



# The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

## Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass and May Procession

The sun was shining on Year 3 today as they led a beautiful Mass for their First Holy Communion. The children looked incredibly smart in their special outfits, and we were so proud of the way they confidently and clearly delivered their readings during the service. It was wonderful to witness them receiving Holy Communion for the first time during our school Mass, surrounded by their families, friends, and school community. It was a special occasion and a joyful celebration of an important step in their faith journey.

We also came together as a school community for our May Procession to honour Mary. During the procession, a crown of flowers was placed on the statue of Mary in the prayer garden as a symbol of love and devotion. Father then led the children, staff, and parents in a time of prayer and worship, creating a peaceful and reflective atmosphere. The occasion was a lovely opportunity for our school community to gather together in faith and celebration during this special month dedicated to Mary.



## Upcoming events

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

- Children return to school
- Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle
- Year 5 to begin swimming (for the next two weeks)

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

- Class/Year 6 leavers photos

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

- Year 2 Kew Gardens trip

### WB Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

- Year 6 leave for their 5 day residential

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### Looking ahead:

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

- Y2-6 Sports Day at Hillingdon Athletics Track

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

- Botwell School Summer Fayre

## **Pentecost Party**

This afternoon, the whole school celebrated the birthday of the Church- Pentecost! We were blessed with glorious weather and children as well as staff, came in their red, orange and yellow clothing. We were also delighted to be joined by Governors for this special event as they are valued members of the Botwell community. The children enjoyed activities both in class and outside in the playground around the elements of Pentecost- flames, wind and speaking in different languages. Please some photos below of the birthday party.



## **Friends of Botwell (F.O.B)**



Our school fete will be taking place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to rent a stall at the FOB Summer Fete, please contact the office for more information.



## **Attendance**

As we reach the final week of the summer term, we will be looking at the overall attendance across the school this half term. The class with the highest overall attendance was 6 Tolkien, who achieved an impressive average attendance of 96.4% — a fantastic achievement. Well done to all of the pupils in the class for their commitment and consistency. Congratulations also to Year 6, who were the year group with the highest attendance across the half term. Thank you to all of our families for continuing to support good attendance and punctuality throughout the term.

## **Prayer and Reflection**

This Sunday, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and filled them with courage, joy and peace. This is the birthday of the Church and the whole school community celebrated this today. Just as the disciples were sent out to share God's love, we are called to use our gifts to help others and make a difference in our school and community. The Holy Spirit reminds us that we are never alone, especially in times when we find things difficult or uncertain. As we enjoy our break, may we take time to rest, pray and notice God's presence in the world around us. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless all our families this Pentecost.

Loving God,  
Thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Help us to be kind in our words, brave in our choices, and loving towards everyone we meet.  
May Your Spirit fill our hearts with hope and guide us each day.  
Bless our school, our families, and our friends this Pentecost.  
Amen.

