

'Spurring each other on with love'

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Our Vision in Action

This term in Collective Worship we will be thinking about **our school vision** and how we can live it out in our **local, national** and **global** community.

“and let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds”
Hebrews 10:24

Exploring the Book of Hebrews
We will discover why the letter writer wanted to encourage the early Christians to think about their actions.

Guided by our *Christian Values*

 LOVE We show love to others as Jesus loves us.	 FORGIVENESS We forgive others and start afresh.	 HOPE We have hope for the future and trust in God's promises.	 SPIRIT We are inspired by God's Spirit every day.	 ASPIRATION We aspire to be the best we can be, using our gifts and talents.
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We spur one another on towards love and good deeds, encouraging each other to be the best that we can be.

Year One Alien Cake Making Activity

To celebrate their fantastic efforts in the Year One Phonics Screening Check in June, the children enjoyed a special cupcake decorating activity. They created colourful alien designs using icing and sweets, showing great creativity while having lots of fun.

We are incredibly proud of how positively the children approached the phonics check and the perseverance they showed throughout. Results will be shared with you towards the end of term, including for those who completed the resit in Year Two.



Year Four Travel Back to the Tudor Era

Year Four had a fantastic time during their “Blast from the Past” Tudors’ Day, fully immersing themselves in the world of the Tudors in line with their History curriculum. The day began with a lively visit from Adrian, who brought history to life through an engaging presentation as King Henry VIII. Pupils then explored a range of activities, including creating a timeline, playing traditional Tudor games such as ball and cup and dice games, and investigating mystery objects.

The children also took part in a “What the Tudors Have Done for Us” trail, learning about crime and punishment, and followed a trail of important Tudor figures. The day ended with a final quiz to recap their learning. It was wonderful to see how much knowledge the children had absorbed, as well as their growing confidence in discussing historical ideas.

Overall, the “Blast from the Past” Tudors’ Day was a fantastic success. It provided Year Four with a memorable, interactive experience that not only brought history to life, but also inspired a genuine enthusiasm for learning about the past.



Sports Days 2026

Our annual Sports Days were a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination, resilience and sporting spirit, with children across the school giving their very best and spurring one another on throughout the events. Foundation Stage and Key Stage One enjoyed their Sports Day on Monday 15th June. The children enthusiastically took part in a range of fun carousel activities before competing in the eagerly anticipated sprint races. It was wonderful to see every child participating with such enthusiasm, encouraging their teammates and working together to earn valuable points for their house. The final results were:

- 🏆 1 Tavy (Blue) - 1st
- 🏆 2 Plym (Yellow) - 2nd
- 🏆 3 Lynher (Red) - 3rd
- Tamar (Green) - 4th

Our Key Stage Two Sports Day certainly tested everyone's patience! After being postponed twice due to inclement weather and the subsequent heatwave, we were delighted to finally hold the event safely on Friday 26th June under much more favourable conditions. The children embraced every event with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. During the afternoon, parents and carers joined us to support the competitors, creating a fantastic atmosphere as children proudly represented their houses and encouraged one another through every race and activity. The final house standings were:

- 🏆 1 Tamar (Green) - 1st
- 🏆 2 Lynher (Red) - 2nd
- 🏆 3 Plym (Yellow) - 3rd
- Tavy (Blue) - 4th

One of the biggest highlights of both Sports Days was undoubtedly the staff inflatable races, kindly sponsored by our fantastic PFA. These races brought plenty of laughter, excitement and friendly competition, with children thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to cheer on their teachers! A huge thank you goes to all of our staff, PFA volunteers, parents and carers who helped make both events such a success. Most importantly, congratulations to every child for demonstrating perseverance, teamwork, resilience and excellent sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of you all! 😊





Special thanks to our fantastic Year Six pupils who supported the children and staff so well throughout the events. 😊

Highlights of Staff Inflatable Races









Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



July 2026

Friday 3rd: PFA Mufti Day - Sweets or Chocolate donations please!

Monday 6th: Class Swaps #1 @ 2.30 - 3.00 pm (Pupils meet their new teachers)

Wednesday 8th: **Final Visit: New Foundation Intake Induction Day @ 1.30 pm**
(Surnames A-Z)

Friday 10th: PFA Mufti Day & Summer Fayre

Monday 13th: PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Lopes Arms, Roborough Village or virtually via Microsoft Teams @ 8 pm

Thursday 16th: Class Swaps #2 @ 2.00 - 3.00 pm (Pupils have another session with their new teachers)

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

15 MINUTES TODAY, A BETTER TOMORROW!

Just 15 minutes a day can help your child build skills, confidence and a love for learning.

15 MINUTES A DAY CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

READ

Enjoy stories, discover new worlds and grow your imagination.

PRACTISE YOUR TIMES TABLE

Fluency with times tables builds confidence and helps with all areas of maths.

EXPLORE NUMBOTS OR TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

Fun and engaging ways to boost maths skills and beat your best!

PRACTISE YOUR SPELLINGS

Good spelling builds confidence and helps you communicate clearly.

COMPLETE YOUR HOMEWORK

Finishing homework helps learning stick and shows responsibility.

Small steps every day lead to big achievements!

Thank you for supporting your child every day!

Farewell and Best Wishes to Our Departing Staff Members

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, we will also be saying goodbye to several valued staff members. We would like to thank **Mr Cooper** (Class Teacher), **Mrs Chudley** (I:1 Teaching Assistant), **Mrs Baldwin** (I:1 Teaching Assistant) and **Mrs Slade** (I:1 Teaching Assistant), who will all be leaving Bickleigh Down CE Primary School at the end of this term. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication, care and commitment they have shown to our children and school community. Each of them has made a positive and lasting contribution, and they will be greatly missed. This year also marks the retirement of two much-loved members of staff. After many years of dedicated service, **Mrs Allen**, our Year Three Class Teacher, and **Mrs Rees**, our Year Two Teaching Assistant, will be beginning a well-deserved retirement. Throughout their time at Bickleigh Down CE Primary School, they have inspired, nurtured and supported countless children, leaving a lasting legacy that will be remembered by colleagues, pupils and families alike.

On behalf of everyone at Bickleigh Down CE Primary School, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all six members of staff for their hard work, kindness and unwavering commitment to our school. We wish them every happiness and success in the next chapter of their lives and hope they look back on their time at Bickleigh Down CE Primary School with many fond memories.

We are pleased to share that we have already successfully appointed some new members of staff to join our team from September and are near to completing our recruitment process. We look forward to introducing them to our school community in the final edition of this academic year's newsletter.

Thank you to our departing colleagues for everything they have given to Bickleigh Down CE Primary School - you will always remain a valued part of our school family. We wish you all the very best for the future.



Important Update - End of Year Reports

As we come to the end of another successful school year, we are delighted to let parents and carers know that End of Year Reports will be available electronically.

From Monday 13th July 2026, you will be able to access your child's report securely through the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app. We hope this new system provides a convenient, secure and environmentally friendly way for you to receive your child's report and celebrate all they have achieved this academic year.

Please note that the reports were written between May and early June. Consequently, the attendance information included in each report reflects attendance up to Friday 12th June 2026. This means that your child's attendance percentage on the 24th of July may differ from the figure shown in their report. For example, if they have continued to attend school regularly since 12th June, their overall attendance percentage is likely to have increased. Equally, if they have had any authorised absences or unauthorised holidays after this date, their current attendance percentage may be lower than that recorded in the report. MCAS will show the updated figure under 'Attendance'.

Alongside your child's end of year report, the following assessment outcomes will also be available to view on MCAS. We will notify you when this information is available:

- Foundation (Reception) Good Level of Development
- Year One Phonics Screening Check results.
- Year Two Phonics Screening Check resit results (where applicable).
- Year Four Multiplication Tables Check results.
- Year Six SATs (End of Key Stage Two) results.

We are incredibly proud of everything our children have accomplished this year and hope you enjoy reading about their progress, achievements and the many ways they have grown, both academically and personally.

If you experience any difficulties accessing MCAS or viewing your child's report or assessment results, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to assist.

Important Update from The Woolwell Centre

The Woolwell Centre has reluctantly made the decision to close its AM/PM wraparound school care club at the end of the current school term in July. Over the past year, the club has experienced a significant reduction in the number of children attending, which has resulted in it becoming an unsustainable financial strain on the wider Community Centre.

Lynn Tamsett-White, Centre Manager, has explained that there is a common misconception that The Woolwell Centre receives dedicated funding from Devon County Council or South Hams District Council to support its day-to-day running. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

While the building itself is owned by Bickleigh Parish Council, which is responsible for its upkeep (for example, the recent heating system installation), the ongoing operation of the charity and the ability to keep the Centre open for the community is entirely dependent on income generated through its use.

With the exception of a small annual grant from Bickleigh Parish Council - which must be applied for each year and is not guaranteed—no additional external funding is received.

The reduction in demand for the AM/PM club has created a financial deficit that was placing the future of the wider Community Centre at risk. In order to protect the long-term sustainability of the Centre and its wider community services, the difficult decision has been made to close the wraparound care provision.

As a school community, we would encourage families to continue to support the various events and day-to-day activities hosted at the Woolwell Centre, wherever possible. This ongoing support is vital in helping the Centre remain a thriving hub for the Woolwell and surrounding community, ensuring it can continue to play a central role in community life for years to come.

Upcoming High 5 After School Events – Please Book!



SCAN HERE TO BOOK!!



WET & WILD SESSION

TUESDAY 7TH JULY
3:20-5:30PM
COST £11 PER CHILD
FOR COLLECTION UNTIL 6PM IS **£4 EXTRA**
LIMITED NUMBERS - BOOK NOW!!





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BICKLEIGH DOWN SUMMER HIGH 5 AFTER SCHOOL PARTY

FRIDAY 24TH JULY 1:15PM-4:15PM
COST £16 PER CHILD
LIMITED NUMBERS - BOOK NOW!!
FUN, GAMES, MUSIC AND MORE




Plymouth Summer Fit and Fed Holiday Clubs

As seen on TV

FREE SUMMER FIT & FED CLUBS

Loads of activities. Tonnes of fun.
For children aged 4-11.



Find your local club!



Excellent Trustpilot

Premier Education
Happy Kids. Healthy Futures. Holiday clubs | Wraparound care | School clubs

Plymouth Summer Fit & Fed Holiday Clubs are now live and available to book. These holiday clubs allow children eligible for Free School Meal Benefits to receive FREE childcare! We have already sent out the full details via email to all parents on Wednesday 24th June 2026.

If you are interested, please scan the QR code for more information.