

*'Spurring each other on with love'*

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**Bickleigh Down CE Primary School**  
Christian Value Focus — **FORGIVENESS**

Learning about the Easter Story

Reflecting on Forgiving Others

Thinking about Forgiveness in the World

Forgiveness in the World

*Spurring each other on with love.*

*"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."*  
— Matthew 6:14

## Our Collective Worship is Invitational

Collective Worship continues to play an important role in our Personal Development curriculum, helping pupils develop character and a strong sense of belonging within our school community. Through these gatherings, we explore themes such as respect, kindness, responsibility and the fundamental British values, encouraging children to reflect on how these values shape their actions and relationships.

Our Collective Worship reflects our Christian foundation while also promoting respect for a range of religious and non-religious world views. Worship at Bickleigh Down is invitational rather than instructional; children are encouraged to think, reflect and choose how they engage, allowing them to consider their own beliefs and perspectives. This ensures all pupils can take something meaningful from the experience, without any intention of conversion.

Last Friday, Rev Jo Northey led worship, focusing on the Christian value of forgiveness. The children enthusiastically reenacted the biblical story of *The Unforgiving Servant*, helping them to explore the importance of showing mercy, understanding others, and repairing relationships when mistakes are made. It was wonderful to see the children engage so thoughtfully with this message and reflect on how forgiveness helps us live out our vision of spurring each other on with love.



## World Book Day 2026

We were delighted to celebrate World Book Day in collaboration with Promoting Children in Plymouth (PCIP) and BD (Becton Dickinson).

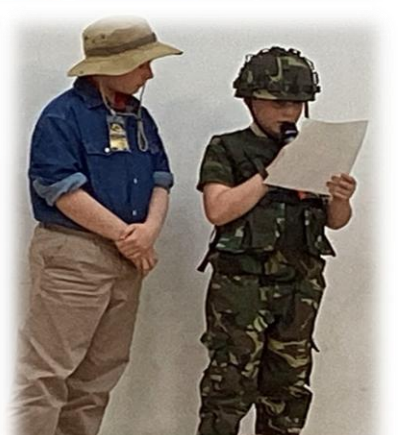
To mark the occasion, children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing a wonderful sense of creativity and excitement across the school.

In the afternoon, we were pleased to welcome a group of volunteers from BD, led by one of our parents, Mrs Michaela Roberts, who shared the story *Scout and the Missing Bees* with pupils from Foundation through to Year Four.

Meanwhile, our Year Five and Year Six pupils took part in an inspiring poetry session, giving them the opportunity to explore language, rhythm and creativity in a fun and engaging way. The day was a fantastic celebration of reading, storytelling and the joy that books can bring. 📖 ✨









## Foundation Balanceability Sessions

Last week, the Foundation Stage children had a week of balanceability sessions. On Monday, they learnt about the balance bikes, how to use the brakes, how to get on safely and were introduced to using giraffe and kangaroo legs, to get the bike moving. On Tuesday, they built their confidence in using giraffe and kangaroo legs, moving around the hall increasingly speedily. On Wednesday, they started to work on steering around cones, moving in and out with control. On Thursday, they focused on gliding, building up speed before lifting up their legs. Finally, on Friday the children were challenged to glide as far as they could across the hall. All of the children showed brilliant listening skills and made good progress. Well done, Red Bears and Blue Bears.





# Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



## March 2026

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Class Photos

## April 2026

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Spring Music Festival for Foundation, KSI & KS2 (See Schedule)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Last Day of Term Early Dismissal @ 1.15 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> : Easter Break

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: Military Family Breakfast @ 8.10 am (All pupils wear purple accessories (purple hair accessories, socks etc) in celebration of Month of the Military Child)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Meeting with current Year Four Parents re Year Five Mount Batten and Year Six Residential Trips @ 3.30pm.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April - High 5 Inflatables After School Activity (£11 per child)

## May 2026

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>: Meeting with Year Three Parents re Adventure Race @ 3.30 pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>; National Height and Weight Check (Foundation & Year Six pupils)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>: Year Six SATs Assessment Week

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>; PFA Summer Disco for Foundation, KSI & KS2

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>: New 2026 Foundation Intake Meeting @ 5pm

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>: Half Term Break

## June 2026

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>: All pupils return to school

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup>: Year Four Multiplication Tables Check

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>: National Phonics Screening Check

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>: Foundation & Key Stage One Sports Day

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>: Key Stage Two Sports Day (Years Three to Six)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> PFA Father's Day Present Room

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> : PFA Father's Day Present Room

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Visit New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>: PFA Mufti Day

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

July 2026

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>: PFA Mufti Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> : PFA Mufti Day & Summer Fayre

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: Year Six End of Year Trip to Woodlands

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> : Year Six Production @ 6 pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> : Year Six Production @ 2pm

Year Six Leaver's Disco @ 5pm - St Barnabas Hall

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: Last day of term 1.15 pm dismissal

Keeping Everyone Safe During Key Stage Awards

# Key Stage Awards Reminder

Ensuring Our School Community is Safe



Doors close promptly at

**8:55am**

If you arrive after this time, please use the **Main Reception**.

A member of staff will **escort you** to the hall so you can join the awards.

**Please Do Not...**



Knock on the hall door



Ask pupils or adults inside to let you in



A member of the **Senior Leadership Team** – usually the **Headteacher** or **Deputy Headteacher** – will be at the hall entrance each morning to welcome you.

**If you arrive late:**



Enter through the **Main Reception**



A member of staff will **escort you** to the hall.

For the safety of all children and staff, please **only enter** via the correct entrance.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school safe. ❤️

St Barnabas Hall




## Our New Salad Bar – Promoting Healthy Eating!

Following feedback from the Student Council, our kitchen team has introduced a new salad bar to provide pupils with a greater variety of vegetable options at lunchtime. Previously, the most common choices were green peas and sweetcorn; however, the new salad bar now offers a wider selection of fresh vegetables each day, allowing children to choose options they enjoy alongside their meals. Many thanks to our Catering Team for always going above and beyond to serve our pupils the tastiest and healthiest meals.



## Respect Trees and Forest School Club Resources

**Respect Our Trees & Forest School Area!** 

Help us keep our school environment safe and enjoyable for everyone.

**No climbing the trees**  
Trees need time to grow. Climbing can damage branches and cause injuries.

**Leave Forest School resources where they belong**  
Do not move, play with, or disturb the Forest School equipment!

**What you CAN do instead:**

- ✓ Play safely in the playground.
- ✓ Respect nature & wildlife.
- ✓ Tell an adult if you see something unsafe.

**Remember:**  
Looking after our trees and resources keeps our school a safe and happy place!




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## Spring Music Festival 2026

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026, Bickleigh Down will be hosting its annual **Spring Music Festival**. This will take place over three sessions throughout the day with the aim of showcasing aspects of our music curriculum offer.

All children will be taking part during the day. The classes will perform the instrument they have been learning, as outlined in the timetable below. **Only two parents/carers** are invited to attend the session for each family. This is to ensure that we adhere to our fire regulations and keep everyone safe. We are encouraging all parents and carers to please arrive in time for the start and stay for the whole session to avoid disrupting performances. Thank you for your usual cooperation. 😊

Time	Class/Group	Performances
	Year One	Singing and Glockenspiel
	4BH	DooDs
	School Choir	
	5H	Glockenspiel
	6B	Djembe Drums
	School Choir	
	3G	Recorders
	4W	DooDs
	School Choir	
	5S	Glockenspiel
	6R	Djembe Drums
	School Choir	
	2W	Ocarina
	Foundation	Singing and Glockenspiel
	3AL	Recorders
	2H	Ocarina
	School Choir	

There will be no Key Stage Two Awards on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026!

## Road Safety Concerns: Parking and Driving

We continue to receive a high number of concerns regarding ongoing worries about parents and carers parking on double yellow lines and in close proximity to the zebra crossing. Please refrain from doing so, as this behaviour puts everyone at risk.



Be Alert Pedestrians!



Important Online Workshop for Parents/Carers - Expressing Emotions

Please sign up now to secure a place!

# EXPRESSING EMOTIONS

## Skills Workshop with Parental Minds

An interactive online workshop exploring how we experience and express our emotions. We'll delve into what supports healthy emotional development, and how to respond in ways that build trust and resilience. Discover practical tools, and thoughtful strategies to better understand and support the emotional lives of our loved ones and ourselves.

Parental Minds Community Interest Company:  
Developed through families' experiences, with  
input from professionals & researchers.



PARENTAL MINDS C.I.C



PARENTAL MINDS SUPPORT

Online, Zoom

Monday 23rd March 2026  
7.15pm - 8.45pm

Sign up here:

[bit.ly/PMSWEmotionsMar26](https://bit.ly/PMSWEmotionsMar26)



## Congratulations to Alaya and Elyse - Plymouth Argyle Football Team



Alaya and Elyse are part of Plymouth Argyle's Under 10 Football Team. They have advanced to the ETC National Futsal Finals in Derby this April, after winning the regionals in Paignton. The girls are also members of our school football team and have shown true team spirit. All the best in the finals!

Please Contact Us If You Are Concerned About Your Child!

**Bickleigh Down CE Primary School**

Please Share any concerns about your child with the Class Teacher.

For Safeguarding Concerns contact:

Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Conday, Mrs Bright, Mr Harding

For SEND Concerns speak to our SENCo: **Mrs Bright**

Our doors are always open!

Or email us at:  
[admin@bickleighdown.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bickleighdown.devon.sch.uk)