

'Spurring each other on with love'

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Bickleigh Down CE Primary School
Christian Value Focus

Aspiration

Aspire to reach our goals and spur our friends on to do this too.

Aspiration for our world
We think about the support we can gain from and give to our local, national and global communities.

Planning for the future
We have aspiration for the world and our plans for the future.

Strength in Jesus
Christians put their whole trust in Jesus and he gives them strength.

Taking refuge in God
We reflect on what it means to take refuge in God and consider who in our lives is our place of safety and security.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13

Support Encourage Make a difference

Spurring each other on with love.

Our Christian Value of Aspiration

This term, the children will be focusing on our Christian value of **Aspiration**. We will be thinking about what it means to aspire to reach our goals and how we can spur our friends on to do this too. The children will be focusing on the following scripture: *I can do all this through him who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13).*

Through our Collective Worship time, we will be thinking about the support that we can gain from and give to our local, national and global communities, how we can have aspiration for the world and our plans for the future. Later in the term, we will be thinking about how aspirations that we have for ourselves and others help us to spur our others on with love. We will find out about how Christians put their whole trust in Jesus and how He gives them strength. The children will spend time reflecting on what it means to take refuge in God and considering who in their lives is their place of safety and security.

Highlights of our Spring Music Concert

On Wednesday 1st April, the stage was set for our highly anticipated annual Spring Music Concert. It was a jubilant occasion, showcasing the vibrant musical talents nurtured within our school community. St Barnabas Hall came alive with the harmonious sounds of our pupils' dedication and passion. From the angelic voices of the school choir to the delightful melodies of Mrs Sweeney's performance, every act left an indelible mark on the hearts of our school community.

The journey through music unfolded seamlessly as each year group took the spotlight, demonstrating their proficiency and creativity. From the enchanting tunes of Foundation Stage singing and playing the glockenspiel to the skilled hands of Year Six on the djembe drums, every performance was a testament to the musical growth and development of our pupils and our strong music curriculum.

As the final notes reverberated through the air, it was evident that the concert was not just a showcase of talent, but a celebration of the collective effort and dedication poured into every practice session. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr Harding for organising the event and the teachers and support staff for ensuring that the pupils were well prepared. Special thanks to all parents and carers whose unwavering support made this event possible. Together, we continue to foster a love for music and create unforgettable memories for our pupils at Bickleigh Down.





Rock Steady Concert

We were incredibly proud of the children's performance in their respective Rock Steady Band on Monday 30th March, where they showcased their talents with confidence, enthusiasm and real musicality. It was wonderful to see how far they have come, performing with passion and purpose in front of an appreciative audience. Parents and carers were filled with pride as they watched each band bring their songs to life.

If your child would like to be part of the Rocksteady experience, sign up online at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com 🎵 🎸







Year Four Outside Easter Activity

Our Year Four pupils recently took part in a wonderful outside Easter experience, led by our Vicar, Rev Jo Northey. Set in our school outdoor environment, the session brought the Easter story to life through engaging storytelling, drama and a series of interactive stations.

The children moved thoughtfully between each station, exploring key moments of the Easter story in a hands-on and reflective way. The experience encouraged curiosity, discussion and deeper understanding, allowing pupils to engage at their own level. Importantly, the event was fully invitational in nature, ensuring that all pupils – regardless of faith background or non-religious worldview, felt welcomed, respected and included. It was a meaningful opportunity to learn about a significant Christian festival while promoting openness and mutual respect.

We extend our sincere thanks to Rev Jo Northey for leading such an inspiring session, and to our governors, Mr Kiver and Mr Shipp, for their support and positive engagement with the children throughout the experience.





Our Easter Service

On the last day of spring term, our Collective Worship took the form of a meaningful and reflective Easter service.

Led by Miss Freeman, our Church School Distinctiveness Lead, pupils and staff came together to explore the key themes of the Easter story. The service included thoughtful scripture readings, beautifully delivered by members of Year Five, alongside joyful singing of much-loved Easter songs. It was a special time of reflection, celebration and shared worship as we marked this important event in the Christian calendar.









Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



April 2026

Monday 27th: Trutex Uniform Pop-Up Shop @ 3.00 - 4.00 pm

Wednesday 29th - Meeting with current Year Four parents re Year Five Mount Batten and Year Six Residential Trips @ 3.30pm.

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

May 2026

Wednesday 6th: Meeting with current Year Three parents re Adventure Race Trip in Year Four @ 3.30 pm

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

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th: Year Six SATs Assessment Week and Breakfasts
Please note that, after SATs, the children will continue to work extremely hard to improve their writing and aim towards achieving Age-Related Expectations throughout the Summer Term.

Wednesday 20th; PFA Summer Disco for Foundation, KS1 & KS2

Thursday 21st: New 2026 Foundation Intake Meeting @ 5pm

Friday 22nd: Year Six Leavers' Hoodies Presentation at 3:00 pm in St Barnabas Hall

25th - 29th: Half Term Break

June 2026

Wednesday 3rd: All pupils return to school

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 12th: Year Four Multiplication Tables Check

Monday 8th - Friday 12th: National Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 9th - Wednesday 10th; Foundation Eye Screening

Monday 15th: Foundation & Key Stage One Sports Day

Wednesday 17th: Key Stage Two Sports Day (Years Three to Six)

Thursday 18th: PFA Father's Day Present Room

Friday 19th: PFA Father's Day Present Room

Tuesday 23rd: 1st Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day (Surnames A-L)
@ 1.30 pm

Wednesday 24th: 1st Visit New Foundation Intake Induction Day (Surnames M-Z)

• 1.30 pm

Friday 26th: PFA Mufti Day

Tuesday 30th: 2nd Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day • 1.30 pm

(Surnames A-L)

July 2026

Wednesday 1st: 2nd Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day • 1.30 pm

(Surnames M-Z)

Friday 3rd: PFA Mufti Day

Wednesday 8th: Final Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day • 1.30 pm

(Surnames A-Z)

Friday 10th: PFA Mufti Day & Summer Fayre

Friday 17th: Year Six End of Year Trip to Woodlands

Tuesday 21st: Year Six Production • 6 pm

Wednesday 22nd: Year Six Production • 2pm

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

Friday 24th: Last day of term 1.15 pm dismissal

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



Month of the Military Child is an initiative that is designed to celebrate service children and recognise their contribution both in schools, service life and their local community. We will feature our recent Military Family Breakfast in the next edition of the newsletter.

Secondary School Transition Visits

We are now approaching the time of year when parents and carers will be taking the children out of school to attend their transition days at the secondary schools. At Bickleigh Down, we are asking you to complete the required **S2 Absence Request Form** prior to taking the children out of school. This will help us to monitor your child's attendance, keep abreast of their reasons for periods of absences and make us aware of early collections as well as late arrivals. A copy of this form can be found on our school's website at [S2-Absence-Form-December-2024-version.349007444.docx](#) and in the front entrance porch.

Thank you for your usual cooperation. 😊

Donation Request for Picnic Blankets

As we look ahead to what we hope will be a bright and sunny summer term, we are keen to make the most of our outdoor spaces. We would love to provide children with the opportunity to enjoy quiet activities outside, such as reading, drawing and reflective time.

To support this, we are kindly asking for donations of **picnic blankets** that children can use during the school day. These will help create comfortable, calm spaces for learning and relaxation in the fresh air.

If you have any spare blankets in good, clean condition that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful. Please send them into the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us create enriching experiences for our children.

No Dogs Allowed on School Premises!

**PLEASE HELP US
KEEP OUR SCHOOL**
*a safe and welcoming
place for everyone.*



**PLEASE DO NOT
BRING DOGS ONTO
SCHOOL PREMISES.**

This includes all areas of the school grounds and buildings.



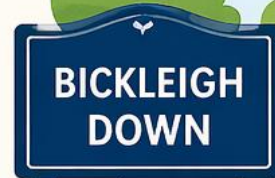
**PLEASE DO NOT
TIE DOGS NEAR
THE SCHOOL GATES.**

For the safety and comfort of our children, families and dogs.



**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM
CARRYING SMALL DOGS
IN YOUR ARMS
ON SCHOOL SITE.**

This is not permitted.



*Thank you
for helping us
keep Bickleigh Down
a safe, respectful
and enjoyable
environment for
everyone.*



*Our priority is the wellbeing and safety of all our pupils.
Thank you for your understanding and support.*

Please Support the Woolwell Centre!



Hello
SUMMER

Breakfast Club
from 7:30 AM
After School Club
until 4:30 PM & 6 PM

Everyday activities:

Creative station
colouring, sticking
and drawing

Garden play
free flow, sports
and group games

Quiet corner
Reading
and puzzles

**Nutritious
food
and
drinks.**

**Mornings made easy .
Afternoons stress free!**

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**Muffin
Monday**

AM: Lego masters
PM: Junk modelling,
outside play -
weather permitting

**Tortilla
Tuesday**

AM: Colouring
PM: Playdough,
outside play -
weather permitting

**Watermelon
Wednesday**

AM: Board games
and puzzles
PM: Biscuit
decorating, outside
play - weather
permitting

**Treat
Thursday**

AM: Hall activities
PM: Creative collage,
outside play -
weather permitting

**Film
Friday**

AM: Children's choice
PM: Movie afternoon