



# The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Upcoming events

### Staff training at Botwell



Botwell House has a close relationship with Hedgewood School and as a result, our support staff had a wonderful opportunity to learn about autism.

This is an accredited course delivered on behalf of the Autism Education Trust.

This complements the Inclusion in Leadership training that was delivered to our school

Leadership Team and marks our commitment to whole school inclusion.

- WB 27.1.25 – 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
- Half term: Mon 17<sup>th</sup>-Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children return to school

### The Year of Jubilee



This morning, the Year of Jubilee was launched to the children in a special assembly. The children learnt about the Year of Jubilee and what it means for Catholics. They were also introduced to the Jubilee theme, which is 'Pilgrims of Hope,' and the fact that the symbol of the Jubilee is a holy door. At Botwell, we will be opening the door of hope.

Over the next few days, the children in Years 3-6 will be making a class pledge and taking them down to the Prayer Garden. They will also write their pledges on strips of paper which will form a paper chain of hope across the bridge leading to the Year 4,5 and 6 block.

We would like to thank our RE Ambassadors whose ideas have formed a part of our Jubilee activities.

### Year 6 Assessments

A huge shout-out to our Year 6 children for their incredible effort during assessment week! For the first time, they completed their assessments in the same format as the SATs they'll take at the end of the year, helping them get familiar with the arrangements. Well done, Year 6!

### Uniform Reminders

Just a few reminders regarding uniform:

- Children should be wearing shoes with their school uniform, not trainers
- Children should be in their winter uniform. For our junior children, this means shirts and ties, not polo shirts
- Any earrings worn should be small gold or silver studs.

## Attendance

We're pleased to share the attendance data from the past two weeks, showing a significant improvement compared to the first week back after Christmas! Keep up the great work, everyone!

The highest attendance for each phase is as follows:

Reception: Last week: Rec I      This week: Rec I

Year 1/2: Last week: 2L      This week: 2P

Year 3/4 : Last week: 3B      This week: 4N

Year 5/6: Last week: 5B      This week: 6W

These classes will get additional play time next week as a reward.

Each class's individual attendance is shown below:

Class	% attendance	
	Last week	This week
Reception C	83	89
Reception D	91	92
Reception I	92	93
1B	94	92
1H	86	92
1W	89	92
2C	95	89
2L	97	93
2P	95	96
3B	98	93
3M	91	93
3P	91	92
4A	96	93
4B	97	95
4N	92	96
5B	97	94
5J	92	94
5S	93	93
6B	90	94
6S	90	93
6W	93	95



## **Prayer and Reflection**

This Friday, 24th January, sees the Launch Day for Schools, of the 2025 Jubilee, which began on Christmas Eve 2024 and ends on January 6th 2026. Pope Francis has announced that the theme will be Pilgrims of Hope.

Every 25 years, a Jubilee Year takes place in the Catholic Church. It is a special Holy Year, a time for forgiveness and new beginnings. Pope Francis has called the global Church to celebrate the Jubilee together, with deep faith, lively hope, and active charity. We are encouraged to make a particular effort to come closer to God, to reach out with love to one another and to appreciate and protect God's creation.

### **Jubilee prayer for schools**

*God, our loving Father,  
In this Jubilee year,  
you remind us of our call to love creation.  
Help us to work together  
to replant, repair, and renew.  
Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.*



*Jesus, our light,  
In this Jubilee year,  
you remind us of our call to love our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.  
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;  
to be fair, forgiving and kind.  
Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.*

*Holy Spirit, our inspiration,  
In this Jubilee year,  
you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love.  
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others,  
and to be united as God's global family.  
Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.  
Amen*