



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 14th March 2025

Upcoming events

Science Week

Science Week at Botwell has been an exciting time to inspire curiosity and learning.

We celebrated Science Week by having year group workshops and whole school assemblies led by the Science Boffins. The workshops consisted of a selection of incredible experiments and demonstrations.

We saw the power of vacuums and wonder of gases, lots of fun with quite a few pops and bangs for good measure. We saw flaming experiments to wow, amaze and educate our pupils.

Check out the photos below.



- Tue 18th/Wed 19th Mar – Reception Book Look 3.00-3.30
- Wed 19th Mar – Fire Brigade to visit Year 4 children
- Wed 19th Mar – Year 5 Book Look 3.15-4.00pm
- Thu 20th Mar – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
- Thu 20th Mar – Years 1-6 Book Look (except Y5) 3.15-4.00pm
- Nursery Book Look (Last 10 mins of session)
- Fri 21st Mar – Comic relief – Crazy hair day and non-uniform
- Thu 27th Mar – Nursery parents' evening
- Thu 27th Mar – Year 1-Year 5 3.30-7.00pm

Book Look

Next week, we will be having our termly Book Look sessions. This is a great opportunity for parents to sit alongside their children to look together through the work the children have done throughout the year.

We know that the children love to share their learning and encourage families to attend.

After viewing the books, parents will be able to discuss any questions they may have with their teacher during the parents' evening session the following week.

The timings for each of the Book Looks are as follows:

- Reception: Tuesday 18th March/Wednesday 19th March – 3.00- 3.30pm
- Year 5: Wednesday 19th March – 3.15-4.00pm
- Years 1-6: Thursday 20th March – 3.15-4.00pm
- Nursery: Thursday 20th March (Last 10 minutes of the session)

Please note, that Year 5's Book Look will be on Wednesday not Thursday due to their trip to Hampton Court.

Parents' Evening

Our spring term parents' evening for parents of Years 1-5 will be taking place over Microsoft Teams on Thursday 27th March from 3.30-7.00pm. We strongly encourage parents to book an appointment to see how your child can be supported and to celebrate their successes over the year. Keep an eye out on ClassDojo for further information about signing up.

Netball Match/Football match



Well done to our Netball Team who on Thursday played two terrific matches against Dr Triplett's and Guru Nanak.

The team have been demonstrating great skills and are really enjoying playing the game. Well done to them all. We are all very proud.

Well done also to our football team, who drew 2:2 in their match against Lake Farm on Wednesday. We will include a photo of the team in next week's Bulletin along with more details about the match.

St Patrick's Day Recipe (Many thanks to Gigi Ferrer for providing this).



Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp Buttermilk
- 1 tbsp Water
- 1/2 Egg (optional)
- 1/2 Cup of Plain Flour
- 1 tsp Brown Sugar
- 1/8 Tsp Baking Soda
- 1/8 Tsp Salt
- 1 Tbsp Cold Butter
- 1/2 tbsp Raisins

Irish Soda Bread



Have your utensils ready!

To make the Soda Bread:



Step 1
Preheat your oven to 180C/Gas Mark 4.



Step 2
Whisk together the buttermilk with the egg and water. In another bowl mix the flour, sugar, raisins, baking soda, and salt.



Step 3
Cut cold butter into the flour mixture (cutting cold butter into the flour is a key step and coating the cold butter in flour guarantees a lovely flaky texture. You can use a fork, your hands, or a pastry cutter).



Step 4
Add the wet ingredients. Bring the dough together with your hands and shape into a loaf. Using knife, score the dough (to let the fairies out) and to ensure it cooks right through. Bake for 25 - 35 minutes or until golden brown.



Kiddy Cook

Attendance

The attendance for each class for the last week is below and there has been a remarkable improvement this week. Well done to all the classes who achieved 96% or more and in particular to 2P who achieved 100% attendance.

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

Reception: Reception C

Years 1/2: 2P

Years 3/4: 3B & 3M

Years 5/6: 6S

Class	% Attendance
Reception C	93%
Reception D	91%
Reception I	89%
1B	93%
1H	98%
1W	91%
2C	88%
2L	98%
2P	100%
3B	97%
3M	97%
3P	96%
4A	87%
4B	94%
4N	96%
5B	98%
5J	97%
5S	98%
6B	97%
6S	99%
6W	95%



Prayer and Reflection

The coming Sunday will be the second Sunday of Lent. During our Lenten experience, we pray more, eat less and give to the poor and needy, to prepare ourselves for what is at the heart of the Christian faith – Christ's resurrection at Easter.

*Lord God,
You love us without condition.
May our prayers, fasting and
Works of charity
Deepen our connection with You,
As we better understand the suffering
Of our brothers and sisters around the world.
May we remember to make You our priority
In word and deed.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord*

