

The Botwell Bulletin

We place Christ at the heart of everything we do to inspire excellence

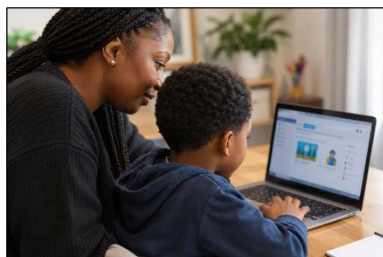
Film crew and photographer



Just a reminder that on Friday 18th September we will have a videographer and photographer visiting the school for the day, developing a promotional video and taking action shots of learning etc. We have all your photography consent information already so nothing for you to do at all but if you feel strongly that you don't want your child involved do let the office know.

I should imagine that generally everyone would be excited for their children to be involved and represent the school on the website for instance.

'Keeping Children Safe Online' Parent Workshop



As technology continues to develop at an incredible pace, the online world is changing rapidly. While the internet offers many exciting opportunities for learning, communication and entertainment, it also presents new challenges and risks for our children.

To help parents navigate these ever-changing online environments, we are pleased to be hosting an Online Safety Workshop next Friday (18th September) at 2.30pm in the school hall.

During the session, we will explore current online trends, popular apps and games, social media platforms and the latest risks that children may encounter online. We will also discuss practical strategies for keeping children safe, managing screen time, promoting positive online behaviours, and supporting children to make sensible choices when using technology.

Recent advancements in technology, including artificial intelligence, online gaming, social media and instant messaging platforms, have created new opportunities but also new concerns for families. Issues such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, online scams, misinformation, deepfakes and contact from strangers are becoming increasingly sophisticated, making it more important than ever for parents to stay informed.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend this workshop. By working together and maintaining an open dialogue about online safety, we can help ensure that our children enjoy the benefits of technology while remaining safe, responsible and confident digital citizens.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing practical advice that can help keep our children safe in an increasingly digital world. Refreshments will be provided.

Upcoming events

Friday 18th September

- Film crew /photographers in, all day
- Keeping Children Safe Online parent workshop @2.30pm in school hall

Monday 28th September

- Yr6 Meet the Teachers @8:45am
- Yr5 Meet the Teachers @2pm

Tuesday 29th September

- Yr4 Meet the Teachers @8:45am

Wednesday 30th September

- Yr3 Meet the Teachers @8:45am

Thursday 1st October

- Yr1 Meet the Teachers @8:45am

Friday 2nd October

- Yr2 Meet the Teachers @2pm

Meet the teacher sessions

Just a reminder that the 'Meet the teachers' sessions will be taking place on the week beginning 28th September. Remember, that if you are not on time, you will not be admitted to the session. Please do come early and enjoy a tea/coffee and some food tasting courtesy of our new caterers. The hall will be open for parents from 8:35am for the morning sessions and 1:45pm for the afternoon ones. Ideally, don't bring little ones if you can avoid it, so that you can concentrate on the important info the teachers will be sharing, but if you do, please bring toys/snack etc to keep them content and happy to facilitate this for you and everyone else round you.

Attendance



Our attendance levels have risen slightly this week, although we still have 12 classes who are not yet reaching our target of 96%. We are now hoping that these classes will reach this important milestone next week. Every day in school counts, and good attendance and punctuality help children to make the most of their learning, build positive friendships and develop strong routines. This week, the class that had the highest overall attendance was 4 Brennan with 99.3%. Well done! You will

receive extra playtime next week. The Year group with the highest attendance was Reception. Well done to all our Reception families; keep it up!

Reflection

As we begin another year together, Education Sunday reminds us that Jesus was a teacher. He taught not only through His words, but through the way He welcomed people, listened to them, forgave them and helped them to discover who God was calling them to be.

Jesus shows us that education is about more than gaining knowledge. It is about growing in wisdom, faith, kindness and love. In our school, we are all learners: pupils, teachers, families and staff. Like Jesus, we are called to help one another learn, flourish and become the people God created us to be. This Education Sunday, we give thanks for everyone who teaches and supports our children. May Christ, our teacher, guide us throughout this year, helping us to be patient when we make mistakes, generous in forgiveness, and always ready to learn, grow and encourage one another.

Prayer

Loving God,

We pray for our pupils, teachers, support staff, families and governors.
Give us wisdom, patience and compassion as we learn together.

Help us to follow Jesus by forgiving one another and showing kindness,
so that our schools may be places of faith, hope, love and learning.

May our education help us to know you more clearly,
love you more deeply and serve others more generously.

Amen.

