



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 7th February 2025

Upcoming events

Keeping Safe Week

Next week, we will be having our annual 'Keeping Safe Week.' During this week our children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations and we have a fun week planned out.

On Monday, we will be launching the week with a special assembly and throughout the week the children will be taking part in a number of different activities.

They will receive a visit from the London Fire Brigade and get to explore a fire engine. Our junior children will also receive workshops from the Metropolitan Police. Our welfare team will be delivering first aid sessions to each year group, and Dolly (with Mr Lathwell) will be teaching the children how to keep safe around dogs. All classes will also receive PANTs sessions, which show them how to keep their bodies private, as well as learning about online safety.

We will also be offering parent workshops dealing with different aspects of safety during this week and would strongly encourage parents to attend. See below for further details.

Parent workshops during Keeping Safe Week

PANTs

Tuesday 11th February: Ms Howard will be running a workshop for parents on PANTs. This will focus on supporting your child with how to keep their bodies safe, bodily autonomy and consent/help seeking. This will take place in the school hall from **9.00-9.45am**, but parents are welcome to come in from 8.35am onwards for coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Mental health and technology: How to protect your child

Wednesday 12th February: Mrs Slater will be running a workshop for parents on mental health and technology. This will focus on the effects of technology on boys and girls in regards to their mental health and what both parents and school can do to reduce this. It will also look at internet safety. This will take place in the school hall from **9.00-10.00am**, but parents are welcome to come in from 8.35am onwards for coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Police workshop: child exploitation, grooming and county lines

Wednesday 12th February: The police will be running a workshop for parents to provide awareness of the risks of child exploitation, grooming and county lines. This will take place in the school hall from **3.00pm-4.00pm**.

- WB 10.2.25 – Keeping Safe Week
- Mon 10th Feb – London Fire Brigade visit
- Tue 11th Feb – 'PANTs' parent workshop 9.00am
- Tue 11th – Theatre company in for Years 5-6
- Tue 11th/Thu 13th Feb – Y6 parents' evenings
- Wed 12th Feb – 'Mental health and technology: How to protect your child' parent workshop 9.00am
- Wed 12th Feb – Police workshops for children
- Wed 12th Feb – Police workshop for parents
- Fri 14th Feb – MUFTI day (wear red)
- Fri 14th Feb – KS2 Valentine's Day disco 3.30-5.00pm
- Half term: Mon 17th-Fri 21st Feb
- Mon 24th Feb – Children return to school

Year 6 parents' evenings

Just a reminder that the Year 6 parents' evenings will be taking place on **Tuesday 11th February from 3.30pm-5.00pm, and Thursday 13th February from 3.30pm-7.00pm.** Please sign up for these meetings as it is an important time for your child and an opportunity for your child's class teacher to share how you can support them.

MUFTI Day (Wear Red)

Next Friday is St Valentine's Day. To celebrate this, we are allowing the children to dress up in red for a MUFTI Day. Donation buckets will be on the gates in the morning.

KS2 Valentine's Day Disco

There are still a few places left for the KS2 Valentine's Disco next Friday. If you would like your child to attend, you can register your interest by clicking on the link below. The deadline for this will be Monday.

<https://forms.office.com/e/YWA98T8dru> . You will be notified via the Teachers to Parent payment app if your child has secured a ticket. Further details are on the poster below.



Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

This week, our Year 2 children stepped back in time to 1666 as they took part in an exciting Great Fire of London workshop.

They discovered how the fire began, spread, and how the people of London came together to fight the flames. The children also had the chance to experience what life was like in the 17th century by trying out different jobs from that time period.

One of the highlights of the day was becoming archaeologists—carefully dusting through soil to uncover clues about who lived where. It was a fantastic, hands-on learning experience, and the children had an amazing time while gaining a deeper understanding of this important historical event.



Year 3 Roman Day

To celebrate their half-term topic and bring their learning to life, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting themed Roman Day. The children immersed themselves in the world of ancient Rome, learning about Roman battle tactics and even creating and painting their own shields.

They practiced preparing for battle through engaging role-play activities, which brought history vividly to life. The day concluded with a creative flourish as the children designed their very own Roman mosaics. Of course, the highlight for many was dressing up in Roman attire, adding an extra layer of fun to a fantastic day of learning!



Attendance

The attendance for each class for the past two weeks is shown below: Well done to all the classes who achieved 96% or more and in particular to 3M who achieved 100%.

The winning classes in each phase who will get extra play are:

Reception: Reception C (both week 1 & 2)

Years 1/2: Week 1 - 2P Week 2 - 2L

Years 3/4: Week 1 - 4N Week 2 - 3M

Years 5/6: Week 1 - 5J Week 2 - 5B & 6S

Class	% attendance	
	Last week	This week
Reception C	91%	94%
Reception D	80%	86%
Reception I	85%	87%
1B	94%	96%
1H	94%	97%
1W	86%	92%
2C	93%	94%
2L	94%	99%
2P	95%	96%
3B	98%	96%
3M	94%	100%
3P	94%	91%
4A	92%	96%
4B	93%	94%
4N	99%	94%
5B	95%	97%
5J	97%	95%
5S	93%	91%
6B	92%	96%
6S	88%	97%
6W	92%	95%

Week 1

*Well done
to 4N our
superstars!*

Week 2

*Well done to
3M our
superstars!*

Prayer and Reflection

Mother Teresa of Calcutta often reminded people that each of us is unique, and each has their own contribution to make. Mother Teresa often said,

“I cannot do what you do and you cannot do what I do, but together we can do something beautiful for God”

In this Jubilee year, let us pray that each of us makes good use of our talents on our pilgrimage of hope, and that we set out to work well with others:

*Lord, you have enriched our lives in many ways,
And we remember with thanksgiving
All who have loved, cared for,
And supported us over the years.
Show us how best to use the time and talents
You have given each of us,
And lead us to grow in appreciation
Of the contribution that others make.
May your spirit empower us
To work well with others and bring out the best
In those with whom we share our lives.
Amen*



