

'Spurring each other on with love'

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Pupil Voice: Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to share the exciting news about our Head Boy and Head Girl selection process for the academic year 2026-2027. Our Year Six pupils were recently given the opportunity to apply for the prestigious roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. This process was designed to be both rigorous and inspiring, encouraging pupils to reflect on their leadership qualities and commitment to our school community. The Senior Leadership Team received an impressive eighteen applications in total. From these, five boys and five girls were shortlisted based on the strength of their written applications and their demonstrated leadership qualities and our school values. On Monday 12th October, the shortlisted candidates delivered passionate and thoughtful three-minute manifestos to an audience of pupils and staff from Years Two to Six. Each candidate spoke with confidence and clarity, sharing their vision for how they would represent the school, support their peers and live out the school vision. Following the presentations, pupils and staff cast their votes using ballot papers in a democratic election process. This was a wonderful opportunity for children to experience and learn about democracy first hand which is one of the fundamental British Values. After careful counting, we are proud to announce the results:

- Head Boy: Moayad Deputy Head Boy: Harrison
- Head Girl: Eva Deputy Head Girl: Lily

We are confident they will be excellent role models and ambassadors for our school. A sincere thank you goes to all the pupils who put themselves forward. Your courage, enthusiasm and dedication to our school community are truly commendable. 😊







Our Recent SIAMS Inspection

On Friday 16th October, Bickleigh Down was delighted to welcome SIAMS Inspector, Simon Atkinson, for our recent Church School Inspection.

We are particularly grateful to our dedicated staff, our wonderful pupils and our supportive parents who spoke with Simon and interacted with him throughout the day. Your warmth, honesty and commitment helped to reflect the very best of our school.

The official SIAMS Inspection Report is expected to be published in November, and we will ensure that a copy is shared with all parents and carers once it becomes available. Thank you.

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

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)



Year Four Spirit of Adventure One-Night Residential Trip

Our Year Four classes ventured out to Shaugh Prior for an exciting one-night residential with Spirit of Adventure! The children enjoy outdoor adventures, team-building challenges and opportunities to explore, problem-solve and work together. Spending a night away from home helps children develop independence, confidence and responsibility as they learn to manage their belongings and personal routines. Through shared challenges, they strengthen friendships, show resilience and discover the importance of communication, cooperation and encouraging one another. This memorable experience beautifully reflects our school vision of 'Spurring each other on with love', as the children embrace new challenges, support their friends and grow together as a team. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and adventurous spirit! Special thanks to Miss Willis, Miss Gayatao and Mrs Squires for preparing the children so well for what to expect and supporting them, especially throughout the night.





MK Heroes Make Poppies!

Last week, our MK Heroes Club was delighted to welcome Leah, Social Value Coordinator for Kier Construction in the South West, who has been working with schools on a range of community-focused initiatives.

In preparation for Remembrance Day, the children enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and got creative, transforming recycled plastic bottle bottoms into beautiful poppies. There were plenty of messy hands, lots of concentration, and some truly brilliant creations! Each unique poppy will contribute to a special commemorative display at nearby military bases, helping the children play a meaningful role in honouring and remembering those who have served.



Meet Theo - Our School Safety Officer

Meet Theo, a Year Five pupil who is passionate about keeping everyone safe at Bickleigh Down. Following his learning about safety in PSHE lessons, Theo was inspired to take on the role of School Safety Officer, helping us identify ways to make our school an even safer place.

Theo has even created a poster to introduce himself and share his new role with our school community. With a keen interest in electronics, computers and all things technical, he is always thinking creatively about how we can improve safety around school.

We are delighted to see Theo taking such a proactive approach to caring for our school community and helping us to look out for one another!

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Mark 12:31

The second commandment is this 'love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

Matthew 6:14

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Jeremiah 29:11

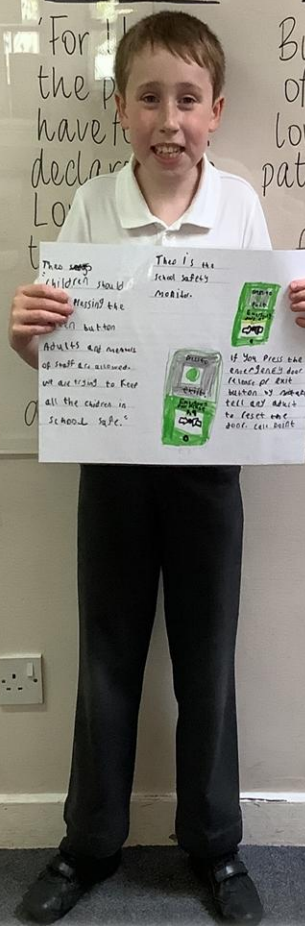
For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



Friday Tea & Treats ...Fun & Games with Rev Jo

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who came along to support our first Tea, Treats, Fun & Games afternoon on Friday 16th October. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together for an enjoyable afternoon of refreshments, games and fellowship.

Everyone is warmly invited to join Rev Jo, our School Vicar, and the Bickleigh & Shaugh Prior team today and every Friday at 3.20 pm in St Barnabas Hall. Come along after school, enjoy a cuppa and a treat, and spend some time together in a welcoming, friendly atmosphere.

All proceeds will go towards redecorating St Cecilia Hall as we build towards a new church community there. Thank you for helping us bring our vision to life as we continue spurring each other on with love. We look forward to seeing you there!



Bickleigh Down CE Primary School
♥ 'Spurring each other on with love' ♥

Tea & Treats Fun & Games

Fridays after school in the main hall

Every Friday at **3.20 pm**
and each Friday thereafter during term time.

Join Rev Jo our School Vicar and the Bickleigh & Shaugh Prior team.

Proceeds to raise money to redecorate **St Cecilia Hall** as we build towards a new church community there!

♥ Good food ♥ Fun for all ♥ A brighter future together ♥





Are You Having a Clear Out Before Christmas?

Have your children outgrown some of their toys?

The children in Key Stage One have really been enjoying playing with toys at lunchtime, and we are looking to expand our collection.



Our wish list includes:

- ♥ Hard-wearing toys such as Duplo
- ♥ Building blocks
- ♥ Pots, pans and metal kitchen utensils
- ♥ Small world toys
- ♥ Strong storage boxes



Perhaps you have an old mud kitchen or outdoor play kitchen that you are looking to get rid of?



We are also on the lookout for large tyres, such as tractor tyres.

If you know of anywhere we may be able to source these, we would be very grateful.



If you can help, please contact Mrs Wall.

Many thanks for your support.





Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



October 2026

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 12th : PFA Foundation, Key Stage One and Two Autumn Disco

Friday 13th: Pinning Ceremony for 2026 -2027 School Leaders in St Barnabas Hall at 2.15 pm for: Play Leaders, Spirit Detectives, Worship Leaders, Worship Monitors, Mental Health Ambassadors, Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, School Councillor, Librarians. Letters will be sent to parents via email to confirm which pupils will receive a leadership badge.

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

Friday 27th : PFA Mufti Day (contributions to be confirmed)

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

Wednesday 2nd : Trutex Pop Up Uniform Shop @ 3pm in St Barnabas Hall

Thursday 3rd: School Choir performs at Plymouth Angle Carol Service

Friday 4th : PFA Mufti Day (contributions to be confirmed)

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

Wednesday 9th : School Choir sings at Devonshire House Care Home

Thursday 10th ; School Choir - Tesco Carol Singing for Charity

Friday 11th : PFA Mufti Day and Christmas Raffles

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

Monday 14th: Rock Steady Concert for Parents & Carers @ 2.30 pm - St Barnabas Hall

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 😊

January 2027

Thursday 7th January - Thursday 18th March: Year Three Swimming Lessons

Important Notice - Key Stage Two Awards

Please note that Key Stage Two Awards will not be held on Wednesday 11th November due to Remembrance Day observance and other arrangements. Key Stage Two Awards will resume the following week on Wednesday 18th November. Key Stage One Awards will be held as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

Remembrance Day Contributions - MK Heroes Club



From Thursday 5th to Tuesday 10th November 2026, MK Heroes Club will be inviting children to contribute towards Remembrance Day by donating in support of the Royal British Legion. Children may bring in donations ranging from £1 to £2, which can be exchanged for commemorative items such as plastic poppies, wrist bands and other remembrance-themed tokens. Paper poppies will be sold for a minimum donation of 20p. Your support helps honour those who have served and continue to serve. Thank you for joining us in this meaningful tribute as we seek to spur others on with love.

Road Safety in Woolwell

Safe children,
safer journeys,
a stronger
community. 

Let's all do our bit to keep our children, families and community safe on our roads. Please take a moment to read these important reminders when travelling to and from school.



Be careful when crossing the road

Especially between
parked cars, where
it can be harder for
drivers to see you.



Do not park near kerbs or near the Bumble Bees Nursery entrance/exit.

Please keep these areas clear
so children, families and staff
can move safely.



Drive at the required speed

Keep to the speed limit
and look out for children,
families and other
road users.



Park at designated areas and respect residents' driveways.

Please use the designated
parking areas and be mindful
of our local residents.



Thank you for helping to keep
Woolwell a safe place for everyone.



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Have a restful half term break!