



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 14th February 2025

We have finally made it to the end of this half term! Our children will be breaking up today at the usual time and will return on Monday 24th February. Have a great week everyone.

Keeping Safe Week

The children have had an amazing time during Keeping Safe Week, with visits from the Fire Brigade, police and a theatre company. They also received training in first aid, courtesy of Mrs Ramsay, and in dog safety, led by Mr Lathwell and Dolly.

We also had parent workshops on PANTS, mental health and technology and knife crime/county lines.

It was a very successful week and we know that our children have learnt a lot.

Check out photos from the week below.



Upcoming events

- Half term: Mon 17th-Fri 21st Feb
- Mon 24th Feb – Children return to school
- Tue 25th Feb – VR workshop for Years 3 and 6
- Tue 25th Feb – Year 1 African dance and drumming workshop
- Wed 26th Feb – London Fire Brigade to visit Reception and Year 1
- WB 3rd – 7th March Book Week
- Tue 4th/Wed 5th March – Poetry workshop for children
- Wed 5th Mar – Ash Wednesday Mass 9.30am
- Wed 5th – Fri 7th Mar – Book Fair (after school in hall)
- Thu 6th Mar – World Book Day dress up day
- WB 10th Mar – Science Week
- Mon 10th Mar – Science workshop for children

Uniform reminders

Just a reminder that children should not be wearing boots into school. If your child is wearing them on their journey due to cold or wet weather, please can they change into their school shoes once they arrive?

Please note that children should be wearing jogging bottoms on PE days and not leggings, and trainers should be black or white only and not astro turf trainers.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

Valentine's Recipe



Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp Butter
- 1 tbsp Cocoa Powder
- 1/3 Cup Plain Flour
- 1 x tbsp Icing Sugar
- 1 x tbsp Cornflour
- 1/2 tsp of Strawberry jam per heart cookie

Chocolate Heart Thumbprints



Have your utensils ready!

To make the Heart Thumbprints:



Step 1

Pre-heat the oven to 180C/GM4. Whisk the flour, sugar, cocoa powder, and cornflour until evenly distributed.



Step 2

Add the butter to the flour mixture. Mix until it forms a dough. If it is too dry, add some water.



Step 3

Roll into balls (approx 1 tbps) and then press each cookie down with your thumb to make a heart indentation in the centre. Fill this in with the strawberry jam. Makes 5 cookies.



Step 4

At home, put the cookies onto a lined oven tray, 2 inches apart, and bake for 15 -20 minutes or until the cookies are lightly golden. Leave to cool completely before tasting as they will still be soft from the oven. You can always fill this with different fillings such as raspberry jam, lemon curd, marmalade etc, and drizzle them with some chocolate!

Attendance

This week's attendance for each class is shown below. You will see that only 4 classes managed to get 96% or more. But well done to 3M who managed to score 100% for the second week in a row!

Let's hope that this improves once we get back from half term.

The winners for each phase this week are:

Reception: Reception C

Years 1/2: 1B & 2L

Years 3/4: 3M & 4A

Years 5/6: N/A

Class	Percentage
Reception C	93%
Reception D	90%
Reception I	89%
1B	96%
1H	93%
1W	95%
2C	93%
2L	96%
2P	90%
3B	94%
3M	100%
3P	94%
4A	96%
4B	93%
4N	87%
5B	91%
5J	88%
5S	92%
6B	88%
6S	91%
6W	87%



School lunches

Just a reminder that you can find the menu for school lunches on our school website. Click [here](#) to view.

Prayer and Reflection

This week, on Tuesday 11th February was the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, commemorating the appearances, in 1858, of our Lady to the young girl, Bernadette Soubirous. Lourdes has been a site of pilgrimage, renowned for healing, ever since. To coincide with this day, St. John Paul II introduced the World Day for the Sick to help us remember to pray for all those who are ill and for their caregivers.

Let us pray,

Lord, we pray for children who are sick:

those in our school, in our communities

and sick children who live in poor countries.

May they find the help they need

to recover from their illnesses

and grow healthy and happy.

Lord, we pray for adults we know who are sick,

especially those in our own families and communities.

May they know God's healing and peace.

Lord, we pray for those who care for the sick:

those who look after loved ones at home

and all who work in our clinics and hospitals.

May they be blessed with patience, kindness, wisdom and hope.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



