



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 18th October 2024

Upcoming events

Morning start times

Families will have noticed that the gates to the infant playground are now closing at 8.45am rather than 8.50am. The reason for this is to try and support our children with being in school on time, as many are arriving after 8.45am when the registers are closed.

If your child is in Reception or Years 1-2, please aim to arrive at the school ready for your child to go in at 8.35am.

Because our junior children have a soft start, their gate will continue to be open until 8.50am.

Any children from Reception or Years 1-2 will need to go to the school office if they arrive after 8.45am and not go through the junior gate.

I have added the morning start times below as a reminder.

Nursery:

Morning session: 8:30am start - registration closes at 8:40am

Reception/Year 1/Year 2:

8:35am start - morning registers close at 8:45am. Gates to the infant playground will also close at 8:45am.

Please note that children's learning starts at 8:35am so they should be ready to come in at this point.

Years 3-5

8:35am Soft Start - 8:40am start. Morning registers close at 8:50am. Junior gates will also close at 8:50am.

Year 2 ZooLab visit



Our Year 2 children were treated to a visit by ZooLab last week, where they got to see and touch a range of minibeasts and animals, including snakes and tarantulas. They loved meeting Gary the cockroach and Freddo the frog in particular.

We are proud of the children for being extremely careful around the animals. They were also fantastic listeners. We are glad they had such an amazing experience.

- Mon 21st Oct – Librarian visiting Nursery
- Tue 22nd Oct – Brilliant Parents Workshop @9.15am
- Tue 22nd Oct – Parents' Evening (Rec-Y5) over TEAMS
- Fri 25th Oct – School ends for half term
- Mon 4th Nov – Children return to school
- Tue 12th Nov – Parents' Evening (Y6) over TEAMS
- WB 11th Nov – Maths Week
- Mon 11th Nov – Dress up day for Maths Week

Parish Visit to Year 5



Thank you to Father Paul Peter, who came over to speak with our Year 5 children yesterday afternoon about sacraments and commitments.

The children listened beautifully and were very reflective about the session.

Netball match



Well done to the netball team who played their first games against Dr Triplett's this week. It was a great success where they gained lots of experience of the sport.

They represented Botwell amazingly and should be very proud of themselves.

Charity run for GOSH



We would like to say a massive well done to Kathleen, Siobhan and their family, who ran in the GOSH Charity's family festival and fun run last weekend, to raise funds to help build the new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH).

Both girls ran for the entire race, which is an amazing achievement, and the family raised over £1000 for the hospital.

It is not too late to donate. If you would like to support them then please click on the link below.

<https://fundraise.gosh.org/fundraisers/teamwombat>

Reading Volunteers



Do you have some spare time in the afternoon and are looking for something worthwhile to do?

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers, who can come in from 2.00pm until the end of the school day, to help our younger children develop their reading skills! By dedicating a little bit of your time, you can make a huge difference in fostering a love for reading and boosting our children's confidence.

What You'll Do:

- Listen to children read aloud.
- Offer encouragement and support.
- Help them develop their reading fluency and comprehension.

No previous experience is necessary, just a positive attitude and a love for helping children learn!

If you're interested in becoming a reading volunteer, please contact the school office.

Prayer and Reflection

This week, on the 18th October, we celebrate the feast day of St. Luke the Evangelist, the writer of the third Gospel. He never met Christ in person, but in his Gospel he says that he came to know about Jesus by talking to eyewitnesses to the events of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection.

Hearing those stories helped Luke to become a believer, and he wrote his Gospel so that others would come to know and love Jesus.

Luke was a doctor and, in his Gospel, he helps us to know how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of help, mercy, and forgiveness. Luke tells us that Jesus came to save all people. Through Luke's Gospel, we learn how compassionate and caring Jesus was. Some of the most famous stories Jesus told are found in Luke's Gospel: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) and the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-42).

Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, we learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit; the work of the Apostles, especially Saint Paul; and how the Church grew in the world. He was the one person who was said to have remained with Saint Paul during his imprisonment and until his death.

We celebrate Saint Luke's service to the Church each year on October 18th and remember that his Gospel continues to help us know and love Jesus. Luke's Gospel also reminds us to look for ways to imitate Jesus by reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Prayer to Saint Luke:

*Most wonderful St. Luke
you are animated by the Heavenly Spirit of Love.
In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus,
you also showed His Divinity
and His genuine compassion for all human beings.
May the Holy Spirit, instructor of the faithful,
help me to understand Christ's words
and faithfully apply them in my life.
Amen.*

