



# The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Upcoming events

### Reception visit to Odds Farm

Our Reception children had a wonderful day at Odds Farm yesterday, filled with fun and learning. With spring in full swing, they had the exciting opportunity to see a range of newly born animals, including lambs, kids, and piglets.

The children were also delighted to meet many other farm animals such as highland cows, donkeys, goats, chickens, rabbits, and guinea pigs. A highlight of the day was the tractor ride, which gave them a scenic tour around the farm.

This hands-on experience brought their classroom topic on animals to life, helping the children to deepen their understanding in an engaging and memorable way. A great day was had by all!



- WB 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May – May Procession and Holy Communion Mass 9.30am
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School finishes for half term (usual pick up time)
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Children return for summer term 2
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 trip to Chessington World of Adventures
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens

### VE Day celebrations

Yesterday, we proudly commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day—a momentous occasion marking the end of World War II in Europe. As a school, we took time to reflect, remember, and celebrate this important day in history.

The children spent the morning learning about the significance of VE Day and the sacrifices made by those who served during the war. As a tribute, each child created a poppy in remembrance of those who lost their lives. These poppies will be displayed around the school as a symbol of respect and remembrance. We also observed a two-minute silence together to honour the moment.

In the afternoon, the playground came alive with celebration as the children took part in traditional outdoor games. Each year group represented a different nation from the United Kingdom, bringing a fun and festive spirit to the event. Activities included the egg and spoon race, water bucket challenges, and sprints—and even the staff joined in on the fun!

We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Bedford, for organising such a fun-filled event.



## Attendance

The attendance for this week is below and as you will see there is a massive improvement in the number of classes reaching 96% or more. Well done everyone, particularly 2P who scored 100%.

The winning class in each phase, who will get additional play time:

Reception: Reception D

Y1/Y2: 2P

Y3/Y4: 3B & 4A

Y5/Y6: 5B & 6S

Class	% Attendance
Reception C	88%
Reception D	96%
Reception I	92%
1B	92%
1H	96%
1W	96%
2C	94%
2L	97%
2P	100%
3B	98%
3M	93%
3P	95%
4A	98%
4B	97%
4N	95%
5B	98%
5J	95%
5S	97%
6B	96%
6S	98%
6W	95%



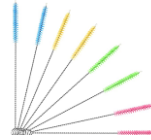
## **Water bottles**

We have noticed some children coming in with very dirty water bottles, some of which have the beginnings of mould or lime scale on them. We cannot stress enough the importance of washing and cleaning your child's bottle with warm, soapy water, as an unclean bottle could lead to them becoming ill. There are some great water bottle brushes and straw brushes available on Amazon that can do the job. The links are below.



[Water bottle brush](#)

[Straw brushes](#)



## **Phonics parents' meetings**



A big thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 1 and 2 phonics screening meeting this morning.

Please remember to look on ClassDojo for your Read, Write Inc virtual classroom links and practise speed sounds and daily word reading. Remember Fred talk!

## **Prayer and Reflection**

This week we have witnessed the historic election of our new Pope, Leo XIV.

Robert Francis Prevost has made history as being the first Augustine Pope and also the first Pope from the United States of America. He spent many years serving as a missionary in Peru being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

Robert entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine in Saint Louis on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

Pope Francis created him Cardinal in 2024 and assigned him the Diaconate of Saint Monica.

His long service to the Catholic Church demonstrates his commitment, love and dedication.

The prayer below has been written by one of our children in Year 3:

*Lord we pray for Pope Francis and everyone else who is grieving over his passing. May he and his loved ones find peace at this difficult time. We pray for our new Pope, Leo XIV, may the Lord guide him and bless him in his new role.*

*Amen.*

