



# WEEKLY

Week 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 newsletter

## Message from Miss Hughes

It has been a very busy - and very wet - half term. We certainly didn't get off to the best start with the **boiler closure** on day one, but thankfully things quickly improved. Highlights have included our **afternoon tea party** for Dojo Champions and seeing so many families attend class assemblies. Thank you for your support! **Kingfishers** have worked with **City Mission** and enjoyed a **library** visit (with the excitement of the minibus!), **Owls** have been **swimming** all term, and **Robins** and **Swifts** have taken part in **local walks**. We also welcomed you in for our "**See and Celebrate**" book look, which was a lovely opportunity to share the children's learning. Alongside this, we have marked **Random Acts of Kindness Month** with daily acts of kindness across the school, helping to foster a real sense of community.

**In staffing news:** Miss Page has had her baby! Congratulations to her. Miss Cameron will be leaving us at the end of term and we thank her for her contribution to school life. Mr Abbott joins Kestrels after half term, and Krystle has already started in Ducklings and is settling in well.

It has been wonderful to see the children continuing to show **resilience** and **enthusiasm** despite the challenging weather. Their **behaviour**, **effort** and **pride** in their work remain a real strength of the school. Thank you also to staff, who have gone above and beyond during a particularly full and demanding half term. We are all looking forward to a well-earned break and returning refreshed for the spring ahead. Have a wonderful holiday, Amy (Headteacher)

## Dojo Champions

**Ducklings** – Jessica and Hoda  
**Kingfishers** – Cian and Arlie  
**Robins** – Despoina and Elsie  
**Swifts** – Naomi and John Paul  
**Skylarks** – Maria and X  
**Jays** – Amelia and Shivani  
**Owls** – Sina and Alina  
**Kestrels** – Bridget and Daniel

The winning house this week is...

**HEROES!**



## World Book Week

Next half term is World Book Day. At BMPS, we don't do things by half so we celebrate the whole week! Each day we will have different things happening in school to celebrate. We have various competitions running across the week too, including our famous 'guess how many books in the library' competition and a new 'decorate your classroom door like a book cover' whole class competition!

But we also have a competition for you at home! Our **Extreme Reading Competition!** Take a photo of your child reading in a silly / extreme / unusual location and send it in to us by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March either through the usual [admin@bitternemanor.net](mailto:admin@bitternemanor.net) or [reading@bitternemanor.net](mailto:reading@bitternemanor.net). There will be prizes!

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** is also Dress Up as your favourite book character day. This is optional but there are lots of ideas that don't involve having to buy a costume. See the attached PDF.

Parents are also invited in to share a story with your child that week from 8:30-9:00am. Pop in if you can:

- Monday - Reception and Year 5
- Tuesday - Year 4 and Year 6
- Wednesday - Year 3 and Year 2
- Friday - Year 1 and Ducklings



## Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners this week. Our winners are...

Kingfishers – Viv and Hallie  
Robins – Emilia and Horus  
Swifts – Kuzey and Lily Rose  
Skylarks – Jayna and Jasmine  
Jays – Blaire and Timothy  
Owls – Oluchi and Sina  
Kestrels – Mishkah and Chu-Chu





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### Uniform Reminders

It's that time of year when many of our children are shooting up! If you are replacing any uniform over Christmas, please remember, children need:

- a white shirt or blouse or polo shirt
- grey or black trousers
- grey or black skirt or pinafore dress
- bottle green jumper or cardigan
- brown or black shoes (These can be trainers, but must be plain black or plain brown.
- No jewellery except stud earrings or a watch.
- No make up or nail varnish

Wearing our uniform helps build a sense of pride, unity, and belonging in our school community.

**Please ensure that all uniform is named.**



### PE Days

Mondays –  
Tuesday – Kestrels / Kingfishers  
Wednesday – Jays / Robins  
Thursdays – Owls / Swifts  
Fridays – Skylarks



### Upcoming Dates

- **16<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Start of Spring 2 Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Robins RE Day with City Mission
- 25<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Week
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Robins Class Assembly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Jays RE Day with City Mission
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day: Dress Up Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> March – Lower School Cross Country Championships (4pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – Upper School Cross Country Championships (4pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Disco
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week:
  - Science Fair for Parents 2:50pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day (Wear your PJs to school day!)
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Swifts RE Day with City Mission
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – City Mission Easter Assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Owls RE Day with City Mission
- **27<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term**
- 13<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Summer Term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Class Photos
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – Shakespeare Festival / Walk to School Week

### PTA Socials

Our wonderful PTA have a Facebook group and social media accounts. Please follow along as they update it regularly and you can get in touch directly with them if needed. They're always looking for volunteers so get in touch: [pta@bitternemanor.net](mailto:pta@bitternemanor.net)

### Office Hours

The school office is open 8:30-4:30.

