



School Newsletter

Bridgetown Primary School

Ready, Respectful, Safe

21 May 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We often speak about the strength and generosity of the Bridgetown community, and this week we have seen a wonderful example of that spirit in action.

A huge thank you must go to our fantastic FOBS team for purchasing new picnic tables for the school grounds. These were made possible through the continued support of our families at fundraising events throughout the year, and it is lovely to see those contributions making such a positive difference for the children. I would also like to thank the staff team who gave up their time after school last Friday to stay behind and work together to build the tables ready for the children to use, and to Mr James, Ms Wilkes' husband, who spent Monday morning with Mr Lether finalising them. It was a team effort and

a great example of the community spirit that makes Bridgetown such a special place to be.

The children have loved using the picnic tables this week, whether spending time with friends at lunchtime, enjoying outdoor learning opportunities or simply sitting together and chatting at breaktimes. Seeing them already so well used has made the hard work worthwhile.

Thank you once again to FOBS, our families and staff for your continued support of the school. Working together, we can continue to create such positive experiences and opportunities for all of our children. Have a restful half term break.



Best wishes,

Mark Szortowski
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Bicycle Bus

Thank you to all the families who attended the Bicycle Bus meeting last week. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and support for the initiative. We are really excited about launching the Bridgetown Bicycle Bus after half term. As well as encouraging healthy, active travel and helping children to learn about road safety, this is also an important part of our wider strategy to help reduce traffic congestion and improve safety around the school at drop off and pick up times.

If you would like to be part of the Bicycle Bus route, please sign up using the QR code below so that routes can be finalised and organised ready for after half term. Thank you again for your continued support. We are looking forward to seeing the Bicycle Bus become part of our school community.



the bicycle bus

for better health, environment, community

Smart Watches

Please can all parents ensure that your child is not wearing any type of smart watch into school in line with our policy. If your child is wearing a smart watch they will be asked to hand it in to their teacher for the day. If your child is keen to wear a watch, an analogue watch would be ideal for school.

Government Online Safety Survey

We are all aware of the growing use of technology in today's world. Technology has it pros and cons, but we cannot escape that it is here, and it will have an impact on all children and families. The government has released a consultation as the next step to ensure children's experiences online are safe and to understand how technology impacts children's wellbeing.

There are 3 surveys to choose from:

- Full consultation for anyone (civil society, industry and members of the public)
- Survey for parents and carers of young people aged 21 and under
- Survey for children and young people (aged 10 to 21)

[Click here to access the government consultation](#)

Growing up in the online world, government consultation closes on 26th May 2026. Consultation Summary:

We are consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families.



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Recent Educational Visits

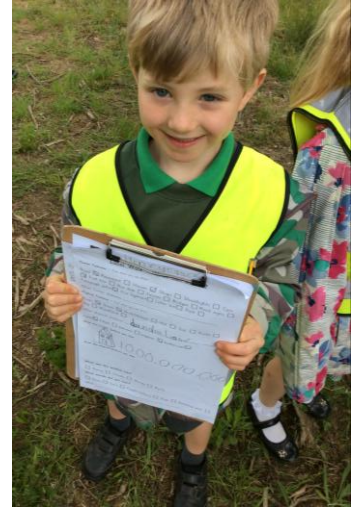
Butterfly Farm

Reception had an amazing time at the butterfly farm, expanding on what they already know about butterflies, as well as learning some new things about a few other animals. They even got to hold a stick insect!



Local Area Walk

Year 1 enjoyed a lovely local walk where they spotted lots of human and physical features, including different types of houses, parks and flowers they had recently learnt about in class. The children were fantastic explorers and even had time to enjoy a play at the park together!



All Things Wild

Year 2 had a 'Roarsome' time at All Things Wild last week. They learned more about dinosaurs, explored the 'outback trail' and spotted reptiles and insects in the adventure cabin. Of course, they all had a fun time in the soft play area and the outdoor park!



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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/>

Assemblies

Children regularly have the opportunity to showcase their talents during assembly entrances and exits, and last Friday our KS2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed an energetic drumming performance by a Year 4 pupil. If your child would like to perform, they simply need to let Mr Szortowski know.



SATs Week

Last week marked the end of SATs Week, and we would like to congratulate all of our wonderful Year 6 pupils for the fantastic attitude they showed throughout. Their determination, resilience and hard work were evident every day, and they should all feel extremely proud of their efforts and achievements.

We would also like to thank our staff and families for the encouragement and support they gave the children during this important time. A special thank you goes to FOBS, who kindly treated the children to doughnuts after their final exam on Thursday, and to our Governors, who provided ice lollies for Year 6 on Friday afternoon. It was a well-deserved celebration after a week of hard work!



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A Poem for Year 6

Another original poem written by Miss Dillon, shared with the children in last Friday's assembly:

What a week!
You've worked so hard, you've done your best,
And now it's time for a well-earned rest.
You faced your SATS with strength and pride,
With all your teachers by your side.

Through every paper, every test,
You have shown the world that you're the best.
You stayed so focused, calm and bright
And gave each question all your might.

No matter the score, no matter the grade,
Be proud of the effort that each of you made.
For courage and kindness have helped you shine,
And that is a victory EVERY TIME.

So, year 6, give a cheer,
You've done amazing throughout this year.
Stand tall, smile wide and proudly say:
"We smashed our SATS this week - hooray!"



**Well Done
Year 6!
SATS are over!**



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School Awards

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

Week beginning: 11 May 2026

Reception: Isla and ALL Sparrows

Year 1: Thomas and Harry

Year 2: Lucan and ALL Kingfishers

Year 3: Lacie and Sebastian

Year 4: Harper and Harrison

Year 5: George and Junior

Year 6: Vanessa and Milla

Values Champions: Emelia and Tom

Best Attendance for two weeks ago: Goldfinches and Swans Classes with **100%**



REMINDER!

Please remember that **tomorrow** is an **INSET** day, so school is **closed to pupils**.

We look forward to welcoming children and families back to school on **Monday 1 June**.



Key Dates 2025-26

Summer Term 2

Monday 1 st June 2026	Return to school
Friday 5 th June 2026	Curriculum Open Afternoon
8 th – 12 th June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
8 th – 12 th June 2026	Year 1 (and Year 2 resit) Phonics Screening Checks
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Class Photos
Tuesday 16 th June 2026	Reception Generation Day picnic 2pm
Friday 19 th June 2026	Sports Days 1 st choice (KS2 at 9.15am, Reception/KS1 at 1.30pm)
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Reception new parents' evening 6pm
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Year 1 Hatton Country World visit
Friday 26 th June 2026	Sports Days 2 nd choice (in case of inclement weather)
Saturday 27 th June 2026	FOBS Ball
W/B Monday 29 th June 2026	Year 6 Bikeability – please note this revised date
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Parent Forum – transition focus (KS1 3.30pm / KS2 4.30pm)
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Summer Music Concert 3.30pm
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Clubs end
Monday 6 th July 2026	Rocksteady Concert for Monday Bands 2.30pm
Monday 6 th July 2026	FGB meeting 6pm
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Transition Morning, Warwickshire secondary induction day
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Helpers' Tea Party 2.30pm
Friday 10 th July 2026	Annual Reports published
Friday 10 th July 2026	Rocksteady Concert for Friday Bands 10.45am
Friday 10 th July 2026	FOBS Summer Fair 6-8pm
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	Year 6 Production 1.30pm
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 6 Production 6pm
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Staff vs Year 6 Rounders Match 3.30pm
Friday 17 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Friday 17 th July 2026	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!



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!

THINK
BEFORE
YOU PARK

KEEP
CLEAR



JOIN US THIS **MAY HALF TERM**

COVENTRY VENUES



CHARTER
CV4 8DW



KERESLEY GRANGE
CV6 2EH



ST. JOHNS
CV5 9HZ

WARWICKSHIRE VENUES



BRIDGETOWN
CV37 7JP



THE REVEL
CV23 0RA



WOLVEY
LE10 3LA



ALL VENUES - ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

	25/05/2026	26/05/2026	27/05/2026	28/05/2026	29/05/2026
8:00AM - 9:30AM	BANK HOLIDAY	DROP OFF BREAKFAST INTRO ACTIVITIES	DROP OFF BREAKFAST INTRO ACTIVITIES	DROP OFF BREAKFAST INTRO ACTIVITIES	DROP OFF BREAKFAST INTRO ACTIVITIES
9:30AM - 10:30AM		CODE BREAKER	PASSPORT MAKING & WORLD CRAFTS	BLINDFOLD GAMES	CODE BREAKER
10:30AM - 10:45AM		BREAKTIME	BREAKTIME	BREAKTIME	BREAKTIME
10:45AM - 12:00PM		BASKETBALL	ATHLETICS	FOOTBALL	MINI OLYMPICS
12:00PM - 1:00PM		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00PM - 2:30PM		FOREST SCHOOL BINGO	ROUNDERS	PARTY GAMES	MINI OLYMPICS
2:30PM - 4:00PM		OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES	DESIGN YOUR OWN SHIRT	GYMNASTICS	MAKE YOUR OWN MEDAL
4:00PM - 5:00PM		COOL DOWN TIME & CHILD COLLECTION	COOL DOWN TIME & CHILD COLLECTION	COOL DOWN TIME & CHILD COLLECTION	COOL DOWN TIME & CHILD COLLECTION

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ALCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Open Evening

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

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OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026 9.00AM – 12 NOON



Current Year 5 students and their parents are invited to attend this Open Morning for Year 7 Entry in September 2027. You will be given an opportunity to look around the School and meet staff and students and gain a flavour of what a K.E.S. education has to offer.

Please also visit our website at www.kes.net/admissions for our Virtual School Experience.

The Headmaster will speak at 9.15am and 10.15am in the Levi Fox Hall

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Regrettably there will be no parking available on the School site.





...RESPECT THE WATERS

If you got into trouble in the water, would you know what to do?

What about if it was someone you care about in danger?

Find out how to keep you and your loved ones safe with advice from the RLSS and Everyone Active.

STAYING SAFE AT THE BEACH

-  **RED AND YELLOW FLAGS** will show the safe places to swim, body board and use inflatables on the beach. You will often see a lifeguard positioned between the red and yellow flags.
-  **RED FLAG** is the sign for danger and means **NO SWIMMING**. Never go in the water when the red flag is flying, under any circumstances. Possible reasons may be fog, large waves or pollution.
-  **BLACK/WHITE FLAG** for hard surf craft including surfboards, kayaks, canoes and other craft without engines. Never swim or body board in this area.
-  **ORANGE WINDSOCKS** indicate offshore winds blowing out to sea or strong wind conditions – never use an inflatable when the sock is flying.