

Upcoming events

May Procession and First Holy Communion Mass

Today, we celebrated a very special occasion as some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children marked their First Holy Communion during our celebration Mass. Each child looked simply wonderful in their dress or suit!

Our Year 3 children led the Mass beautifully, confidently delivering readings. Following the Mass, each child from Year 3 took a flower and led the way in the May Procession back to our Key Stage 2 prayer garden, where the flowers were gently laid at the feet of Mary.

Father Paul-Peter led us in a short time of prayer and reflection, as we gathered together to honour Mary, our Mother. Meanwhile, in the Key Stage 1 prayer garden, our Year 1 and Reception children held their own peaceful reflection.

It was a truly beautiful morning filled with faith, celebration, and community.

- Mon 2nd June – Children return for summer term 2
- Mon 2nd June – Year 6 substance abuse workshop
- Tue 3rd June – KS2 sports day (Hillingdon Leisure Centre)
- Thu 5th June – Y6 travel workshop
- Mon 9th June – Year 3 trip to Chessington World of Adventures
- Wed 11th June – Reception welcome meeting
- Fri 13th June – Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens



Shoesday Tuesday



This week was 'National Walk to School Week', so we encouraged the children to walk to school if they were able.

On 'Shoesday Tuesday' the children were invited to walk to school in their favourite pair of shoes. As you can see from the photograph, there were a large variety of styles.

Thank you to Mrs Bhogal and the Junior Travel Ambassadors who worked on this initiative.

TfL Travel for Life Top Schools Awards Ceremony



Our Junior Travel Ambassadors have had a busy week! Not only did they help to organise 'Shoesday Tuesday' but they were invited to attend the TfL Travel for Life Top Schools Awards ceremony, along with Mrs Bhogal.

The event took place at the Kia Oval stadium in London, which was very exciting for everyone. The children (along with Mrs Bhogal) were invited to attend the event after being selected as the West London finalist for the Best Newcomer Award for active/safety related travel initiatives.

Whilst there, they got to take part in workshops and enjoyed a lovely lunch in the spectator's area, watching Surrey and Yorkshire play a cricket match. Well done to all of our ambassadors!

Parking across school gates

We would like to remind parents that cars must **not** be parked across the school entrance by the main gates **at any time**.

On one morning last week, a parent parked their car across the driveway, completely blocking the entrance to the school, whilst they dropped their child at breakfast club. During this time, two members of staff were stopped from turning into the school and consequently blocked up both lanes of traffic, which not only caused congestion but also anger from other drivers.

In addition to this incident, one of our nursery parents parked across the entrance on two separate occasions during lunch time, in order to drop off their child at afternoon nursery. This prevented staff from being able to leave the school site (which some have to do in order to attend meetings offsite). It would also have stopped the emergency services from accessing the school.

As you can appreciate, this kind of behaviour is not only highly inconsiderate but could also have been dangerous.

Lidl car park is directly opposite the school and parents can park there free for up to 90 minutes.

Recipe of the Week

If you are looking for something to do with your child over half term, then why not get baking! Gigi Ferrer from KiddieCook has the most amazing recipe for chocolate granola cookies! So go on, have a try!



Chocolate Granola Cookies



Have your utensils ready!

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp Coconut Oil
- 1/2 tbsp Honey
- 1/4 Cup Chunky Oats
- 1 Tbsp Mixed Seeds
- 1/2 Tbsp Cocoa Powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp Dark/Milk Chocolate Chips
- 1/4 Banana
- 4 tbsp Self Raising Flour

To make the Chocolate Granola Cookies:



Step 1

Preheat the oven to 180c/Gas Mark 4. Mash the banana and add the coconut oil and honey to a mixing bowl. Stir until combined.



Step 2

Stir through the oats, seeds, cocoa powder, chocolate chips and salt. Mix well.



Step 3

Add the flour to create a cookie dough. Add more flour if needed. Using your hands, break the dough into small balls and press them down lightly to create cookies.



Step 4

Place the cookies on a baking tray, slightly apart. Bake for 10 - 15 minutes until lightly browned around edges. Let it cool down before eating. Enjoy!

Friends of Botwell (FOB) Meeting (all welcome)

The next Friends of Botwell meeting will take place on Friday 6th at 9:00 AM. We'll be discussing plans for the upcoming Summer Fete, and we'd love to hear your ideas and input!

If you're interested in getting involved or simply want to find out more, please feel free to attend. Everyone is welcome!

Botwell School Summer Fete: Stalls

Book Your Cultural Stall for the Summer Fete!

We're now taking bookings for cultural stalls at this year's Summer Fete! This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your heritage, traditions, and crafts to our vibrant community. Please note that only cultural stalls are available this year.

If you're interested in booking a stall or would like more information, please attend the Friends of Botwell Meeting, or email:

friendsofbotwell@botwellhouse.school

Summer Fete Poster Challenge

Over the half-term break, students are invited to design a colourful and creative poster to promote our School Summer Fete, taking place on Saturday 28th June, from 12–4PM at Botwell House Catholic Primary School.

What to include on your poster:

- A bold title like “School Summer Fete!”
- Event details (date, time, location)
- Fun activities: Raffle, Stalls, Games, Food & Drink, Live Music, Face Painting
- Bright images: balloons, sunshine, music notes, food stalls, and more!

Poster requirements:

- Must be A4 size- Portrait
- Include your name and class on the back

Deadline: Friday 6th June 2025 – Hand in to Miss Logue 2L

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative entries – including 10 House Points, and the winning design will be displayed around the school!



Own Clothes Day (12th June)

We're excited to announce an Own Clothes Day on Thursday 12th of June to help collect donations for our upcoming Summer Fete!

Children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in a donation. Each year group is asked to contribute a different item:

Year group	Item	Image
5 & 6	Alcohol	
4	Gift sets	
3	Boxes of Chocolates and sweets	
2	Either new or in GOOD condition toys and board games	
1	Biscuits	

Reception	Soft drinks	
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All donations will go towards making our Summer Fete a fantastic event for everyone. Thank you for your support!

Second hand uniform

Donate Old School Uniform & Accessories

As part of our efforts to support families and promote sustainability, we are collecting donations of pre-loved school uniform, including:

- School jumpers and cardigans
- Polo shirts and trousers/skirts
- PE kits
- Book bags

If you have any outgrown school items your child no longer needs, please bring them to the school office.

All donated items will be available at our Uniform Stall during the Summer Fete, helping other families and reducing waste.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Attendance

We have reached the final week of the half term! The attendance figures for this week are below. Well done to every class who managed to get their attendance at 96% or above.

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


Reception: No class were above 96%

Y1/Y2: 2P

Y3/Y4: 4A & 4N

Y5/Y6: 6W

Class	% Attendance
Reception C	84%
Reception D	89%
Reception I	85%
1B	94%
1H	93%
1W	91%
2C	97%
2L	95%
2P	98%
3B	93%
3M	94%
3P	92%
4A	98%
4B	94%
4N	98%
5B	93%
5J	94%
5S	93%
6B	89%
6S	94%
6W	98%



*Well done to
4A, 4N and
6W our
superstars!*

Prayer and Reflection

This week, Year 3 led the Mass to celebrate the children who recently made their First Holy Communion, and combined this with the May procession, to celebrate Mary in her month of May.

In 1883, Pope Leo XIII began the practice of dedicating the month of May to Mary, the mother of Jesus. In Greek and Roman culture, the month of May was always known to be the 'season of new life'. In Christianity, the church began to see that May is all about 'new life' and 'motherhood' so there was a decision made by Pope Leo to adopt the month of May as Mary's month, as the Mother of Christ, the Mother of the Church and our heavenly mother.

We celebrate Mary in prayer this month, as Queen of the May and Queen of Heaven.

*Hail, Holy Queen,
Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus,
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Amen.*

