



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 8th May 2026

May Procession



On Friday 22nd May, following the Year 3 children's First Holy Communion Mass, we will hold our annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady, Mary.

In the Catholic Church, the month of May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as a special time of prayer, devotion and reflection on her faith, love and obedience to God. For centuries, Catholics

around the world have marked this month with processions, prayers and the crowning of Mary as a sign of love and honour.

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

Next week, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests and we would like to wish them the very best of luck. They have all worked incredibly hard throughout the year and should be very proud of everything they have achieved so far.

As we head into the weekend before SATs, here are a few helpful tips to help children feel calm, confident and prepared:

- ❖ Get plenty of sleep and keep to a good bedtime routine.
- ❖ Eat healthy meals and drink lots of water.
- ❖ Spend time relaxing and doing enjoyable activities.
- ❖ Avoid trying to cram in lots of last-minute revision.
- ❖ Make sure everything is ready for Monday morning, including school uniform and equipment.
- ❖ Stay positive and remember to simply try your best — that is all anyone can ask.

We are all extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils and know they will approach next week with determination and confidence.

Upcoming events

WB Monday 11th May

- KS2 SATs Week

Friday 15th May

- Year 5 Space Dome workshop

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

SATs breakfast



From Monday next week, our SATs Breakfast Club will begin at 8.00am for all Year 6 children. The children will be able to enjoy a range of breakfast options, including croissants, bagels and crumpets, before starting their SATs tests.

The breakfast club will provide a calm and welcoming start to the day, giving children the opportunity to relax, settle their nerves and enjoy spending time with their friends ahead of the tests. We hope this will help everyone feel positive, confident and ready to do their very best.

Building works (pipe works)

Since the end of 2025, improvement works have been taking place around school to upgrade our water supply system. This work involved changing the school's water connection from a residential pipe to a commercial pipe in order to better support the needs of our school.

You may have noticed some work taking place at the entrance to the KS1 playground today. We are pleased to share that this was the final stage of the pipework and the project is now complete. Thank you for your patience and understanding while these important improvements were carried out.

Congratulations!!



We would like to say a huge congratulations to Nicholas, who yesterday signed a professional contract with Fulham FC — an incredible achievement!

Nicholas' success is a wonderful example of how hard work, dedication, and determination can pay off.

We are all extremely proud of him and look forward to following his exciting journey in professional football.

Summer uniform

It's that time of the year, when the children should now be wearing their summer uniforms, which are designed to keep the children comfortable in the increasing heat while maintaining a smart appearance. 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 items should be clearly labelled with your child's name so that it can easily be found if lost.

Attendance

This week, school attendance has shown a slight improvement, which is encouraging. However, we still have a number of classes with attendance figures well below our target of 96%. It is important that we continue working together to ensure children attend school regularly so they do not miss valuable learning opportunities.

For this week, the class with the highest attendance was 3 Naidoo, whose attendance reached 98.8%. Well done to everyone in that class; you will receive extra play time next week. The year group with the overall highest attendance was Year 6. Well done to all the families in Year 6.

Prayer and Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us, "If you love me, keep my commandments," teaching us that true love is shown through kindness, respect, forgiveness, and service to others. We are also reminded that Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, who guides and comforts us each day, especially when life feels challenging. May we continue to be a school community that lives with joy, compassion, and faith, showing God's love in our words and actions. Let us pray that during the coming week we may walk closely with Jesus and be shining examples of His peace and love to everyone we meet.

Dear Lord,

Thank You for always loving and guiding us each day. Help us to keep Your commandments by being kind, honest, forgiving, and caring towards others in our school and community. Teach us to follow Jesus' example in the way we speak, act, and treat one another. Fill our hearts with the Holy Spirit so that we may choose what is right and live as faithful followers of You.

Amen



