application, please speak to Mrs Cathline, Inclusion Lead.

School Awards

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

Week beginning: Monday 2nd February 2026

Reception: Zadie and Amara

Year 1: Elsie and Daphne

Year 2: Ella and Nedas

Year 3: Abigail and Harry

Year 4: Lacey and Vihaan

Year 5: Albert and Flavio

Year 6: Arlo and Pavan

Values Champions: Ellis, Lydia and Jude

Best Attendance for two weeks ago: Goldfinches Class with 98.6%



Week beginning: Monday 9th February 2026

Reception: Zac and Billy

Year 1: Milly and Frankie

Year 2: Adwaika and Elyssa

Year 3: Samuel and Spencer

Year 4: Clemmie and Steffina

Year 5: Lara and Jasper

Year 6: Poppy and Ellie

Values Champions: Max, Maia and Archie

Best Attendance for last week: Puffins Class with 99.2%



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Key Dates 2025-26

Spring Term 2

Monday 23 rd February 2026	Children return to school after Half Term break
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Paper Frog fundraiser – lunchtime in the hall
3 rd – 6 th March 2026	Book Fair after school
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Year 6 SATs information evening 6pm
Thursday 5 th March 2026	Choir's Easter Concert 4pm
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March 2026	Curriculum Open Afternoon
Friday 13 th March 2026	Rocksteady Concert 10.30am
Friday 13 th March 2026	FOBS Event – Mothers' Day
16 th – 20 th March 2026	Year 6 Residential to Arête
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.30am-11.30am
Thursday 19 th March 2026	No Choir Club (Mr Szortowski at Arête)
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 th March 2026	Clubs end
Monday 23 rd March 2026	FGB meeting 6pm
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Parents' Evening
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Parents' Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	Break up for Easter Holidays

Key Dates 2025-26

Summer Term 1

Monday 13th April 2026
13th – 17th April 2026
Monday 20th April 2026
Friday 24th April 2026
Saturday 25th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Tuesday 5th May 2026
Wednesday 6th May 2026
Thursday 7th May 2026
11th – 14th May 2026
Friday 15th May 2026
Monday 18th May 2026
Thursday 21st May 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026
25th – 29th May

Return to school
Stakeholder Surveys
Clubs begin
FOBS Disco
Shakespeare's birthday parade (PLT)
May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Year 4 visit to Bell Heath
Parent Forum
Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am
KS2 Year 6 SATs Week
FOBS Bingo
FGB meeting 6pm
Year 6 Class Assembly 9.15am
INSET day – school closed
HALF TERM BREAK

Summer Term 2

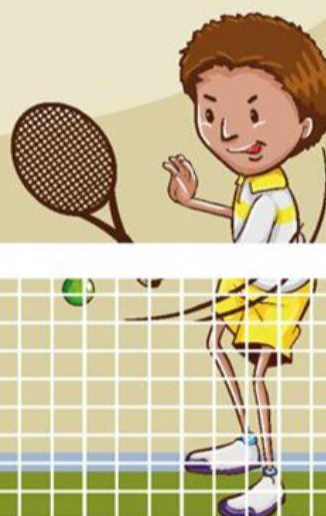
Monday 1st June 2026
8th – 12th June 2026
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Wednesday 10th June 2026
Tuesday 16th June 2026
Friday 19th June 2026
22nd June – 26th June 2026
Wednesday 24th June 2026
Friday 26th June 2026
Saturday 27th June 2026
Wednesday 1st July 2026
Thursday 2nd July 2026
Friday 3rd July 2026
Monday 6th July 2026
Wednesday 8th July 2026
Thursday 9th July 2026
Friday 10th July 2026
Friday 10th July 2026
Tuesday 14th July 2026
Wednesday 15th July 2026
Thursday 16th July 2026
Friday 17th July 2026
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Return to school
Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Year 1 (and Year 2 resit) Phonics Screening Checks
Class Photos
Reception Generation Day picnic 2pm
Sports Days 1st choice
Year 6 Bikeability
Reception new parents' evening 6pm
Sports Days 2nd choice (in case of inclement weather)
FOBS Ball
Parent Forum – transition focus (KS1 3.30pm / KS2 4.30pm)
Summer Music Concert 3.30pm
Clubs end
FGB meeting 6pm
Transition Morning, Warwickshire secondary induction day
Helpers' Tea Party 2.30pm
Annual Reports published
FOBS Summer Fair 6-8pm
Year 6 Production 1.30pm
Year 6 Production 6pm
Staff vs Year 6 Rounders Match 3.30pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Break up for summer holidays 1.30pm

HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS



**Special Offer for 2026
U12 Membership only £25**



AGE

5 - 12 year olds, all abilities welcome

DATES

**Tuesday 17th February,
Wednesday 18th February
Thursday 19th February**

TIMES

09:00 - 10:30	Ages 5 - 7
10:30 - 12:00	Ages 8 - 12

COST

**Members: £8.00 per camp
Non Members: £10.00 per camp**

BOOKINGS

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YEARS

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For 4 to 8 year olds

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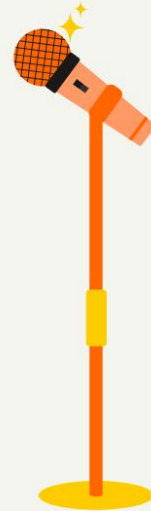
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19 FEBRUARY 3PM



STRATFORD LIBRARY

Free!

OPEN MIC POETRY



**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
13-17-YEARS-OLD**

***Thursday
19th February***

***2pm - Free workshop with poet
Emilie Lauren-Jones***

3pm - Poetry Open Mic

***Limited FREE lunches available
- first come, first served***

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Poetry Collages

with
Emilie Lauren Jones

Ideal for those who enjoy being creative, crafting or playing with words. Create your own collages using lines of existing poetry, articles and a mix of images and other random objects!



Weds 18th February



11am-12pm for ages 4-11
1-2pm for ages 12-15



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a member of staff



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FAMILY CLASS

7+ YEARS / 18:00 - 19:00

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