



The Botwell Bulletin

Sunday 22nd June 2025

Success at the Swimming Gala

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the swimming gala on Friday the 13th – we are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements.

The children competed in a variety of different events: breast stroke, front crawl, back stroke, a freestyle relay and a medley relay. Every child put 100% into their event!

Our A Team delivered a fantastic performance and brought home the winners' shield, beating two other schools, while the B Team swam brilliantly to win the team cup (also beating the other two schools). While they did not win the cup, our C Team also impressed us with their excellent determination and team spirit throughout the event.

In addition to the team success, several children across all three teams earned individual medals for their races. We would like to thank all the staff helped to run the event, with a special shout out to Miss Bedford and Mr Lathwell. Thank you also to all the families (and staff) who came to cheer the children on

Speak Out, Stay Safe



Our Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in an NSPCC 'Speak out, stay safe' workshop on Monday. They learnt about how to keep themselves safe from different forms of abuse and about who they could reach out to if they felt vulnerable, frightened or in danger.

It was a very informative and thought provoking workshop, which dealt with a lot of difficult information. The children were incredible and were able to reflect about the people and places who made them feel safe and what they could do if they found themselves in a concerning situation.

Junior Travel Ambassadors Take to the Tracks

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors had an exciting and educational day out as they travelled to Paddington and Canary Wharf with support from the fantastic staff on the Elizabeth line.

During the trip, the children had the unique opportunity to make real platform announcements, visit the CCTV and control room, and learn about how the railway is run behind the scenes.

Upcoming events

- WB 23rd June – Year 6 Residential trip/International Week
- Thu 26th June – Dress up day (children can dress up in outfits or colours that reflect their culture)
- Sat 28th June – Botwell School Summer Fete 12.00-4.00pm
- Tues 1st July: Transition day
- Tue 8th July – Year 6 dress rehearsal to Year 1 & 2 (Parents with pre-school children can attend) 9.30am
- Tue 8th July – Year 6 production (adults and children aged 11+ 6.00pm)
- Wed 9th July – Year 6 dress rehearsal to Years 3-5 (Parents with pre-school children can attend) 9.30am
- Wed 9th July – Year 6 production (adults and children aged 11+ 6.00pm)
- Wed 9th July – iRock concert 1.00pm

To top off the day, everyone was thrilled to receive a goody bag to take home as a memento of their journey. A huge thank you to the Elizabeth line staff and Mrs Bhogal for making the experience so memorable!



Year 4 Roars with Excitement at London Zoo!

Our Year 4 children had a fantastic day out at London Zoo on Friday,

They were thrilled to see a wide variety of animals up close — from majestic Harry the lion and playful monkeys to curious capybaras and colourful birds. A highlight for many was visiting the penguin enclosure and watching them taking a cool swim as well as seeing the butterflies.

It was a wonderful day that sparked curiosity, built on classroom learning, and gave the children memories they'll treasure. Well done to Year 4 for representing our school so beautifully, especially on such a hot day!



Goodbyes, lots of babies and classes/roles next year

We will sadly be saying goodbye to some fantastic staff. Mrs Bradley has decided to hang up her marking pen and will be retiring this summer after many years of wonderful service whilst Mrs Brooks is relocating to the south coast. Mr Lathwell, Mrs Lathwell and Dolly are also moving to the south coast to relocate with their young son, Finn.

We will also be saying goodbye to some wonderful support staff, namely Mrs Kamya in Nursery and Miss Foley in Year 6.

We also have a number of staff members that will be leaving us next year to have babies. Mrs. Walmsley, Mrs. Chauhan-Foster, Mrs. Henry, Ms. Naughton & Ms. Gerred are all due to have little ones in the Autumn term, so will be with us for the start of the Autumn term and then they'll be making the most of the special time they have with their new arrivals on maternity leave.

Thanks to the professionalism of all of the staff above, the school had ample time to recruit in readiness for next year so we are very happy to say that we are fully staffed for September, which is miraculous given the education recruitment crisis.

We know that you are all desperate to find out who will be your child's teacher next year. The teachers will be finding out where they will be tomorrow morning and by the end of the day Mr Oakley will send a letter out to all parents on Dojo.

Another staffing update is the exciting news that Mrs Ansell, our Nursery Teacher, has been promoted to the role of SENCO. She has already started to phase into this role having prepared for it some time ago by undertaking the National Professional Qualification for SENCO. Please don't panic if your child is in Nursery, she will continue to be the Nursery teacher but will be covered by Mrs Mburu to release her to undertake her new responsibilities.

Transition day – 1st July

Any year 6 children that are off to a Hillingdon secondary school next year will be visiting their new school on Tuesday 1st July. The rest of the school will also move up for the day meeting their new teacher, so year 1 will go up to year 2 etc.

Wanted! Parent Governor

We mentioned some weeks ago that we currently have a vacancy for the role of parent governor on the school's Governing Board. There have been several individuals that have met Mr Oakley and toured the school, which was a welcome change from previous attempts to recruit.

The parent governor plays a vital role in representing their views from a parental perspective, contributing to strategic decisions, and supporting the ongoing development of our school. Governors are expected to attend regular meetings where important matters are discussed, including the school's strategic direction, pupil progress, finances, safeguarding, and curriculum priorities.

The full Governing Board meets once every half term, and there are also committee meetings for specific areas which parent governors may be asked to join. Confidentiality is an essential aspect of the role, and all governors are required to respect the sensitive nature of discussions and decisions. A DBS check is also required for all governors.

If you are confident that you wish to be a parent governor, please contact the Clerk (Laura,) emailing her at clerk@botwellhouse.school. You would also be very welcome to attend a meeting initially to observe and get a better understanding of what is involved.

Recipe of the Week

With the arrival of the hot weather, Kiddy Cook has provided a recipe for a summer cheesecake. Why not having a go at making this delicious dessert with your child before eating al fresco with a chilled lemonade?



Ingredients:

- 2 Digestive Biscuits
- 1 cup of Cream Cheese
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1 tbsp Melted Butter
- Favourite Fruits (berries, apple, banana etc.)
- 1 tbsp Icing Sugar

Summer Cheesecake



Have your utensils ready!

To make the Summer Cheesecake:



Step 1

Placing the biscuits in a sealable bag, crush them with a rolling pin to make crumbs.



Step 2

Mix the biscuits with the butter in a bowl and place it into a ramekin or foil tray and press down.



Step 3

In a bowl, mix the cream cheese, vanilla extract and icing sugar, and put it on top of the biscuit base.



Step 4

Add the fruits on top and leave to set in the fridge for two hours. Store in the fridge and eat within 3 days.



Kiddy Cook

Attendance

The children's attendance for last week is below. Although it is slightly lower than the previous week, there are still many classes who have kept their attendance at 96% or above. Well done to these classes.

Our winning classes from each phase who will get extra play are:

Reception:

Year 1 & 2: Reception C

Year 3 & 4: 3M, 4A & 4N

Year 5 & 6: 6W

Class	% Attendance
Reception C	96%
Reception D	95%
Reception I	95%
1B	93%
1H	94%
1W	97%
2C	97%
2L	94%
2P	98%
3B	91%
3M	98%
3P	94%
4A	98%
4B	96%
4N	98%
5B	97%
5J	96%
5S	94%
6B	93%
6S	98%
6W	99%



Prayer and Reflection

This Sunday, 22nd June, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. We celebrate that Jesus Christ is fully present in the Body and Blood of the Eucharist we receive at Mass, through which we are strengthened body, soul and mind. After Mass, we are sustained and reenergised to carry Christ into the world – to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

Let us pray

*For the willingness to make present in our world
the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist.*

Lord Jesus Christ,

*we worship you living among us
in the sacrament of your body and blood.*

*May we offer to our Father in heaven
a solemn pledge of undivided love.*

*May we offer to our brothers and sisters
a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom,
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen*



New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal