Friday 13th November 2026

The Botwell Bulletin

We place Christ at the heart at the heart of everything we do to inspire excellence

Upcoming events

Saturday 14th November

- Church Bazaar 12.00-4.00pm

Monday 16th November

- Phonics workshop for Y1 & Y2 parents 8.45-9.30am

Thursday 19th November

- Parents' Evening for Reception-Year 5 3.30-7.00pm

Friday 27th November

- Choir at the Mayor's 'turning on the Christmas lights' event at Civic Centre

Friends of Botwell (F.O.B)

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Friends of Botwell (F.O.B) fundraising events this term. So far, we have raised £423.50 from our pre-loved uniform sale and £175.54 through Easyfundraising.

All money raised will be going towards air conditioning for our classrooms, helping to make our learning environments more comfortable for your children. We would really appreciate your continued support by getting involved in our forthcoming FOB events.

A reminder of what's coming up:

- Lucky Bonus Ball: Continuing every Monday–Thursday, with the winning bonus ball drawn on Friday morning during assembly.
- **Wednesday 2nd December:** FOB Coffee Morning – for parents/carers to enjoy coffee and a chat after drop-off – see poster below.
- **Wednesday 9th December:** Christmas Market – see poster below.
- **Wednesday 16th December:** F.O.B will be selling mulled wine and refreshments just before our Carols by Candlelight concert.





Farewell and Good Luck

This term, we will be saying goodbye to four much-loved members of our school team, all of whom have made a valued contribution to our school community.

Miss Bedford will be leaving us after an incredible 14 years at Botwell House. During her time here, she has made a huge contribution to PE across the school. From leading PE and running clubs to organising external events and matches; she has provided so many opportunities for our children and we are extremely grateful for all she has done. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her every happiness and success as she takes on her next challenge.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Naugton and Mrs Walmsley, who are both longstanding members of our school community. They have played an important part in school life, supporting the teaching and learning of our children and providing valuable leadership and support within their roles as Year Leads. They will be greatly missed by both children and colleagues, and we wish them every happiness in their next adventures.

Finally, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Henry, who is moving to a school closer to home. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, commitment and support during her time with us, particularly in her roles as Year Lead and Computing Lead. Her technical expertise and ability to solve all our IT problems will certainly be missed!

They will all be greatly missed by our school community.

Phonics Workshop



Thank you to the Reception families who attended the phonics workshop, run by Miss Bridger, on Monday. Looking forward to working with you and your child to continue having lots of Reading success.

There will be another phonics workshop on Monday 16th November for Year 1 and Year 2 parents at 8.45am. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remembrance Day









In honour of Remembrance Day, our Pupil Chaplains made a Botwell Book of Intentions where each class wrote their intentions from their families. Our oldest and youngest pupils in the school also lay a wreath in the Prayer Garden after our two minutes silence.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Children in Need



A big thank you to all our families for their generous donations for Children in Need today.

Your kindness and support will help make a difference to children and young people across the UK. Thank you for getting involved!

Opal Play – Donations Wanted



From January, we will be introducing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) to our school, giving children more opportunities to explore, build, create and use their imaginations during playtimes.

To help us get started, we are looking for donations of everyday items and equipment that the children can use in their play. If you have any unwanted items at home that you think could be useful, we would be very grateful for your support.

We are particularly looking for wooden pallets, planks of wood, milk crates, tyres, cable reels, tarpaulins, large pieces of fabric, old pots and pans, kitchen utensils, buckets, containers, guttering, pipes, dressing-up clothes, suitcases and cardboard boxes. Items do not need to be new, but should be clean and in good condition. Any donations, big or small, would be very much appreciated and will help us create exciting and varied play opportunities for the children. Thank you for helping us get OPAL off to a great start!

Hayes Winter Community Fayre



Looking for something fun to do with the family?

The Hayes Winter Community Fair is coming to Botwell Hall on Monday 30 November!

Pop along to Botwell Hall between 2pm and 6pm for an afternoon of community fun.

There'll be lots to see and do, with family-friendly activities, local community groups and charities to meet, and NHS teams on hand to offer advice and support.

It's free to drop in, so why not wrap up warm and see what's going on in your local community?

Prayer and Reflection

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with unique gifts and talents, not to keep hidden but to share with others. At Botwell House, we encourage every child to recognise their God-given gifts and use them with courage, compassion and generosity. As we place Christ at the heart of everything we do, may we remember that true success is not measured by what we achieve for ourselves, but by the difference we make to the lives of others. This week, let us consider how we can use our gifts to bring hope and joy to those around us.

Loving God,

Thank you for the unique gifts you have given each of us.

Give us the courage to discover our talents and the generosity to share them.

May we never be afraid to try, to grow or to help others flourish.

Guide our Botwell family to use our gifts in your service, bringing your love and light into the world.

Amen.

