



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Welcome Back to a New School Year 2025-2026

Welcome back to a new school year at Bickleigh Down! It has been wonderful to see the children return full of energy and excitement, ready for the year ahead. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Foundation children and their families – they have made a fantastic start and have settled in so well. We are very proud of how quickly they have embraced school life and we look forward to supporting them as they begin their learning journey with us. This year promises to be full of opportunities, achievements and special moments for every child, and we are excited to share it with you.





Our Christian Value of 'Love'



This term, in collective worship, we will be focusing on our Christian Value of 'Love'. The children will be learning about how they can show love to their friends, families, communities and to our world. We will be focusing on our linked verse 'the second commandment is this, 'love your neighbour as yourself, there is no commandment greater than these' Mark 12:31. The children will be discussing who our local, national and global neighbours are, discussing issues such as deforestation and finding out about what Jesus said about love. We will also be finding out about how this value helps us to live out our school vision of 'and let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds' (Hebrews 10:24).

Inauguration Service for New Vicar – Reverend Joanna Northey



As part of our school and parish community, we are inviting governors, staff, pupils, parents and carers to attend the inauguration of Reverend Joanna Northey as Priest in Charge of The Bickleigh and Shaugh Prior.

Our Worship Leaders will play an integral part in the service by delivering some special readings, and all pupils are warmly encouraged to attend with their families in support of this important occasion.

📅 Monday 15th September

🕒 7:00 pm

📍 St Mary's Church, Bickleigh

Key Stage Awards will resume on Tuesday 16th September for Foundation and Key Stage One and Wednesday 17th September for Key Stage Two. Parents and carers are welcome to join if your child is: celebrating their achievements outside of school or receiving an award for their achievements in school.

High 5 Wraparound Care

High-5 wraparound care is off to a positive start. We want to use this opportunity to welcome the team who have been doing a fantastic job in providing the best quality care to our pupils. High-5 operates from St. Cecilia Hall so parents and carers are being asked to drop off and collect children from the Key Stage Two gate adjacent to Bumblebees Car Park. Book your child's place now!

Meet the Team

About Nikki



Nikki has over fifteen years of experience in the childcare sector and brings a wealth of creativity, energy, and expertise to her role. Her career has taken her from entertaining children on cruise ships, to working in a Forest School nursery, and supporting young people in a SEN school. For the past three years, Nikki has been an integral part of the High 5 holiday camps team, and now leads as Manager of the Bickleigh Down CE Primary Breakfast and After School Club.

Nikki's philosophy is simple: she is passionate about giving children opportunities to be creative, have fun, make progress, and build lasting friendships. She believes that all of these experiences combine to massively boost children's confidence as they grow.

About Milo



Milo is an engaging and creative individual who brings a unique mix of passions and skills to everything he does. A proud Norwich City supporter, he combines his love for sport with a strong focus on health and wellbeing. Away from the pitch, Milo has a real talent for magic, especially card tricks, which never fail to capture children's imaginations.

Milo recently graduated with a degree in Economics from Plymouth University, and now channels his energy into working with young people. His philosophy is simple: always make activities fun, engaging, and memorable.

About Mrs. Bond



Everyone at Bickleigh will know Mrs. Bond who has been part of the school community for an incredible 17 years, working closely with both Year Two and Foundation classes. Outside of school, Mrs Bond enjoys spending time socialising with her friends and family.

Her Philosophy

Mrs Bond is passionate about supporting children's growth and development. She believes in helping children gain new knowledge each day and takes pride in guiding and encouraging them as they learn. After 17 years at Bickleigh Down, her dedication to the children remains as strong as ever.

Breakfast & After School
@Bickleigh Down

To book scan here

Autumn Term Programme

Breakfast Club 7:30-8:35am
A selection of breakfasts from our Breakfast Station

EVERY DAY CHILDREN CAN FLOW BETWEEN THESE 3 STATIONS

Creative Craft Zone	Wake-up Shake-up Active Zone (including Table Tennis)	Sleepy Heads Chill Zone
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After School Club 3:30-4:30pm
Choice of nutritious tasty snacks and drinks

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MOOD	Lego Legends	Classic Board Games	Mega Art Project	Magic with Milo	Friday Chill Club
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Extended Day Club - All Ages 4:30-6:00pm
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Creative Craft Zone	Indoor Games Zone	Slow Motion Zen Zone
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Ben Knight - Director and Owner of High 5 Sports & Activity Camps



A Year Four and Five Place is Available at Bickleigh Down CE Primary

We would like to inform parents and carers that a place has become available in Year Four and Year Five.

If you know of any families who may be interested in their child joining Bickleigh Down Church of England Primary School, please direct them to apply through the Devon County Council Admissions Team at the earliest opportunity in order to secure the place.

Normal Magic Well Being Support for Pupils at Bickleigh Down

Normal Magic Personal Wellbeing Service

Normal Magic offer free personal wellbeing conversations to the parents or carers of children in this school.

Normal Magic are here to discuss **any** concerns you may have for your child's emotional wellbeing.

We are thrilled Normal Magic are in our school and working with us!



Simply scan this QR code and complete the request for contact form. We will contact you within 2 working days to arrange an appointment.



Important Notice: Road Safety and Parking

The safety of our pupils, families and staff remains a priority for the school. We therefore remind all parents and carers to exercise caution when driving in the vicinity of the school. Please ensure that the speed limit is strictly observed, vehicles are parked considerately, and driving is carried out with the utmost care at all times.

We also wish to reiterate that the Bumblebees Nursery Car Park must not be used by parents and carers of Bickleigh Down CE Primary School. This facility is reserved exclusively for nursery families and staff. Unauthorised use of the car park presents a significant risk to the babies and young children being dropped off and collected from the nursery.

We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these requirements and in supporting us to maintain a safe and secure environment for all members of our school community. Thank you. 😊



Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



September 2025 Literacy Month

Monday 15th: Year Four Meet the Teacher Meeting @ 3.30 pm

Monday 15th: **Licensing Service of New Vicar: Rev. Jo Northey @ 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church - Bickleigh.** Parents, carers, staff and pupils are all invited.

Wednesday 17th: Year Three Meet the Teacher Meeting @ 3.30 pm

Thursday 18th: Year Five Meet the Teacher Meeting @ 3.30 pm

Wednesday 24th: Foundation Stage Phonics Workshop for Parents and Carers @ 3.30 pm - St Barnabas Hall (free childcare will be provided in school)

Monday 29th - 3rd October: Year Six Residential Week

October 2025 Black History Month & National Bullying Prevention Month

Thursday 2nd: **PFA AGM @ The Lopes Arms and Virtual @ 8pm**

Friday 3rd - **PFA Cauliflower Cards Deadline**

Monday 6th: Lunchtime and After School Fun Clubs begin

Friday 10th: Tempest Individual & Siblings Photos

Monday 13th: Year Six Junior Life Skills Visit - Ivybridge Leisure Centre

Wednesday 15th - Thursday 16th: Year Four Adventure Race (4BH)

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Friday 17th: Show Racism the Red Card (Non uniform day - wear red)

Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd: Parents' Evening Target Setting Meetings

Thursday 23rd: NHS Flu Vaccination

27th - 31st: Half Term Break 3.20 pm dismissal

November 2025 School Council Month

Friday 9th: **Scouts, Girl Guides, Cadets and St. Johns etc can wear their uniforms in recognition of Remembrance Sunday and Day.**

Tuesday 11th: Remembrance Day

Thursday 13th: **PFA Autumn Disco for Foundation, KS1 and KS2**

17th - 21st: Road Safety, Antibullying Week and Inter-Faith Week

Friday 21st: **PFA Multi Day - contributions to be confirmed**

Thursday 27th: Reception Headteacher's Meeting with New/Prospective Parents

Friday 28th: PFA Mufti Day - contributions to be confirmed

December 2025 Gee Wee It's Christmas

Wednesday 3rd: PFA Movie Night

Friday 5th: PFA Mufti Day - contributions to be confirmed

Monday 8th: Non-Pupil Day

Friday 12th: PFA Christmas Raffle

15th - 19th; Pupils are allowed to bring in and exchange Christmas cards

Monday 15th: KS2 Rock Steady Band Concert @ 2.30 pm in St Barnabas Hall

Monday 15th: Foundation & Key Stage One Nativity @ 6 pm

Tuesday 16th: Foundation & Key Stage One Nativity @ 2 pm

Wednesday 17th: Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day (Food Bank Collection)

Thursday 18th: Key Stage Two Carol Service (2:00 and 6:00 pm)

Friday 19th: Dismissal at 1.15 pm

Job Vacancies

Teaching Assistant (Key Stage One)

Bickleigh Down CE Primary School (Aided)

📍 **Grade:** C5-C7

💰 **Pay:** £25,583 - £26,403 FTE

🕒 **Hours:** 15 hours 10 minutes per week, 38 weeks per year

Are you a **Level 2 or Level 3 Teaching Assistant** seeking a rewarding opportunity? Join our happy school community at Bickleigh Down CE Primary.

We are looking for someone who is:

- Creative and innovative in the classroom
- Skilled in phonics (or willing to train)
- Able to adapt provision to meet individual needs
- Understanding of social and emotional needs
- A calm, patient, and effective team player
- Knowledgeable in positive behaviour strategies

If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you!

How to Apply:

Please complete the application form available at www.bickleighdown.co.uk and return it with a covering letter, including details of two referees, to: admin@bickleighdown.devon.sch.uk

WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR FUN AND

AMAZING TEAM!

AM:PM PLAYWORKER

Salary: Above Minimum Wage • **Location:** Plymouth, Devon

Hours: 22.5 per week, 39 weeks of the year
(Weekdays - 7.30 AM - 9.00 AM and 3.00 PM - 6.00 PM)

This role will require working with children aged between 4 and 11 years.

Main duties include:

- Assist with planning, preparing and delivering quality play opportunities within a safe and caring environment. Providing comprehensive care for the children including collecting them from school and delivering them safely to parents or carers.
- Setting up the play space including moving furniture and play equipment.
- Providing refreshments and ensuring that hygiene, health and safety standards are met.
- Administering first aid when necessary.
- Consulting with children and involving them in planning activities.
- Helping with club administration where necessary.
- Encouraging parental involvement in the club.

- Facilitating good communication with all members of the organisation, parents, and schools.
 - Undertaking appropriate and relevant training.
 - Keeping the work environment healthy, safe and secure.
 - Working within the framework of the club's policies and procedures.
- If this sounds like your perfect role, then we would love to hear from you!

Deadline for applications: 12.09.2025

Please email your CV and cover letter to: lynn@woolwellcentre.co.uk

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