



# The Bayford Bugle



**Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love**

**Bayford (C of E) Primary School and Nursery, Ashdene Road,  
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## Welcome to a New School Year

Welcome back to school everyone; we hope you have all had a lovely summer break. We would like to extend a warm Bayford welcome to our new children and their families in Nursery and Reception.

Children have been back in school for over a week now and it's been lovely seeing them looking keen, enthusiastic and ready to learn. We have introduced a number of new rules to ensure a calmer learning environment and I am pleased to say the children have been doing brilliantly.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held in St. Mary's Church, Bayford on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30pm and will finish at 3.15pm. All family members are welcome to join us for our service.

If you are not joining us for the service, please arrange for your child to be collected from the church at 3.15pm rather than school. Children travelling on the school bus will be collected from church.

Children should bring their Harvest gifts to school, which will be donated to some local villagers and the Hertford Food Bank.



### Queen's Funeral

After the sad passing of the Queen last week, we held a collective worship on Friday to remember her life and to pray for the royal family and King Charles.

School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September as this is a special Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral.



### Distinctive Christian Vision

After consulting with children, parents, staff and governors, we have created our new distinctive Christians vision for our school.

This will be shared with children on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September on a special launch day.

### Dinner Money

Please ensure that dinner money is paid A.S.A.P. for this half-term, either to the school office or via Arbor.



### Parent Consultations

These will take place in school on the following dates:

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from  
3.30pm to 6.00pm**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October from  
5.00pm – 8.00pm**

More details to follow.

### Curriculum Newsletters

These will shortly be uploaded onto our website on the class learning pages.

Please read and discuss these with your child to find out what they are learning at school.

## Outdoor Learning

Once again, all classes will enjoy a Learning Outside the Classroom day each half term this year when they will spend the day working with Tim from TWiGS. Children will take part in a variety of forest school activities such as nature walks, outdoor art lessons, den building, fire lighting, cooking and much more. Dates for this half-term will be as follows:



Nursery & Reception – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 1 – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 2 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 3 – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October



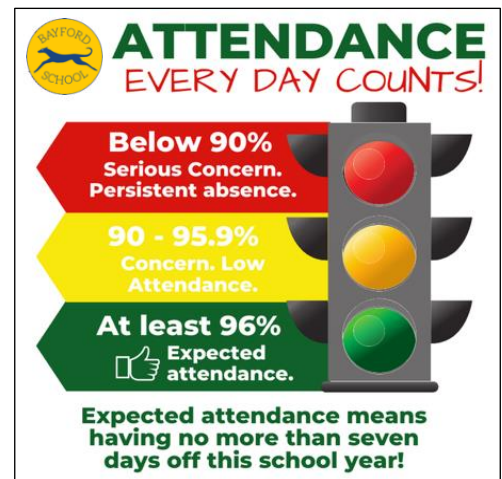
As always, these fun and exciting days will take place whatever the weather, so please check the forecast and make sure your child is dressed appropriately. If rain is forecast, children should have waterproof jacket and trousers. Do please speak to someone at school if your child does not own any as we do have some spare waterproofs in school which have been donated by parents.

## Attendance

Attendance last year at Bayford was the lowest it has been for many years. Poor attendance can trigger investigations by the local authority and this is obviously something that we want to avoid as a school.

It is vitally important that we continue to strive for high attendance for our children as this will ensure maximum opportunity to make good progress through the curriculum.

Please remember that children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest when the registers open. Children arriving between 8.55am and 9.05am will be registered as late and if your child arrives after 9.05am, they will be registered with un-authorized absence.



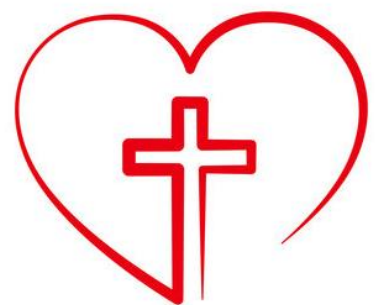
## Value

This half term our value is 'Appreciation'.

We will be focussing on this during our collective worships and also in our daily school life.

*'I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.'*

**1 Corinthians 1:4**



## Class 3 to St. Albans Cathedral

We are privileged to have been invited to attend the Diocese of St Albans' Schools Harvest Celebration service in St. Albans Cathedral.

Children in Class 3 will be attending the service on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Further details will be sent to Class 3 parents once travel has been arranged.

## Playground Equipment Reminder

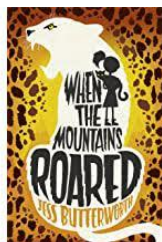
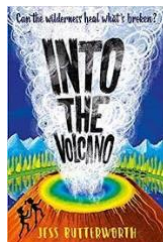
Please remember that due to Health and Safety reasons, children should not play on the outside equipment before or after school. It is parents' responsibility to ensure their children adhere to this rule.

Thank you.



### Class 3 Paradise Wildlife Park

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Class 3 will be visiting Paradise Wildlife Park as part of a creative writing competition. They will meet children's author Jess Butterworth and hear about her writing. They will then spend the rest of the day in the park gaining inspiration for their competition writing from the animals.



### Open Day

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding our very first Open Day from 10am to 12pm. This is to allow us to showcase our great school to people in the local community and allow prospective parents to look around. Watch out for more information as we will be asking for some volunteer children to either come to sing with Mrs Neilson or to enjoy a TWiGS session in the Sacred Garden with Tim.



### Clubs & Wrap Around Care

As you should be aware, Multi-Active are now running most of our school clubs and also providing wrap around care from 7.30am at the start of the day and until 6.00pm at the end of the day. Currently, clubs are running as follows...

Monday	Multi-Sports	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday	Football Fun	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	Science	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Thursday	Cooking	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Friday	Cheerleading	7.30am – 9.00am
Friday	Archery	3.15pm – 4.30pm

Please note: Football club with Multi-Active will be running until October half-term and will then change to a different sport. Alan Mallet will continue to run his football club on a Wednesday.

See <https://www.multi-active.co.uk/the-lodge> for further details and to book your child a place.



### Uniform & Outdoor Shoes

Please remember that all children should be wearing correct school uniform, including plain black or dark coloured shoes. Further information can be found on the school website <https://bayford.herts.sch.uk/uniform/>

Children in Year 1 – Year 6 must also have a separate pair of suitable outdoor shoes for changing into for playtimes and lunchtimes. This could be a pair of trainers while the weather is dry or welly boots for when the weather starts getting wet. Outdoor shoes should be kept in a plastic bag in children's lockers.



## Residential Trips

We have booked our residential trip for Class 3 for the summer term. They will be going to Manor Adventure in Shropshire from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. A meeting for parents is being held next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.45pm in the ICT Suite.

Miss Lourenco is currently looking into a suitable venue for Class 2 for their 3-day, 2-night residential. As soon as we have details, we will contact Class 2 parents.

After the resounding success of our very first Class 1 sleep-over on the field, enough time has passed for Miss Holliday and Mrs Willis to have forgotten how exhausted they were the next day and they have agreed to repeat this next summer.

