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Week 7 – 17th July 2026

newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

What a year we've had! I am so proud to be the headteacher at Bitterne Manor. What an amazing group of children we have: children who do everything with full energy and enthusiasm, who are brave and supportive, kind and motivated. And what an amazing staff team we have! Filled with individuals who care deeply, go above and beyond, and are always striving for better for every child in our school. We are also incredibly fortunate to have such a passionate and supportive parent/carer community: fierce advocates for their children, willing to challenge us constructively, while trusting that every decision we make is driven by our determination to do the very best for each and every child. Thank you to all members of our community for making this year such a success. Have a wonderful holiday! See you in September!



Fly Away Kestrels

Your time in the primary school has come to an end
With lots of sparkling knowledge and many lifelong friends
You move forwards knowing you've got strength and skill

With dreams of the future, I know that you will
Do whatever you choose and excel in your lives,
Because you, Kestrels Class, are ready to thrive!
You are jokers and artists and amazing musicians
You are scientists and singers with West-End ambitions
You are athletes and writers and designers with flair
You are explorers and adventurers to go where you dare!
But more importantly, little team, you are friendly and kind
You are honest and true, and you speak your own mind
You rise to a challenge and are full of great energy
You are enthusiastic and hilarious, and have such great memory

We at Bitterne Manor feel proud of you bunch!
You are chatty, but hard-working when it comes to the crunch

Go on, Kestrels Class! Find mountains to climb!
Find seas to sail! This is your time!
Remember, to be kind to all that you meet
Being compassionate and clever is hard to defeat.
Make our word better and bring it good humour
Turn curiosity into lifelong discovery
Because you are our future!

End of Year Outcomes

We are incredibly proud of the progress all of our children have made this year. There are some statutory assessments in certain year groups though which we are delighted to share with families:

- EYFS – 77% of children achieving a Good Level of Development in Kingfishers class
- Phonics Screening in Year 1 – 93% of children passed the phonics screening, with 100% of children passing by the end of Year 2
- Year 6 SATS:
 - Reading 80%
 - Writing 77%
 - Maths 73%
 - Grammar 77%



PTA Shout Out!

Here at Bitterne Manor, we have the most incredible PTA. In the last few weeks, they have purchased the Year 6 Leavers' T-Shirts, organised end of year ice cream parties and who could forget the incredible Summer Fair. So much goes into organising these events, but they're also supported by last-minute volunteers who give up their time to run stalls or sell ice pops. Some special mentions to Jim, Charlie, Barbara, Anna, Ewelina, Zeynap and Alex for helping to build the new PTA shed. It looks great!



Special shout out to Zeynap (Miran, Elif and Mahir's mum) for all the enormous organisation that she does as our PTA Chair. Her energy and vision has brought great success to the PTA's fundraising this year. Thank you, Zeynap!





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Introducing the Noble Newt!

We have officially launched our new name of Bitterne Manor Primary **and** Nursery School and with that, comes the addition of a new mascot! The Noble Newt who makes noble choices. This links to integrity, honesty and making good choices every day. The newt will be officially launched to children in September!



Farewell Miss Page

As you know, Miss Page left us in January for the arrival of baby Lilah. Sadly (but understandably), Miss Page has decided not to return as she takes up a role much closer to home.

Chloe made an enormous contribution during her time at BMPS, from attending as a child, to supporting children in classes to all her work with Street Beatz. We wish her and her family all the very best for the future.



Sports Day Champions

By just one point, our Sports Day Champions this year were the....



Upcoming Dates

- 20th-22nd July – INSET days (school closed to children)
- **NEW YEAR!**
- **1st September – INSET day** (school closed to children)
- 2nd September – Term starts for children
- 3rd September – Kingfishers Group A in all day
- 3rd September – Y4 and Y5 Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 4th September – Kingfishers Group B in all day
- 7th September – All Kingfishers start school
- 7th September – 8:45am SCC Admissions Visit for parents to support Y6 Secondary School Transition
- 7th September – Y6 Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 9th September – Y2 and Y3 Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 10th September – Y1 and YR Meet the Teacher 3:30
- 23rd September – Y6/7 Transition Event 3:00-3:30 (last year's Kestrels invited back to talk to new Kestrels about secondary school – invites to come)
- 25th September – National Teaching Assistant Day
- **5th October – INSET Day** (school closed to children)
- **26th October – HALF TERM**
- 2nd November – Poppy Sale this week
- 3rd November – Parents Evening
- 4th November – Parents Evening
- 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 16th November – Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Sock Monday
- 20th November – Children in Need Pyjama Day £1
- 7th December – Church Service 4pm
- 14th December – Grandparent Christmas Carols 9:15am-10:30am

