

'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.

Aspiring and Creative Minds in Year Two

Over the Easter holidays, our Year Two pupils were set an exciting challenge: to research an animal of their choice and record interesting facts to support their English learning. The children embraced the task with enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity, producing some truly fantastic work.

One particularly inspiring example came from Oliver, who designed and built his very own octopus, carefully attaching a fascinating fact to each of its eight legs. His imaginative approach not only demonstrated excellent research skills but also showed wonderful creativity and determination.

We are incredibly proud of all our Year Two children for the effort and aspiration they demonstrated throughout this challenge. Their hard work has already inspired some wonderfully creative writing back in the classroom, and it has been a joy to see their confidence and enthusiasm continue to grow. Well done, Year Two!



Bickleigh Sings at the Opening of Tamar Valley Crematorium

Our Year Five pupils recently had the honour of performing at the opening ceremony of the new Tamar Valley Crematorium, and we could not be prouder of them. The children represented the school exceptionally well through their beautiful singing, excellent conduct and confident presentation throughout the event. Their performance received glowing praise from guests and organisers alike, with many commenting that the children truly "made the day."

Following the ceremony, the management and staff at the crematorium wrote to the school to express their sincere thanks, describing the pupils as "a huge credit to their school, the teaching staff and the local community."

We would also like to extend our thanks to Reverend Jo Northey, Miss Freeman and Mr Harding who supported and prepared the children for this special occasion. Their encouragement, dedication and hard work ensured the pupils were able to perform with such confidence and pride.

Well done to all involved for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school community.



Military Family Breakfast 2026

A heartfelt thank you to all of our service families who were able to join us for our Month of the Military Child breakfast celebration. Your presence made the event truly special, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support, commitment and service to our country.

This celebration was proudly supported through our Service Pupil Premium (SPP) funding, which enables us to provide enriching opportunities, events and dedicated support for our service children and families. It was wonderful to come together as a school community to honour and celebrate the unique experiences, remarkable resilience and invaluable contributions of our military children. We are proud to stand alongside you.



Year Six World War Two Dance

The Year Six pupils have been deeply engaged in exploring World War Two as part of their History curriculum. In a creative cross-curricular project, their teachers guided them in choreographing and performing a powerful dance showcase inspired by this significant period in history. The event drew an enthusiastic audience of parents and carers, all eager to witness the culmination of the pupils' hard work. We were immensely proud of their dedication, confidence, and the remarkable creativity they brought to the stage. Their performances were a moving tribute to the resilience and stories of the past.





Year Six SATs Week

We offered free breakfast to all pupils in Year Six during SATs week, from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026. This provided the children with a friendly and convivial start to the day and helped them to relax before taking these important assessments. We offered bacon or sausage baps (including veggie sausages), cereals, toast and jam, yoghurts, fresh fruits and fruit juices. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and ate as much as they wanted. All the children coped exceptionally well during SATs and we are extremely proud of their resilience and perseverance. On the Friday after SATs, they received a cooling down treat from the headteacher. The children will now focus on their writing attainment and transition to secondary school.

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember **you're the best!**





Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



May 2026

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 in KSI

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

Important Notice - Key Stage Awards

Please be advised that there will be no Key Stage Awards during the first week back after the half-term break.

Awards will resume as follows:

- Foundation Stage and Key Stage One: Tuesday 9th June
- Key Stage Two: Wednesday 10th June

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. 😊

Behaviour in the Woolwell Park

The use of Woolwell Park is a shared community space that many of our families enjoy. We have been delighted to receive some wonderful feedback from members of the community about our Bickleigh children – in particular, the kindness and care they have shown towards younger children at the park. This is exactly the sort of behaviour that makes us incredibly proud, and we want to celebrate it.

That said, we are also aware that, on some occasions, the conduct of a small number of the older children has not quite reflected the high standards we expect. When children are wearing their Bickleigh uniform, they represent not just themselves, but our whole school community.

At Bickleigh Down, we believe our responsibility goes beyond academic achievement. We are committed to helping every child grow into a kind, respectful, and responsible citizen – and that applies both inside and outside the classroom and school grounds.

We would be grateful if you could take a moment to speak with your child about how they present themselves in public, particularly when in uniform. A brief conversation at home can make all the difference. Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support.

Let's Adhere to Our School Uniform Policy

Hair accessories should be limited to simple hair clips, bands and fastenings in black, grey, white or maroon red. Children are expected to wear plain, low-heeled shoes with a secure fastening strap for safety and practicality. Socks should be plain and unbranded in white, grey or black, with no logos, patterns or designs.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that their child is fully compliant with our school uniform policy. Consistency in uniform helps promote a sense of pride, equality and readiness to follow expectations as part of school life.

[Bickleigh Down Church of England Primary School - School Uniform](#)

Mobile Phone Use in School – Important Reminder

We recognise that some pupils in Years Five and Six bring mobile phones to school to support safe communication with parents and carers when walking home independently. Where this is the case, if you have not done so, we ask that parents and carers ensure the school is informed in writing so that we can keep accurate records for safeguarding purposes.

For the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, the following expectations must be followed:

- Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school site, including while pupils are waiting in the playground for the school doors to open.
- Once pupils enter the school building, all mobile phones must be handed directly to their class teacher. Phones will be stored securely in a designated area for the duration of the school day.
- Pupils must not use mobile phones to take photographs or record video of any members of the public or fellow pupils at Bickleigh. This is a serious safeguarding expectation.
- We ask all parents and carers to regularly check their child's phone to ensure appropriate use, and to remain aware of who their child is communicating with and the content of any messages sent or received.

These procedures are in place to safeguard all members of our school community and to ensure the responsible use of mobile technology. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home.





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Wishing our Bickleigh Down

School Family
♡ a lovely ♡

HALF TERM BREAK!



Pupils return to school on
Wednesday 3rd June.

Over the half term break, please ensure that whilst the children are relaxing they:

READ
daily



PRACTISE
your spellings
daily



TIMES TABLES
daily

$2 \times 3 = 6$
$4 \times 6 = 24$
$7 \times 8 = 56$
$9 \times 9 = 81$

**YOU'VE
GOT
THIS!**

In readiness for
the final half term
of this school year.

Keep Safe!

