



Bridgetown Primary School

Ready, Respectful, Safe

6 March 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend my warmest thanks to our terrific FOBS team, for their incredible generosity, time, and hard work in installing the wonderful new sandpit during the half-term break. Thanks to their dedication, the sandpit was ready for its grand opening last week, and it has been an absolute joy to see the children's excitement ever since.

The sandpit has quickly become a much-loved space at playtimes and lunchtimes, with children eagerly exploring, creating, collaborating, and using their imaginations in new and exciting ways.

It is already making a real difference to the quality of play across the school and is a fantastic enhancement to our OPAL offer here at Bridgetown.

We are so grateful to FOBS, for their continued support and commitment to enriching our children's experiences. This new addition will bring enjoyment and learning to many pupils for many years to come. Thank you!



Best wishes,

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Headteacher



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New Sandpit

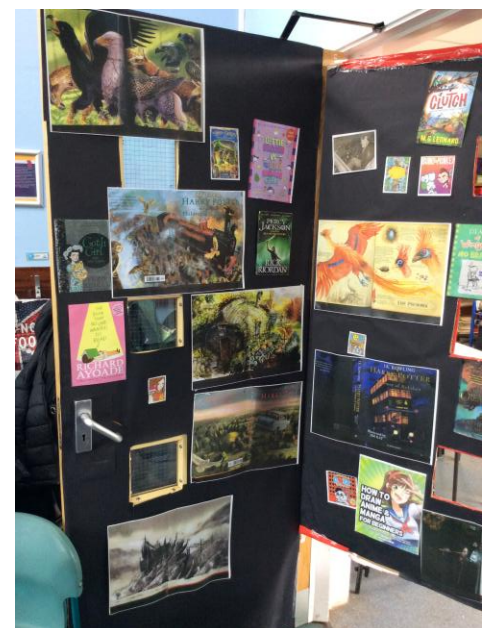


World Book Day 2026

What a fantastic day we had celebrating World Book Day this week! It was wonderful to see the children so excited, dressed as dreamers, creators, and adventurers. The children embarked on a magical journey '*through the red door*', where they wrote their own imaginative stories about what they might discover along the way. Their creativity truly shone through, with beautifully written and illustrated work on display. KS2 pupils were also lucky enough to join schools across the United Kingdom for a live creative writing lesson, inspiring even more fantastic ideas. A huge thank you to all our families for supporting with costumes, purchasing fabulous books at the book fair, and helping to create such a wonderful buzz and positive atmosphere throughout the school.



More World Book Day Photos



News

Year One

During the half-term holiday, both Year 1 classrooms were given a fresh coat of paint and are now looking bright and inviting.

We were also very pleased to welcome Mrs Hughes, who has loved getting to know the Year 1 children and has already become a valued part of our school community. We are delighted that she has now joined us fully.



Welcome to Bridgetown

Mr Woods has joined Year 3 as a Teaching Assistant and has already made a wonderful start, settling in quickly during his first two weeks. We are delighted to have him as part of the Bridgetown team.

Mrs Bradley and Mr Jhangeer, who will be joining our UKS2 team after Easter, each spent a wonderful day in school last week. Both received a very warm welcome from both staff and children, took part in induction and training sessions, and had valuable opportunities to teach pupils in their new classes. They also engaged in thorough handovers with existing staff to ensure a smooth transition. We very much look forward to welcoming Mrs Bradley and Mr Jhangeer to the team on 13 April.

SATs Information Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 6 SATs Information Evening this week. We hope you found the session helpful and informative. The presentation from the evening is now available on our website and can be accessed here:

<https://www.bridgetown.warwickshire.sch.uk/briefing-slides-for-parents/>

Choir Concert

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Choir's Easter Concert yesterday. It was a truly fabulous event. From uplifting modern melodies to a warm, enthusiastic audience, the concert was a wonderful celebration of music and community. We are so grateful for your support and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



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More News

Paper Frogs

We are delighted to share that our Year 3 pupils have been busy crafting their wonderful paper frogs, and their hard work has truly paid off! The children sold their creations last week and proudly raised £18.50 for the school. A big well done to all the pupils for their creativity and effort, and a heartfelt thank you to the parents and carers who kindly supported the fundraiser.

Finale Day - Dress Up for Your Duck!

On Friday 27th March, children can come dressed in homage to their class duck - army duck, disco duck, pink duck, anything that fits their theme! No need to buy anything new; homemade items like hats, t-shirts, face paint, or even a small flag would be more than enough to join in the fun!

Dimensions Parent Open Afternoon

A reminder that 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 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.

Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 20th March by taking part in Red Nose Day. Children are invited to wear a red nose or other Red Nose Day accessories alongside their school uniform. This is a good opportunity for us to come together as a school community, have some fun, and help raise money for people facing hard times both in the UK and around the world.



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/>

Autism Workshop Parents & Carers

Echoes Charity

This workshop is set up for parents and carers of autistic people, undiagnosed or diagnosed, with a program that will be tailored to suit your group's needs. It's a safe space to share and connect through experiences and learn more about autism and yourselves. It's facilitated by qualified psychotherapists and counsellors who have built up a profile of coping strategies that can be adapted to everyone's needs. To get in contact, or to book on a workshop, please visit one of the links listed at the bottom right of this poster.

All courses are free.

If you like to use any creative outlets such as poetry, music, plays, videos, games, artwork and fashion as a way to express emotions or yourself then please send your creations into enquiries@echoescharity.org.uk. You can either be credited or be anonymous. If you are sharing someone else's material, please quote the author.

To book your free place, please use the QR code below, or by completing the survey on our website.

Course Dates
08/04/2026 7pm-8pm
17/04/2026 1.30pm-2.30pm
02/07/2026 6pm-7pm

The courses will be weekly, for 1 hour over 4-6 weeks.

Complete our surveys-
(<https://www.echoescharity.org.uk/#current-surveys>)

-This enables you to book on our workshops and to provide you with workshops and groups that meet your needs e.g. bereavement/isolation.

Website- www.echoescharity.org.uk
Email- enquiries@echoescharity.org.uk

Echoes Charity CIO
 @echoes.charity

COMMUNITY FUND

School Awards

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

Week beginning: 23 February 2026

Reception: Tallulah and Fred

Year 1: Vinnie and Dominic

Year 2: Isla Grace and Patrick

Year 3: Oliver

Year 4: Florence and Adam

Year 5: Olaf and Ryen

Year 6: Eva

Values Champions: Hal, Caleb and Morgan

Best Attendance for two weeks ago: Woodpeckers Class with 97.9%



Week beginning: 2 March 2026

Reception: Ashton and Evie

Year 1: Finnley and Felicity

Year 2: Oscar and Albi

Year 3: Charlotte, Charlie and Lyla

Year 4: Maia and Tom

Year 5: Paige and Evie

Year 6: James and Noah

Values Champions: Harry, Edward and Thea

Best Attendance for last week: Puffins Class with 99.2%



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Key Dates 2025-26

Spring Term 2

Monday 9 th March 2026	Curriculum Open Afternoon (KS2 1.15-2pm / KS1 2.15-3pm)
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 5 Swans visit to the RSC
Thursday 12 th March 2026	No Choir Club
Friday 13 th March 2026	Rocksteady Concert 10.30am
16 th – 20 th March 2026	Year 6 Residential to Arête
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 19 th March 2026	No Choir Club
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 th March 2026	Clubs end
20 th – 27 th March 2026	FOBS event – virtual duck race – DRESS UP DAY on 27 th March
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.30-11.30am
Monday 23 rd March 2026	FGB meeting
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Parents' Evening (including FOBS pre-loved uniform sale)
Wednesday 25 th March 2025	Year 5 Herons visit to the RSC
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Parents' Evening (including FOBS pre-loved uniform sale)



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
Thursday 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
Year 2 visit to All Things Wild
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
8th – 12th June 2026
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



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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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SUMMER TERM COOKERY CLUB IS COMING!

Bayleaf Cookery Club will be back for the summer term on Mondays at Bridgetown Primary and we're enrolling now!

We'll be making a delicious set of recipes for the new term, with highlights including:

- Pineapple Upside Down Cake
- Veggie Cornish Pasties
- Blueberry Cheesecake
- Burritos
- Tiramisu
- Pizza Pinwheels
- Lemon Polenta Cake

The club is open to pupils in years 1-6 and will run on Mondays from 3:30 4:30 at a cost of £9.85 per week, plus £7.35 for an optional, personalised folder to keep the recipe cards in. Everything is provided - ingredients, equipment, aprons and recipe cards - all you have to do is sign up, turn up and have fun!

If your child would like to join us at Bayleaf Cookery Club next term just click [here](#) and follow the instructions to book your place.

If you encounter any problems signing up or if you have any questions, please call Charlotte on 07432 580 373 or email charlotte@bayleafcookeryschool.co.uk



WE ARE RECRUITING

Chef Manager

Ilmington Primary School- 25 hours per week (term time)

To lead the food experience at Ilmington Primary School where great food is an important part of the school day.

We're looking for a confident culinary lead who can inspire a small team and create fresh, nutritious meals that pupils genuinely enjoy. This role would suit someone who brings creativity to school menus and takes pride in delivering food that's both exciting and consistently high-quality.

If you're passionate about raising the standard of school catering and want to grow your career with a company that values its people, we'd love to hear from you.

At Educaterers we offer great **benefits** to our employees:

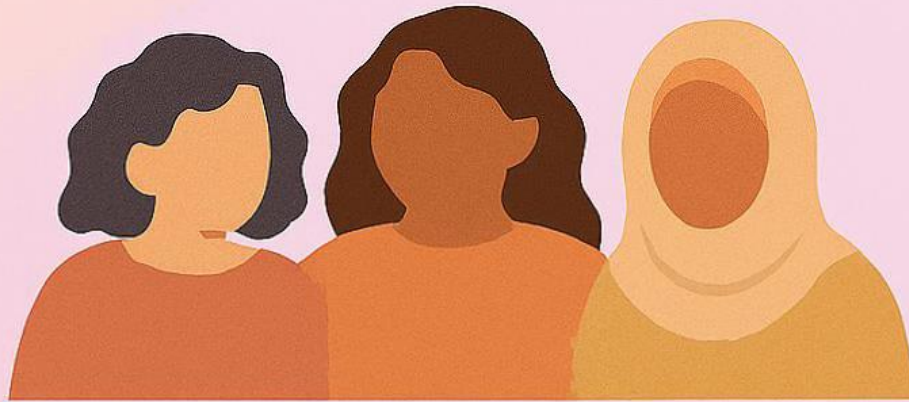
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TRANQUILLITY

**A PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN
SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**

**Stratford Children & Families Centre
Drayton Ave., Stratford-upon-Avon
CV379PB**

**10 weeks: 20 April - 6 July (no session during
May half-term week)**

Provides a welcoming, safe, structured environment for women to access information, support, and raise awareness around domestic abuse and its impact on themselves and their children.

All sessions will be facilitated by Domestic Abuse Practitioner Megan Taplin & Family Support Worker Kim Bilbrough.

Once consent has been confirmed, please send referral requests to; tranquillitygroup@warwickshire.gov.uk and confirm that referral is for the Stratford/South Group.

Please note: the family will need to continue to be held by the allocated worker for the duration of the Programme.

For any further information please contact Megan Taplin.

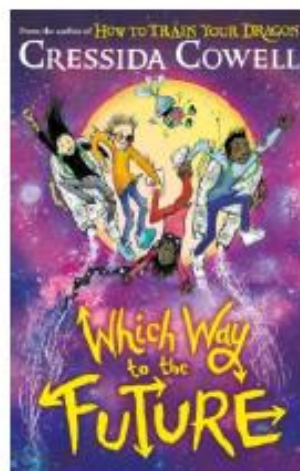
Kenilworth Books

An Afternoon with

Cressida Cowell

Sunday 19th April, 1pm

at Kenilworth School & Sixth Form



Join us for an unforgettable afternoon with bestselling author **Cressida Cowell**! We're celebrating the paperback release of *Which Way to the Future*, the third thrilling installment in the *Which Way* series. Expect an action-packed session as Cressida shares the inspiration behind her stories and reveals her top tips for aspiring writers and artists. Energetic, inspiring, and totally unmissable!



Ticket: £5

Book your ticket at

www.kenilworthbooks.co.uk







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Nominations open 9 -27 March

For full details of this voluntary role, visit: www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk

