

'Spurring each other on with love'

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**Welcome Back
to School**

**Bickleigh Down Church of England
Primary School**

2026 - 2027

Spurring
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with love
Hebrews 10:24



Love ♥ Forgiveness ♥ Hope ♥ Spirit ♥ Aspiration

Our Worship Focus for Autumn Term

This term in worship, we will be focusing on our school vision which is taken from Hebrews 10:24. The children will be thinking about the meaning of our vision and how we live this out in our local, global and national communities. They will also be finding out about our five values; love, forgiveness, hope, aspiration and spirit. We will be particularly focusing on our value of love and how this helps us to live out our school vision. The children will be thinking about showing love to each other, their community and how we show love to our neighbours around the world.

**"and let us consider
how we may spur one
another on towards love
and good deeds."**

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)



A special welcome to our new Foundation Stage children and parents! The children have settled in well and are enjoying their learning.



School Harvest Friday 2nd October 2026

This year, Bickleigh Down CofE Primary School will be reflecting on and celebrating Harvest during the week of the 28th September. Churches around the UK will also be celebrating Harvest during this week so we will be finding out about the lived experience of Christian communities during this time. On Friday 2nd October, we will be having a special Harvest Collective Worship with our local vicar, Rev Jo Northey. During this worship, the children will be hearing from our local homeless shelter, Shekinah Mission. The children will be invited to bring in a Harvest gift to share with Shekinah and take it to the front during this time together. Shekinah Mission has advised that they require the following items to support the local community:

- Pasta tinned tuna baked beans crisps chocolate biscuits
- Pot Noodles cakes instant mashed potato tinned tomatoes rice
- Cereal pasta sauces tinned fruit tinned vegetables potatoes
- Tea bags coffee body wash toothbrushes deodorant

If your family would like to support this charity, we would be grateful if your child could bring in their food item on 2nd of October. Their class teacher will then organise how this will be shared during Collective Worship. Please do not send in food gifts before this day as the school has no space to store them before our Harvest celebration. Thank you for your usual support and contributions each year. 😊





Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



September 2026

Monday 14th - Years Two and Four Meet the Teacher Meetings at 3.30 pm

Wednesday 16th - Year Three Meet the Teacher Meeting at 3.30 pm.

Thursday 17th - Year Five Meet the Teacher Meeting at 3.30 pm.

Tuesday 29th : Flu Vaccination for Foundation to Year Five pupils

Wednesday 30th - Foundation Phonics Workshop for Parent and Carers @ 3.00 pm in St Barnabas Hall. The school will provide childcare throughout the duration of the workshop. Please try and make every effort to attend. Thanks.

Monday 28th - Friday 2nd October : Year Six Residential at Barton Hall

October 2026

Friday 2nd : School Harvest - please bring food donations in. 😊

Monday 5th - Thursday 8th: After School Fun Clubs begin

Thursday 8th - Friday 9th: 4G Adventure Race Visit

Wednesday 14th : Flu Vaccination for Year Six

Thursday 15th - Friday 16th : 4W Adventure Race Visit

Tuesday 20th : Year Six Junior Life Skills Visit at Ivybridge Leisure Centre (To Be Confirmed)

Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd : Parents' Target Setting Meetings in school

Friday 23rd - Greek Food Day (celebrating diversity in food) menu will be shared.

26th - 30th: Half Term Break

November 2026

Friday 6th : School Tour for New/Prospective Parents @ 9.30 am

Monday 9th : School Tour for New/Prospective Parents @ 9.30 am

Thursday 26th : New Reception Headteacher Meeting for New/Prospective Parents at 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm

Friday 27th : School Tour for New/Prospective Parents @ 9.30 am and 2.30 pm
Please contact the school office via email to book your space on the above tours and meeting.

December 2026 – Gee Wee It's Christmas! 😊

Friday 4th : School Tour for New/Prospective Parents @ 9.30 am and 2.30 pm
(contact us)

Monday 7th : Foundation & Key Stage One Nativity Performance @ 5 pm

Tuesday 8th : Foundation & Key Stage One Nativity Performance @ 2 pm

Friday 11th : School Tour for New/Prospective Parents @ 9.30 am and 2.30 pm
(contact us)

Wednesday 16th : Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day (Collection of food for charity)

Thursday 17th : Key Stage Two Carol Service @ 2.00 and 5.00 pm

Friday 18th : Term Ends Early dismissal at 1.15 pm 😊

Key Stage Awards

We are delighted to let you know that our Key Stage Awards will resume next week, and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to celebrate the achievements of the children.

- Tuesday 15th September – 8.55am
Foundation, Year One and Year Two
- Wednesday 16th September – 8.55am
Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six

Please arrive in good time, as the doors will close promptly at 8.55am to allow the awards to begin.

For safeguarding reasons, if the doors have already closed, please enter via School Reception. We kindly ask that parents and carers do not ask anyone inside the school to open the doors for you. This helps us to maintain our safeguarding procedures and ensures that all visitors enter the building through the appropriate route.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to celebrating our children's successes with you!

Class Dojo Update

ClassDojo is completely free for parents and carers. You do not need to pay for any ClassDojo subscription or additional features in order to communicate with school. If you receive notifications or prompts asking you to make a payment or upgrade, please ignore these. There is no requirement for you to purchase anything.

The main purpose of our use of ClassDojo is to provide a simple and convenient means of communication between school and home. It will allow us to share important information and, where appropriate, enable parents and carers to communicate with their child's class teacher. We have also reviewed and updated the privacy and security settings within our school account to ensure that they are appropriate for our use of the platform. We recognise that parents and carers may have questions or concerns about any new digital platform. If you notice anything within ClassDojo that concerns you, or something that you feel may not be appropriate, please contact the school so that we can investigate it promptly.

ClassDojo is a platform that is widely used by schools across England, and we are continuing to review how best to use its features in a way that supports communication while maintaining appropriate boundaries and safeguards for our pupils.

Job-share classes: If your child's class is taught by job-share teachers, please send messages to the teacher who is responsible for the class on that particular day. Messages sent through ClassDojo are not automatically shared with the other teacher, so contacting the teacher who is in school that day will help to ensure that your message is received and responded to as promptly as possible.

Thank you once again for your cooperation, patience and support as we introduce ClassDojo. We will continue to review its use and welcome constructive feedback from our families.