



Bridgetown Primary School

Ready, Respectful, Safe

8 May 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were absolutely delighted to take part in this year's Shakespeare's Birthday Parade, a wonderful celebration of creativity, culture, and community spirit. Upper Key Stage Two pupils drawn from the Pupil Leadership Team, School Council and House Captains represented the school with enthusiasm and pride.

The atmosphere throughout the event was truly inspiring, with our children engaging so confidently and respectfully in such an important cultural tradition. Events like this provide valuable opportunities for pupils to bring their learning to life beyond the classroom, deepening appreciation for

literature and history while building confidence and teamwork.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our supportive parents who helped make this experience possible. Most importantly, I am incredibly proud of our pupils, who were a credit to the school in every way.

We look forward to participating in many more enriching local events in the future.

Have a great weekend.



Best wishes,

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Headteacher



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Shakespeare's Birthday Parade



KS1 Playground

Once children have been dismissed into your care at the end of the school day, please ensure they stay with you. The gate in the Key Stage One playground can become quite busy at dismissal time, so we kindly ask that both parents and children avoid standing directly within the inner gate exit area. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe and moving smoothly.

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/>



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Primary Engineer Rail Programme

Year 5 recently took part in an exciting train project, where pupils designed and built their own motorised geared trains. The project culminated in a visit to a rail innovation centre, where our trains were judged alongside entries from six other local schools. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils, who performed exceptionally well, especially our 'Ice Cream Train' entry, which won the award for the most creative entry across all participating schools.

A huge well done to both Swans and Herons Classes, who worked extremely hard to make their trains so impressive. Congratulations also to the pupils who represented our school at the innovation centre. You did so beautifully and made us all very proud.



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A Fabulous Set of Discos

The recent discos were a truly wonderful event and a real highlight for the children. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces, great energy and a real sense of community. A huge thank you goes to FOBS for their hard work in organising such a successful evening, as well as to our staff who gave their time to support and ensure everything ran smoothly. Events like this make such a difference to school life and create lasting memories for our children.

Parking Buddies

Hopefully you have noticed our new parking buddies, on loan from Warwickshire Police...



Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Parent Forum. It was great to see such strong engagement and a shared commitment to moving forward together in a positive way. We truly value your input and the constructive discussions that took place. You can access the presentation used here: <https://www.bridgetown.warwickshire.sch.uk/briefing-slides-for-parents/>

Class Assembly

A huge well done to Year 3 for their brilliant assembly yesterday. The children confidently demonstrated their knowledge and understanding from their recent topics, showcasing their talents as historians, musicians and geographers. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and growing confidence shine through in front of such a proud audience. Thank you to staff and families for your continued support.

Warmer Weather

As the weather warms up and the sun shines brighter, it's important to ensure our children are well-protected from harmful UV rays during school hours. Please apply sun cream to your child before they head off to school. Please also ensure that children bring a water bottle and a sun hat. By taking these simple precautions, we can help ensure that our children enjoy the outdoors safely and avoid the harmful effects of sun exposure.



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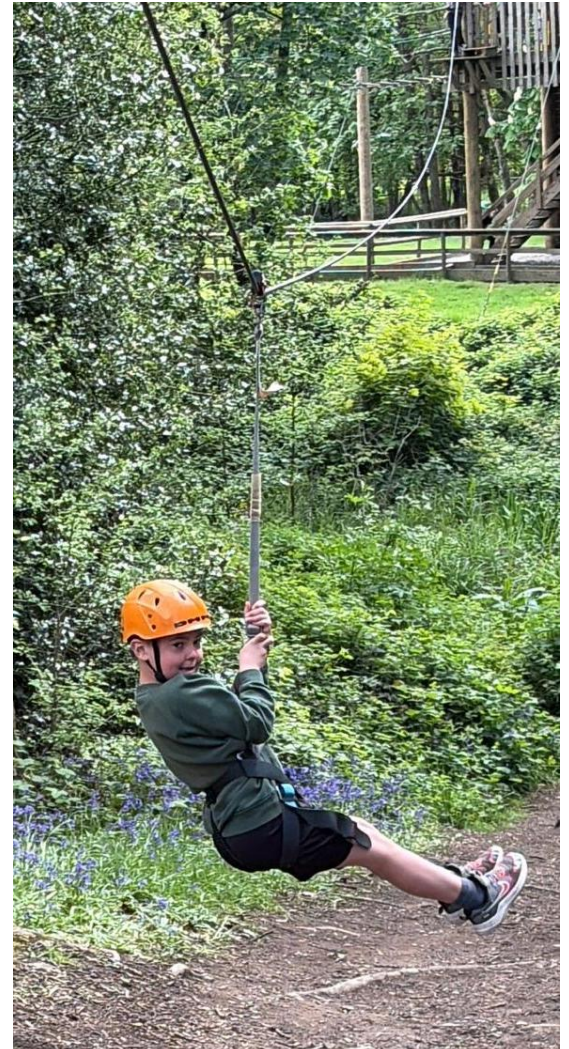


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Year 4 Visit to Bell Heath

The Year 4 pupils had an absolutely fantastic day out on Tuesday at Bell Heath Activity Centre. The children embraced a range of exciting new experiences, stepping outside their comfort zones to take on challenges such as archery, orienteering, nightline, and even a zipline.

We were incredibly proud of every single one of them, their behaviour was exemplary throughout, and they showed great enthusiasm, resilience, and teamwork. The brilliant weather was an added bonus, making the day even more enjoyable. A memorable experience for all!



New Clubs at Bridgetown

We are absolutely thrilled with the fantastic start our five new clubs have made this term! It has been wonderful to see so many children throwing themselves into new experiences with such enthusiasm, energy and excitement.

Our Complete Cricket club has already been a huge hit, with children developing their throwing skills through a range of fun, active and engaging cricket activities. In Lego STEM Club, children have been busy designing, building and problem solving as they tackled exciting projects including windmills, race cars and cranes. It has been fantastic to watch them work collaboratively, share ideas and develop their teamwork skills along the way.

Science Club has been full of curiosity and wonder, with children eagerly observing caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies as well as taking part in a variety of exciting hands-on experiments. Over in Jam Coding, children have been impressively getting to grips with coding, developing new digital skills and exploring the world of technology in a fun and interactive way. Meanwhile, Athletics Club has been bursting with energy, with children enjoying a range of exciting stations including races, howlers and throwing activities. The enthusiasm and determination on show has been incredible and the children are already eagerly looking forward to competing in the athletics tournament next half term.

We are so proud of the positivity, teamwork and determination shown by all of the children so far. These clubs have already created such a fantastic buzz around school and we cannot wait to see the children continue to grow in confidence and skill over the coming weeks. Here are just a few snapshots of all the fun and excitement so far:



SEND Parent Coffee Morning and Information Session

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming SEND Coffee Morning & Information Session, taking place on:

Wednesday 20th May 2026

9am until 10.15am

This session is open to parents and carers of children with SEND, as well as anyone who is interested in learning more about how we support additional needs in school.

This informal and supportive session is an opportunity to meet with Mrs Cathline (Inclusion Lead) and gain a deeper understanding of our SEND provision.

During the session:

- I will share our school's vision for inclusion and how we support pupils with additional needs
- I will outline the external professionals we work with to support children and families
- We are delighted to welcome Joanna Burden from SEND Supported, who will talk about children's needs and how they are assessed

There will also be time to enjoy coffee and biscuits, and to have informal conversations, ask questions, and share experiences in a relaxed environment.

We hope this session will be a helpful opportunity to strengthen our partnership with parents and carers.

Please email Mrs Cathline (senco2053@welearn365.com) to register your interest.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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School Awards

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

Week beginning: 27 April 2026

Reception: Catie and Luca

Year 1: Leya and Thomas

Year 2: Ella, Emilia, Freddie, Jonathon and River

Year 3: Amy and Quin

Year 4: Giuliana and Adam

Year 5: Eleanor and Hudson

Year 6: Aaradhya and Isaac

Values Champions: Daniel and all of Year 6

Best Attendance for two weeks ago: Swans Class with 99.8%



Week beginning: 4 May 2026

Reception: Charlie and Theo

Year 1: Abigail and Daphne

Year 2: Nelia

Year 3: Lam

Year 4: Jesse and all Year 4

Year 5: Millie and Simon

Year 6: Beau and Tanish

Values Champions: Breccan and Freddie

Best Attendance for last week: Sparrows Class with 99.6%



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Key Dates 2025-26

Summer Term 1

11th – 14th May 2026
Monday 11th May
Thursday 14th May 2026
Monday 18th May 2026
Wednesday 20th May 2026
Thursday 21st May 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026
25th – 29th May

KS2 Year 6 SATs Week
Reception visit to the Butterfly Farm
Year 2 visit to All Things Wild
FGB meeting 6pm
SEND Parent Coffee Morning & Information Session 9am
Year 6 Class Assembly 9.15am
INSET day – school closed
HALF TERM BREAK

Summer Term 2

Monday 1st June 2026
Friday 5th 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
Thursday 25th 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
Monday 6th July 2026
Wednesday 8th July 2026
Thursday 9th July 2026
Friday 10th 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
Curriculum Open Afternoon
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
Year 1 Hatton Country World visit
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
Rocksteady Concert for Monday Bands 2.30pm
FGB meeting 6pm
Transition Morning, Warwickshire secondary induction day
Helpers' Tea Party 2.30pm
Annual Reports published
Rocksteady Concert for Friday Bands 10.45am
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



Remember to check out our Facebook page:

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



Thank you!

Blackbirds & Starlings

For donating 49.5kg of food to Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank as part of your Unity in the Community topic.

Your dedication and support has made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Isla Stroyan
Fundraising Officer

Registered charity number 1153297. Registered in England and Wales.

Year 6 SATs Next Week

Year 6 SATs begin on Monday and will take place throughout next week. We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked and how well they have prepared themselves for this important milestone. Over the weekend, it would really help if children can get plenty of rest and enjoy a calm, positive lead-in to the week ahead. A good breakfast each morning will also support them in doing their very best. Most importantly, please continue to reassure your child that these assessments are simply an opportunity to show what they know. We are confident in them and proud already; all we ask is that they approach each day with a positive mindset and give their best effort.