BISHOPSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 9th November 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and your children are refreshed and ready for the start of what is often called the "*most wonderful term of the year*"! It is probably still a little too early to mention the Christmas word, but it is most definitely on its way. Before we get there, we have plenty planned for the children and another exciting and busy term ahead at Bishopstone.

We began Term 2 by sharing the report from our Ofsted inspection held at the start of the academic year. The outcome was disappointing, and I recognise that it may have raised concerns and questions for parents and carers about their children's education. Thank you to the many parents who have sent messages of support and encouragement. Your kind words have meant a great deal to the staff and me, and we are grateful for the confidence you continue to place in our school. We remain fully committed to providing the very best education and experiences for every child and look forward to sharing our plans with you.

On Thursday, we received a certificate from Swindon Food Collective, for our Harvest donations. **The total combined weight was 50.1kg or the weight of a Giant Pacific Octopus!** Thank you for your kind donations, they were really pleased to accept them.

Last week we welcomed Ramsbury Reading Hub into school, to complete a Reading audit in Key Stage 2. The Reading lead was amazed at the children's engagement in the whole class reading session that she observed, which saw every single child on task and contributing. As always, it is wonderful to see the children demonstrating our school values both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's through their learning, kindness to others, facing challenges with resilience or just their everyday general enthusiasm, they continue to make us proud.

Excellent attendance continues to be a strength of our school, and we would like to thank all of our families for your ongoing commitment to ensuring that your children attend regularly and arrive ready to learn each day. It has been particularly encouraging to see further improvements in our whole-school attendance, which is monitored every week. **Last week's best-attended year groups were Years 1, 2, 3 and 4, all achieving 100% attendance**. What a fantastic achievement. Well done to all of you.

Looking ahead, we have a busy and exciting term planned, including educational visits, curriculum enrichment activities, seasonal celebrations and many opportunities for children to showcase their talents and achievements. We look forward to sharing these experiences with you over the coming weeks.

As we move through another busy term, I would like to thank all our families for your continued support. The positive partnership between your home and our school makes a real difference to the children's happiness, experiences and success.

Many thanks

Mr Smith

Unmissable events coming up

November

9th – Swimming Year 5/6

9th – After school clubs to resume

11th – Remembrance Service 10.50am at St Mary's

12th – Interfaith Day

12th – Year 5 Author Visit – Ridgeway School

13th – Children in Need (wear something yellow or spotty)

13th – FOBS Disco