



The Bayford Bugle



Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love

Jesus said, "I know my sheep...and my sheep know me." John 10:14

Bayford (C of E) Primary School and Nursery, Ashdene Road, Bayford, Herts, SG13 8PX

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TWIGS

Tim from TWiGS will be coming in this term to run some outdoor learning days with each class (see table below for dates). For our new parents, on our TWiGS days (Teaching Within Green Spaces) children will spend most of the day in the sacred garden carrying out various outdoor activities such as nature discovery, shelter building, fire-lighting and activities related to their current indoor learning. The day will go ahead whatever the weather, so children need to come to school with suitable clothes for being outside (warm clothes and waterproofs etc.)

Date	Class
Thursday 10 th October	Class 3
Friday 11 th October	Class 2
Thursday 17 th October	Class 1
Friday 18 th October	EYFS
Thursday 28 th November	TBA
Friday 29 th November	TBA
Thursday 5 th December	TBA
Friday 6 th December	TBA



Cars in School

Could we please remind parents that they should not drive their cars into the school grounds except in very exceptional circumstances and only with prior agreement with the school. If you are running late or dropping your child to school out of normal times for some reason, please park outside and walk them into the school. This includes pick up from after school clubs.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Class 2 Carol Service

Class 2 will be joining a number of other schools on Monday 2nd December at All Saints Church in Hertford to take part in a carol service. As well as singing the combined choir songs, each school will sing an individual song and do a reading or poem.



Rehearsals will take place in the morning at All Saints for the service at 7.00pm. This really is a lovely event organised by the Herts & Ware Schools Music Association.

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

This year, our Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 13th December. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day when children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper to raise awareness for Save the Children charity.



Science Days at Sele School

This year, we have been invited to take part in some exciting science days at Sele School. Each year group from Year 2 to 6 will go to Sele for the 'We Will Build it Better' project on the following dates:

Year Group	Date
Year 6	09.10.24
Year 5	20.11.24
Year 4	22.01.25
Year 3	12.03.25
Year 2	25.06.25

Further information will come out to parents of each year group nearer the time.

Christmas Performances at Bayford

This year we are doing things slightly different for our Christmas shows.

Our children in EYFS will be putting on a short musical concert for their family members on the morning of Monday 16th December.

The children in Class 1 will be putting on two performances of their Christmas show on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 17th December at Sele School.

Class 2 will be taking part in the Herts & Ware Schools Music Association carol service at All Saints Church in Hertford on the evening of Monday 2nd December.

Christmas Service

Our Christmas service will be on **Thursday 19th December at St. Mary's Church at 2.30pm.** All parents are welcome to join us for the Christingle service. As usual, we will be walking to church so would welcome some help from some parents.



Value

Our half term value currently is Appreciation. We have been focussing on this during our collective worships and also in our daily school life. Why not talk to your child about how they can show their appreciation to their family at home to reinforce the work we are doing in school?



Outdoor Shoes

Now the weather has turned wet and the playground is getting muddy, could we please remind you that children must have footwear to change into for playtimes and lunchtimes. This is to reduce the amount of mud brought into the school. These should be kept in a plastic bag in the children's lockers (years 1-6).



Playground Equipment Reminder

Please remember that due to Health and Safety reasons, children should not play on the outside equipment before or after school. It is parents' responsibility to ensure their children adhere to this rule.

Thank you!



Awareness Days

Earlier this term, the house captains and vice captains met with their houses to discuss which charities we would like to support this year at school. A decision was made to support a local charity, an animal charity and a children's charity.

As one of our own children recently spent some time in Addenbrookes Children's Hospital (and is thankfully now back to school) we thought it would be nice to support them. This awareness day will be on Thursday 14th November and decisions about how to raise awareness (and hopefully some money) will be made nearer the time.



Attendance

It is disappointing to see that our attendance is very low, currently at **93.6%** compared to this time last year when it was 96.9%

As you should be aware, the national framework for attendance penalty notices has changed this year. Parents are now liable for a fixed penalty fine when their child reaches 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

Therefore, if you remove your child for a week-long family holiday, you will almost certainly receive a fine. If your child then reaches another 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within 3 years, you will receive another fine. Finally, if your child then reaches another 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within 3 years of the first, the local authority will then present the case to the magistrate's court which could result in a £2,500 fine and a criminal record.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE YOUR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL FOR FAMILY HOLIDAYS.



Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will be on Wednesday 6th November from 5.00pm to 8.00pm and Thursday 7th November from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

Watch out for an email in the next week or so with a link to request your day and preferred time.

Christmas Holiday

Children break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 20th December. Please note, school will be finishing at the **earlier times of 1.30pm** for all children from Reception to Year 6.

Staff will be in school for an INSET day on Tuesday 7th January.

Children return to school on **Wednesday 8th January**

Our School Vision

Our distinctive Christian vision is based on John 10:14...Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd... I know my sheep and my sheep know me.'

We are inspired to be a vibrant, joyful community in which we know and love one another, leading together and growing together by:

- Appreciating everyone and everything around us
- Making one another feel safe
- Sharing, so no one feels left out
- Living well together in love
- Moving forward together in hope



We try to incorporate our school vision in all we do at Bayford, from the way we communicate with each other, the policies we create and the way we live our lives at school.

If you want to find out more about our school vision you can follow [this link](#).

Tesco Stronger Starts

Our recent application to Tesco Stronger Starts to provide some funding to help us improve the non-fiction section of our library has been accepted to go to the customer vote.

From now until mid-January, customers in the Tesco stores listed below can use the blue chips to vote for one of three projects they would like Tesco to support. Depending on the result of the vote, we will either receive £500, £1,000 or £1,500 to update our aging collection of non-fiction books.

Potters Bar Superstore EN6 2PB
Hammond St Cheshunt EN7 6PJ
Cuffley Express EN6 4HX
Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 3AZ

Unfortunately, we cannot dictate which stores our vote will take place in, and these are obviously not very close to school. However, if you are near to any of these stores, please pop in when you can and place a counter in our box and let friends and family know too.



Summer Building Work

During the summer holiday, we had some internal building work done at school to create some extra spaces. We split the ICT Suite/Library into three smaller rooms. One room is a small meeting room/office for our SENCO and pastoral lead. This room is called The Nest (as we **N**urture, **E**ncourage, **S**upport and **T**alk to children in there). The next room is a teaching room for smaller groups of children and is called The Hive as children will be working like busy bees in there. Finally, the other room is now our library, called The Book Nook.



The Nest



The Hive



The Book Nook