

'Spurring each other on with love'

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2025 Remembrance Day Observance

This year's Remembrance Day was a truly meaningful and reflective occasion for our whole school community. In the lead-up to the day, our MK Heroes Club inspired the school to come together in support of the Royal British Legion. Through their heartfelt leadership, pupils were encouraged to make donations in exchange for commemorative poppies, wristbands and other remembrance-themed tokens. We are incredibly grateful to all parents, carers, staff and children for your kindness and generosity; your contributions will help support veterans and serving personnel who have been selfless in their service.

On Tuesday 11th November, we gathered as a school for a special service led by our Vicar, Reverend Jo Northey. At 10:55am, she guided us in a time of reflection, sharing readings from *John 15* and reminding us of the courage, sacrifice and love shown by those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces.

At 11:00am, the whole school observed the two-minute silence, standing together in gratitude and remembrance. It was powerful to see our pupils show such respect, maturity and understanding.

Many children proudly wore their uniforms from Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Cadets and other organisations, symbolising their commitment to service, teamwork and community - values that resonate deeply with our school vision.

Thank you once again for supporting this important act of remembrance. Together, we helped our children understand the significance of honouring others, reflecting on peace, and recognising the bravery of those who protect and serve.





Friday's Worship led by Reverend Jo Northey

We are delighted to share that every Friday at 8:55am, Reverend Jo Northey joins us in school to lead our collective worship. It is always a joy to welcome her into Bickleigh Down, and the children truly benefit from her warmth, positivity and the meaningful way she links each worship theme to our school vision and Christian values. Her presence brings a wonderful sense of community and reflection to the end of our school week.

Reverend Northey has also shared her exciting plans to begin Sunday worship in St Cecilia Hall, helping to strengthen the connection between our school, church and wider community. Further details will follow once arrangements are finalised.

In the meantime, we warmly invite all families to join us for our Christingle Service on Sunday 30th November at 4:00pm, held in St Cecilia Hall at Bickleigh Down CE Primary School and led by Reverend Northey. This special celebration is a beautiful opportunity for families to come together, reflect on the message of hope and light, and support our shared community. We sincerely hope to see many of our families. For more information, please see flyers below.

Christingle Service

St Cecilia's Hall

Bickleigh Down CofE

Primary School

4pm Sun
30th November

enquiries to bspvicar@gmail.com

Christmas Services



Christingle 30th Nov

4pm St Cecilia's hall,
Bickleigh Down CofE Primary School

Carol Services

14th Dec 4.30pm St Anne's Glenholt
& 6.30pm St Edward's Shaugh Prior



21st Dec 6.30pm St Mary's Bickleigh



Nativity Service

Christmas Eve 3.30 & 5pm
St Mary's Bickleigh

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve 11.30pm
St Edward's Shaugh Prior



Christmas Morning Celebration
10.30am St Mary's Bickleigh

www.bspchurches.co.uk

Reverend Jo leading worship on Fridays



Celebrating our School Leaders - Our Pinning Ceremony

On Friday 14th November 2025, we were delighted to welcome the parents and carers of our newly appointed Pupil Leadership Team into school for our fifth annual Pinning Ceremony – a truly special event that continues to be a highlight of our school year. This ceremony celebrates the children who have stepped forward to serve our school community in a wide range of leadership roles for 2025-2026, including, Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy & Deputy Head Girl, Worship Leaders & Worship Monitors, Spirit Detectives, School Council Representatives, Play Leaders, Mental Health Ambassadors and Librarians.

With proud families watching on, the ceremony featured beautiful singing, thoughtful reflections on the true meaning of leadership, and the significant moment of the pinning of badges – a symbolic reminder of the responsibility, character and service each leader is taking on. We were especially honoured to welcome Ed Pawson, RE Adviser to Plymouth and Devon SACREs and former Church School Adviser to the Exeter Diocese, who delivered an inspiring keynote address virtually.

Overall, the children were encouraged as young leaders to see their badges as symbols of hope, reminding them that leadership is not about status, but about service, kindness and living out our school vision to “spur each other on with love.” Our children left the hall with pride, purpose, and hearts full of determination to make a positive difference in our school. We are incredibly proud of all of our pupil leaders and look forward to seeing them shine throughout the year.



Congratulations!



High 5 Wraparound Care Extended Day - 19th Decemeber

High-5 wraparound care operates from St. Cecilia Hall daily. Parents and carers are asked to drop off and collect children from the Key Stage Two gate adjacent to Bumblebees Car Park. They offer breakfast and after school care from 7.30 am to 6.00 pm from Monday to Friday. However, on the last day of term, they will be offering an extended day, from 1.15 - 4.15pm. This will be in the form of an after-school party and the children will have lots of fun, food and activities. Please book your child's place if you are interested. Thank you.



SCAN HERE TO BOOK!!



BICKLEIGH DOWN CHRISTMAS HIGH 5 AFTER SCHOOL PARTY

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 1:15PM-4:15PM

COST £16 PER CHILD

LIMITED NUMBERS - BOOK NOW!!

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, GAMES, MUSIC, BALLOONS,
MAGIC AND MUCH MORE**

IT'S GONNA BE GONNA BE GOLDEN





Important Dates and Events for Parents and Carers



November 2025

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

Friday 28th: PFA Mufti Day - Cash Donations Please

December 2025 Gee Wee It's Christmas

Friday 5th: PFA Mufti Day - Cash Donations Please

Monday 8th: Non-Pupil Day

Thursday 11th: 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

Flu Vaccination Clinics - Important Information for Families

As many of you will be aware, there have been flu outbreaks reported in schools across the county, and health professionals are predicting that flu may be particularly virulent this year. To help protect children and wider communities, Kernow Health will be running flu vaccination clinics at various locations across Devon from mid-December.

These clinics will be by appointment only.

If you would like further information or wish to book an appointment, please contact Kernow Health directly:

☎ 01392 342678

✉ kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

We strongly encourage families to take up this opportunity to help keep our school community healthy throughout the winter season.

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu