



# The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Upcoming events

- WB 28.1.25 – Year 6 swimming week 1
- WB 3.2.25 – Year 6 swimming week 2
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Police workshops for children
- WB 10.2.25 – Keeping safe week
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – End of half term
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children return to school

### End of day dismissal arrangements

Last week saw changes to the end of day routine for children who are dismissed in the infant playground or in the Nursery.

We want to say a massive thank you to all the families who have supported us with this by lining up to collect your child. Staff have reported that it has made dismissal so much easier and faster, and we feel that it has been far safer for the children.

We do still have a small minority of parents who are not lining up and are pushing ahead in an attempt to collect their child first. This is causing additional stress for both the staff and also for your child, who is feeling conflicted as they are seeing their parent calling but their teacher telling them to wait. In addition to this, it is causing a blockage for parents in Reception and 3B, who are having to weave around people to pass through the playground.

Teachers will always dismiss the children whose parents are lining up first, so please help everyone by joining the line.

### Jingle Jog Fundraiser



Before the Christmas holiday, the children took part in the annual Jingle Jog event, where they ran around the playground as many times as they could in twenty minutes to raise money for charity. The money raised from this event supports Harlington Hospice.

This year, we can reveal that Botwell raised an incredible **£1901.91**, which is truly staggering! Thank you so much to all the families and friends that supported our children by sponsoring them and a big well done to all the children for participating in the fundraiser. Finally, we would like to thank Miss Bedford, who arranges the Jingle Jog every year.

### The Catholic Year of Jubilee



Next Friday, all the Catholic Schools will be launching the beginning of Jubilee 2025.

To mark this, our school will be having a special assembly for the children in the morning, where they will be looking to the year ahead and learning the Jubilee Prayer and Jubilee song. The RE ambassadors will be helping to lead the assembly. The children will also be discussing the theme of pilgrimage as the theme for the Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

## **Attendance**

The chart below shows the attendance from last week. There was quite a noticeable drop in attendance in most classes due to a number of families who have taken unauthorised holidays. 5J were the only class who achieved the government's recommendation of at least 96% attendance, so well done to 5J!

Research shows that there is a clear link between poor attendance and attainment at GCSE, so it is important to ensure that your children attend school and that holidays are taken in the school holiday period.

Each class's individual attendance is shown below:

Class	% attendance
Reception C	77
Reception D	85
Reception I	80
1B	87
1H	77
1W	86
2C	83
2L	83
2P	89
3B	88
3M	88
3P	95
4A	88
4B	95
4N	90
5B	92
5J	97
5S	89
6B	92
6S	90
6W	91



## **Prayer and Reflection**

Following the Christmas season, we have now entered Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical Year. During this time, through the Gospels, we are journeying with Jesus on his mission throughout His time on Earth.

When He was on Earth, Jesus helped many people to change their lives for the better. He helped them to stop being selfish, because being selfish only made them and other people unhappy. He showed them how they could change and how they could make things right again. We are grateful for 'ordinary time' to remind us that God is always there to help us live as Christians.

*For this day, we give you thanks, Gracious God,  
because you gave us another day to love you and to  
love each other.*

*On this ordinary day in ordinary time,  
we will worship you, Loving God.*

*Amen.*

