



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 15th May 2026

May Procession



Just a reminder that on Friday 22nd May at 9.30am, our Year 3 children will be leading a Mass to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Following this, we will be holding our annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady, Mary.

After Mass, the junior children will proceed to the prayer garden, where a crown will be placed on Mary's head as part of this beautiful tradition. Parents are warmly invited to follow the children to the prayer garden after Mass and join us for this special celebration.

Year 6 SATs



This week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs tests and we could not be prouder of them. The children approached each day with calmness and determination, demonstrating just how well prepared they were. Their positive attitude and resilience throughout the week were wonderful to see.

It was also great to see the children socialising and relaxing each morning during their SATs breakfasts each morning. The breakfast provided a lovely opportunity for them to relax together, enjoy a good breakfast and start the day positively. Well done, Year 6 — you have all been fantastic!

Upcoming events

Thursday 21st May

- Year 4 London Zoo trip

Friday 22nd May

- Year 3 Holy Communion Mass and May Procession
- End of half term (usual finish time)

Monday 1st June

- Children return to school
- Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle

Looking ahead:

Friday 3rd July

- Y2-6 Sports Day at Hillingdon Athletics Track

Saturday 11th July

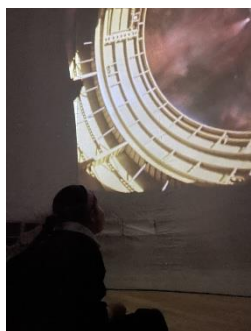
- Botwell School Summer Fayre

Pentecost Party

All the children in the school have been learning about Pentecost in RE lessons. At Pentecost, the Disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit and went out to spread the Good News across nations. To celebrate this as the 'birthday of the Church', we will be hosting our own Pentecost Party at school. On **Friday 22nd May**, children are invited to wear **orange, yellow or red own clothes** to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit.



Year 5 Space Dome Visit



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Year 5 children enjoyed an exciting visit from the Space Dome today, bringing their science learning to life in an unforgettable way.

The immersive experience allowed the children to explore the wonders of space, the solar system and the planets in a fun and engaging environment.

The children were fascinated by the incredible visuals and interactive presentation, asking thoughtful questions and showing great enthusiasm throughout the session. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement as they discovered more about the world beyond our planet. A fantastic experience was had by all!

Friends of Botwell (F.O.B)



On Behalf of the PTA, known as FOB, thank you for all the parents and carers who joined our meeting on Wednesday.

If you would like to join the FOB and support fundraising please do come to our next meeting on **Wednesday 20th May at 8:45am.**



If you would like to rent a stall at the FOB Summer Fete, please contact the office for more information.



Each week Lucky Number Bingo numbers are sold by FOB each afternoon at school - £1 an entry – you could win £25!

Summer uniform

It has been a rather cold start to May. However, the weather is going to be warming up substantially next week so we would like to see the children wearing their summer uniforms. However, given the unpredictability, please do sent your child with a rain coat, just in case.

The summer uniform is as follows for KS1 and KS2:

- Grey tailored shorts paired with a white polo shirt
- Blue and white gingham summer dress (with white socks)
- Blue and white gingham play suit/culottes (with white socks)
- White polo shirt and navy blue shorts (for PE)

Early years children should be wearing a white polo shirt and navy shorts as this is more appropriate for play.

Please note, children should not be wearing leggings for PE lessons nor under dresses (shorts may be worn under dresses).

All item should be clearly labelled with your child's name so that it can easily be found if lost.

Healthy lunchbox reminder

We are delighted to continue offering free school lunches to all pupils and strongly encourage families to make the most of this excellent provision. Our school meals are carefully planned to provide children with a healthy, balanced diet that supports learning and wellbeing throughout the day.

For children who do bring a packed lunch from home, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure lunchboxes contain healthy options. The following items should not be included in your child's

lunch box:

- Hot foods in plastic containers
- Sweets
- Drinks other than water
- Food on skewer sticks
- Chocolate bars or any items containing chocolate
- Nuts or any items that may contain traces of nuts
- Fruit winders or other ultra-processed food
- Cold takeaway meals
- Hot drinks
- Meat on bones

Please be advised, that if your child's lunch box contains any of the above items, a sticker will be placed on the item and your child will be offered a school lunch.

A healthy packed lunch might include:

- A sandwich, roll or wrap
- Fruit and/or vegetables (please note: any grapes sent in should be cut in half)
- Yogurt
- Cheese e.g Babybel

As a treat on a Friday, children are able to have crisps and sweet biscuits.

By working together, we can help all children develop healthy eating habits and maintain the energy they need for a successful school day. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

Our attendance has been much better this week, so well done everyone. This week's winning class, unsurprisingly, comes from Year 6. So well done to Tolkien class who achieved 99.7%. Year 6 were also the year group with the highest overall attendance, with two classes achieving 99%+. Well done to all our Year 6 families!

Prayer and Reflection

On Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, remembering how Jesus returned to His Father in Heaven and called His followers to continue His work on earth. During our liturgy, we reflected on how we too are called to share God's love through our words and actions each day. The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that although Jesus ascended into Heaven, He remains close to us and guides us always. May we continue to live as witnesses of hope, compassion, and joy within our school community and beyond.

Heavenly Father,

as we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, help us to continue the work Jesus began on earth.

Guide us to share kindness, peace, and love in our school and community each day. Give us courage to be faithful witnesses of Your goodness through our words and actions. Help us to care for others, especially those who need friendship, comfort, and hope. May we follow Jesus' example always and bring His light to the world.

Amen.

