



WEEKLY

Week 1 – 4th September 2026 newsletter

Message from Miss Hughes

What a brilliant start to the new school year! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the holidays and to see so many children looking incredibly smart in their new uniforms and fresh haircuts.

The atmosphere around school has been lovely - so positive, calm and enthusiastic, with a real sense of hope and excitement. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled in and cannot wait to see all that we will achieve together.

Meet the Teacher events have started already – they were all in the newsletter before the holidays and an email went out this week. Great to see so many of you at Year 4 and Year 5 this week. We'll see everyone else next week!

We are really excited about the year ahead!



Who we are!

Over the last year, we've been reshaping our vision and values. With the introduction of 'Nursery' to our school name, the Noble Newt joined the mascot gang this term. We've talked in assembly about being NOBLE. Making good choices, doing the right thing even when nobody is watching, telling the truth, following the rules, taking responsibility for our choices. It's been lovely to see so many noble choices being made around school.

We're updating our school vision from "Turning curiosity into lifelong discovery" to something a bit punchier:

**Spark curiosity.
Build belief.
Expand horizons.**

We wanted something more active, memorable, and relatable for the children and whole community. This is what we are aiming to do here at Bitterne Manor and what a start to the term we've had!

Photos from the first days!





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Welcome to Miss Gyves and Miss Taplin

This term, we have welcomed to brilliant new members of staff. Miss Taplin and Miss Gyves. Miss Taplin is the Owls' Class Teacher and Miss Gyves will be covering most classes in the afternoons, teaching PE. They've both made a fantastic start and I'm sure you'll make them both very welcome!

PE Days

Monday – **Robins** and **Swifts**

Tuesday – **Kingfishers** and **Skylarks**

Wednesday – **Jays**

Thursday – **Owls**

Friday – **Kestrels**



Abseil for Cash4Kids

Mrs Niziolek will be scaling the Spinnaker Tower on Saturday, for the charity Cash4Kids! She's embodying our school values – being **BRAVE!** We wish her enormous luck! She's hit her fundraising target, but if you'd like to donate to this charity please click here:

<https://www.cash4kidsgive.co.uk/campaign/spinnaker-tower-abseil-2026/fundraisers/kirsty-niziolek/>



Wraparound Care

There is a new booking system for wraparound care. The hours and staff remain the same, but can now be booked through:

[https://enrolmy.com/thrive/activity/4-Bitterne Manor Wrap around Care](https://enrolmy.com/thrive/activity/4-Bitterne-Manor-Wrap-around-Care)

Upcoming Dates

- 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
- 15th December – Dress Rehearsal for young families and babies of Christmas Performance 1:45-2:45
- 16th December – Christmas Performances 1:45 and 5:00
- 17th December – Christmas Hamper draw, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch Day
- 18th December – Last day of term

