

*'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

## Prayer Day - A Focus on Understanding the Lord's Prayer

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the children found out about prayer as part of our school's 'Prayer Week'. The children have learnt about The Lord's Prayer and how Jesus used it to teach his first followers how to pray. In classes, the children unpicked the key vocabulary and looked at how Christians today might use this prayer.

Later in the week, the children looked at the key features of prayers and found out that most contain a please, sorry and thank-you. The children used these features to write their own 'burger prayers', sandwiching the features together. We hope that these prayers might be used by the Christian community to pray for our world, our local area and the people that are closest to us. We have been really impressed with the children's deep thinking, spirituality and the way in which they have written prayers that spur others on with love.



## Year Two Trip to Gnatts Dairy Farm

Year Two thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic day at Gnatts Dairy Farm on Thursday 12th March. The weather was wet and windy, but the children had a brilliant time, learnt lots about the milk production process and displayed great learning behaviour and a super attitude to the activities. The children saw newly born calves, churned butter from fresh milk, visited the calving barn, fed one day old calves, had lunch in the polytunnel, played in the field, visited the milking parlour and saw a herd of over 180 cows being milked.

A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Allen, Sarah and Jack, who welcomed us to their farm and went to great lengths to ensure that a successful educational day took place. Thank you to parents for sending children suitably dressed for the day and for dealing with the mud and smell when we returned! A big thank you also to the parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip and were fantastic.







## PFA Mother's Day Present Room

A heartfelt thank you to all our families who supported the PFA Mother's Day Present Room in March. It was a tremendous success, and the children were absolutely delighted to choose thoughtful gifts for their mums and the special mother-figures in their lives.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated PFA members and volunteers, whose hard work and organisation ensured the event ran so smoothly over the two days. Your time, care and commitment made this a truly special experience for the children. Thank you for helping us continue to spur one another on with love.



## Year Six Royal Navy Visit

Year Six have been studying the topic of WW2 in their recent history lessons. On the 11<sup>th</sup> March PO(D) Chudley and LD Morgan from the Royal Navy Bomb Disposal Unit, based in Plymouth, came into school to talk to the children. PO(D) Chudley explained about how the Blitz in Plymouth during WW2 still impacts their job today, including the recent situations they have been called to in the local area. The children were then treated to a demonstration of the robot technology that the team are able to use to resolve dangerous situations, Mr Burke was a great sport, dressing in the very heavy and cumbersome bomb protection suit!



## Bickleigh's Sports Round Up - Our Girls' and Boys' Football Teams

This season has been a fantastic one for school football, with over 70 different children from Key Stage Two proudly representing our school. Across all teams, pupils consistently demonstrated excellent attitude, effort and sporting behaviour, making the school incredibly proud both on and off the pitch. Most importantly, every child had the opportunity to enjoy football at a level appropriate to them, taking part in a wide range of fixtures, from exciting intra-school matches to highly competitive national tournaments.

The boys' teams enjoyed an outstanding year, winning all three major local tournaments: the Utilita Cup, the Pokémon Cup and the Manadon Cluster League. They also performed brilliantly beyond the local stage, narrowly losing the county final of the Pokémon Cup in the final moments, and missing out on progression in the South of England finals of the Utilita Cup on goal difference.

The girls' teams have also had a hugely successful season. They were crowned champions in both the local Pokémon Cup and the Primary Stars competition, before going on to win the county round of the Pokémon Cup. At the Southwest finals, they finished a very respectable third in their group. Excitingly, they still have the national final of the Premier League Primary Stars competition to look forward to in the summer.

Overall, it has been a season full of success, development and enjoyment, with every player contributing to a brilliant year for school football. Special thanks to Mr Burke, Mr Stein, Mr Brooks, Mrs Slade and Miss Willis for ensuring that the children were fully prepared and accompanying them on various sporting events away out of school hours.





# Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



## April 2026

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

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

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> All pupils return to school

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)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>: Trutex Uniform Pop-Up Shop @ 3.00 - 4.00 pm

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 current Year Three parents re Adventure Race Trip in Year Four @ 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 and Breakfasts

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

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**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!

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