

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer 1 Newsletter

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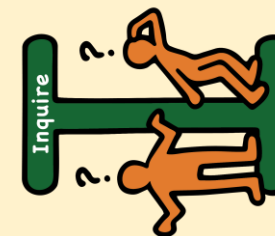
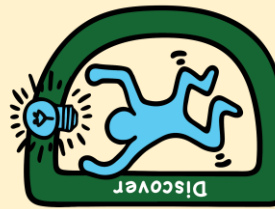
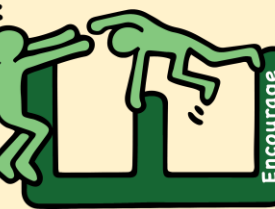
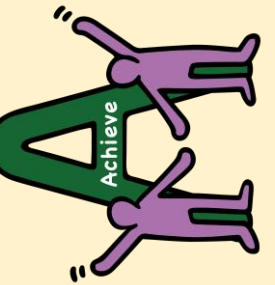
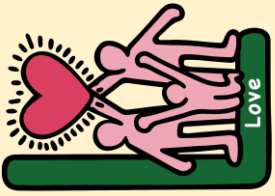
A short but busy half term...

This half term was only four weeks long, but we managed to fit a lot into it!

The Year 6 children worked so hard in the KS2 SATs week, and we are incredibly proud of the way they took the challenge on so calmly, supporting each other and with such a fabulous attitude towards each of the assessments. Their dedication to working hard shows that they are so nearly ready to take on the next stage of their learning journey.

The PTA Spring Fair was, once again, so well organised with fabulous plants and fun packed opportunities for all the family. Lots of parents and children stayed to enjoy the evening together and the PTA were pleased to have raised over £1700 to put towards improving the education and social development of the children at school. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. I would like to make a special mention to our fabulous Year 4 children and their teachers who performed so well, dancing around the Maypole.

Sports Day was another highlight, and Onside created another fantastic morning that we were all able to enjoy. Another thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the children, and enjoy a picnic together afterwards. It was great to see ABM moving the lunch options outside, enabling a much faster service of lunch. What a fabulous morning!





Worship Focus

This half term our IDEALS focus has been 'Achieve'. We have focussed on stepping out of our comfort zones to achieve and stories from the old testament. We also thought about well-being and considering how important our well-being is in enabling us to Achieve.

Achieve – Outside our comfort zone

We started the half term with a worship thinking about how we can sometimes limit what we do by our belief about whether we think we can do it or not.

We looked at how we are able to take safe risks, to push ourselves outside of our comfort zones in order to achieve something we didn't think possible. We discovered that it may feel uncomfortable and we may experience some negative emotions on the way, but that we may find out that we can achieve something new if we work through those emotions.

Mrs Kilbey shared a story about raising money for Myton Hospice by agreeing to do a skydive (she is frightened of planes). There were lots of photos of her smiling as she pushed herself out of her comfort zone, but the video captured the difficult moments too.

She achieved her goal and raised money for the charity, and also learned that she could do something she thought would be impossible (even if she knows she will never do it again)!



Achieve – Having belief that you can

We started the half term with a worship about Jonah. He had been asked by God to go to a town called Ninevah to tell the people that they needed to change their ways. Jonah didn't think he would be able to make the people listen to him, so jumped in a boat and travelled in the opposite direction. God sent a storm, and Jonah realised He was angry with Jonah so told the fishermen he needed to jump out of the boat. A big fish came and swallowed Jonah – saving him from drowning.

Jonah prayed for forgiveness for not trusting God's plan when he was inside the big fish, and eventually the fish spat him out onto the shore near Ninevah. Taking a big breath, Jonah went to the people of Ninevah and delivered God's message. He was surprised to find that they listened to him and changed their ways.

He had achieved God's plan for him, even though he didn't think he would be able to. We thought about trusting God, or our teachers, or our parents when they tell us we can do something we think is tricky.



Achieve – Understanding how our actions affect others:

We thought about our zones of regulation and listened to a story about how our mood can affect the actions we take.

These actions then affect our mood, and the other people that are near us.

We thought about how we need to stop, opt and go when we can feel ourselves getting towards our red zone. There are lots of options in the moment, but stopping and thinking about what the best option is for everyone is important – even though it is a little tricky. If we practice – we can do it!



Zones of Regulation

Learning how to stop (**Stop**) & consider options (**Opt**) before you act (**Go**).



Red

Stop when you find yourself moving towards the Red Zone

Yellow

Slow down and **think** of your options (good and not-so-good). Look ahead and think about what will happen if you choose each option.

Green

Go with the best option



Achieve – by looking after our well-being:

Reverend Jonathan helped us to think about how important it was to take care of ourselves so that we can achieve:

Connect – be there for each other and know God is there with us too: ‘By the morning brightness. And by the night when it is stillest. Your Lord has not forsaken you.’ (The Qur’an)

Be Active – it is important to look after our physical bodies: ‘Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.’ (The Bible)

Take notice – notice the things that give you joy in life: Buddhist practices of mindfulness and meditation can help you to stop and take notice.

Keep Learning – it is important to be a good steward of our minds too, and keep learning new things: Jewish tradition of learning a section of the Torah for bar/bat mitzvah means the children are encouraged to learn things that are difficult to remember.

Give – it doesn’t only make the people we give to feel good, but makes us feel good when we give to others: Langar meal that Sikhs openly give to anyone who visits the temple is a good example of giving to others and sharing love in community.

The Lord’s Prayer – Reverend Jonathan also shared how the Lord’s prayer was taught to Jesus’ disciples and is still used today as a way of knowing how to pray, connecting with God, and taking notice of how God provides, protects and forgives. By learning and using the prayer we can help our well-being too.

Musical Opportunities at BT

We are very proud of the range of musical instruments that we offer to children at school. Already we are able to offer the children individual or group tuition on:

Woodwind instruments – recorder, flute, clarinet (Warwickshire Music)

Brass instruments – trumpet, cornet, tenor horn (Warwickshire Music)

Drums (Top of the Rocks)

Guitar (Top of the Rocks)

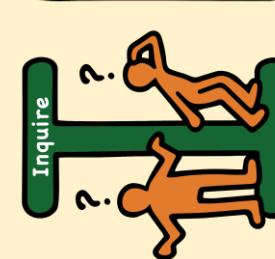
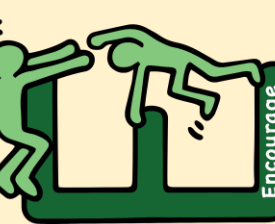
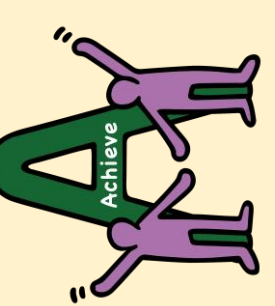
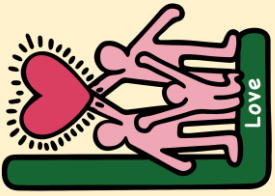
Keyboard (Top of the Rocks)

They are also able to join a rock band with **iRock**, learning to play an instrument within a social grouping through songs they enjoy.

From September we will also be able to offer **strings tuition on either the violin or viola**. Emma came to visit school to share with the children what a violin and viola sound like, and you will have received a message from Warwickshire Music sharing how to sign your child up for lessons starting in September. For more details, please [see the flyer](#), or contact the office on admin@btschool.co.uk

Learning to play a musical instrument is so good for a child's development and [there is a lot of research to show how playing music helps brain development in many ways.](#)



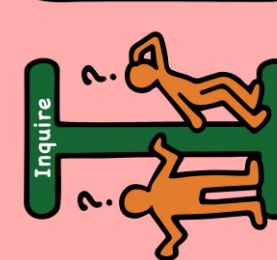
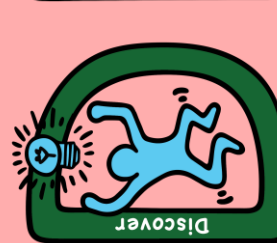
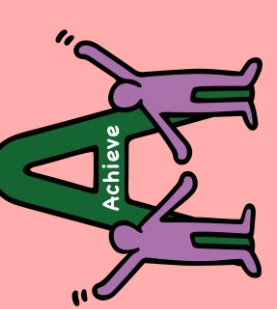
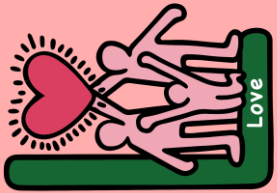


What have the children been learning?

It has been a short but busy half term and there has been so much learning happening in school.

Please click on your child's year group to find out what they have been learning this half term. The more you can chat about the pictures, the more they will recall their learning, and the more likely it is to stay in their long term memory. Thank you for your help!





IDEALS raffle tickets:

This half term saw the children living out so many of our IDEALS in school. Each week we counted the raffle tickets and created a league table instead of adding the grand total of raffle tickets.

We would like to say a huge well done to Red Team, who scored the most points in our league table for collecting raffle tickets. With it being a short half term, it was exceptionally close between the teams! They will enjoy a 'wear what you want' day on Tuesday 3rd June.



Team	Last week	Total points
Red	8	12
Yellow	8	9
Green	6	8
Blue	8	11

The team that collects the most raffle tickets gets 4 points, the second team gets 3 points, the third team gets 2 points and the fourth team gets 1 point each week. The number of raffle tickets collected by each team that week is also shared in Friday's worship.

Team Tachbrook in action

The Year 5/6 boys were in action at the start of half term. They played two games, and finished 2nd in their league. It was great to see their teamwork and encouragement of each other. Well done, boys.

[For more photos of the boys in action, please click this link.](#)





Team Tachbrook in action

The girls football team enjoyed another great tournament together, keeping a clean sheet and encouraging each other throughout.





Team Tachbrook in action

The Year 3/4 rugby players played so well together in a tournament. They had big smiles on their faces throughout too! They certainly discovered a talent in themselves.

[Please click this link for more photos of them in action.](#)





Team Tachbrook in action

A group of KS1 children took part in a football festival together. They practiced skills before playing in some games. Developing skills, as well as learning to win and lose well is so important, and the children represented the school well.

We are looking forward to seeing how their skills develop as they grow.

[For more photos of them in action please click this link.](#)

Sports Day:

Onside Coaching organized and ran Sports Day again for us this year. Every child was able to feel success in taking part, and there were so many smiles. Please click on your child's year group to see pictures taken by staff on the day.



PART 1

PART 2

PART 3

Well done to Red Team – who won Sports Day in a closely fought contest.



Spring Fair

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying the PTA Spring Fair. A huge well done to Year 4 for dancing so brilliantly too!

[For more photos of the event, please click on this link.](#)

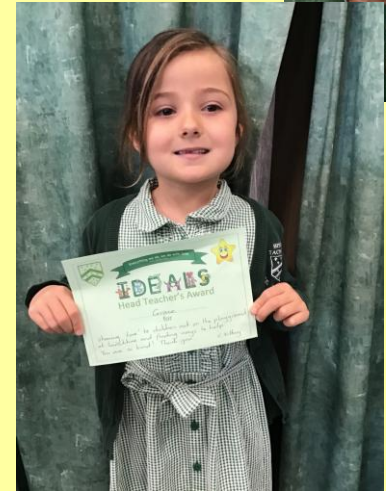




IDEALS Awards

This half term we have celebrated lots of children showing our IDEALS and shining as great role models to other children.

Head Teacher's Stars

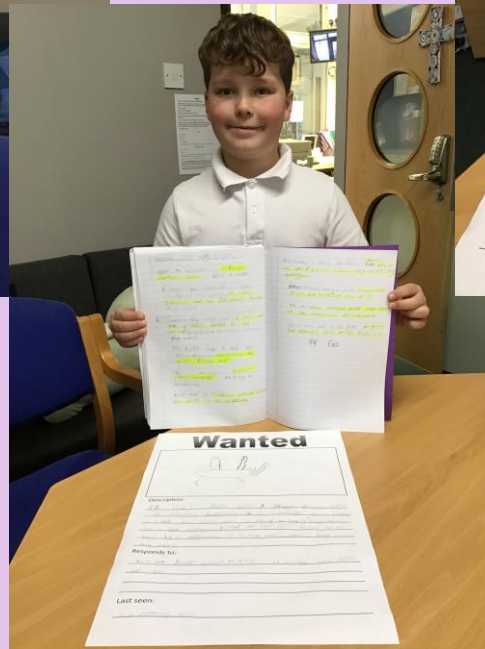
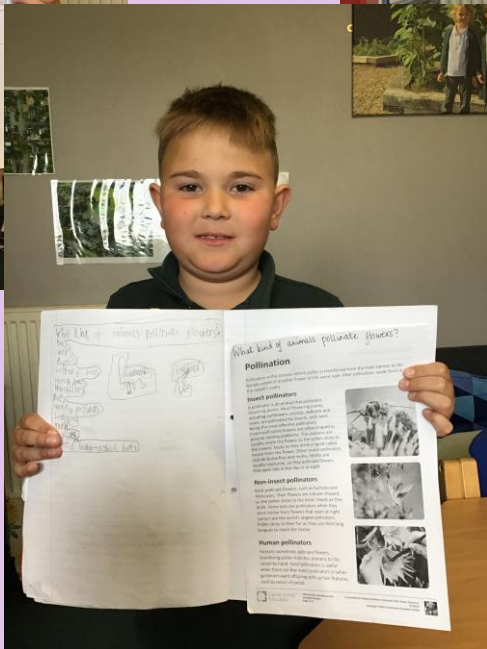
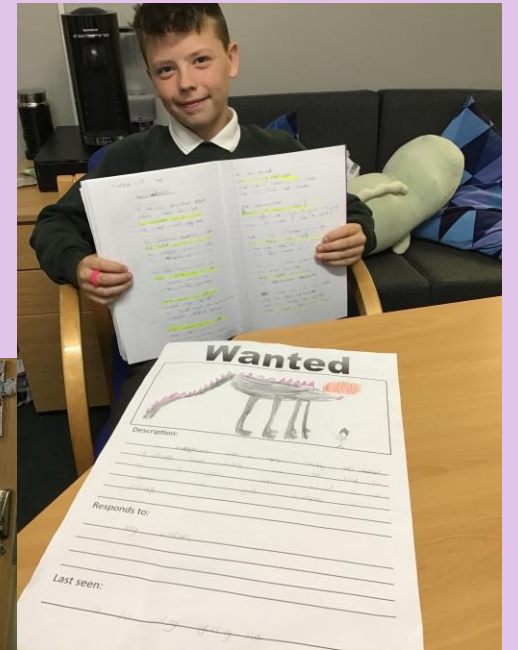
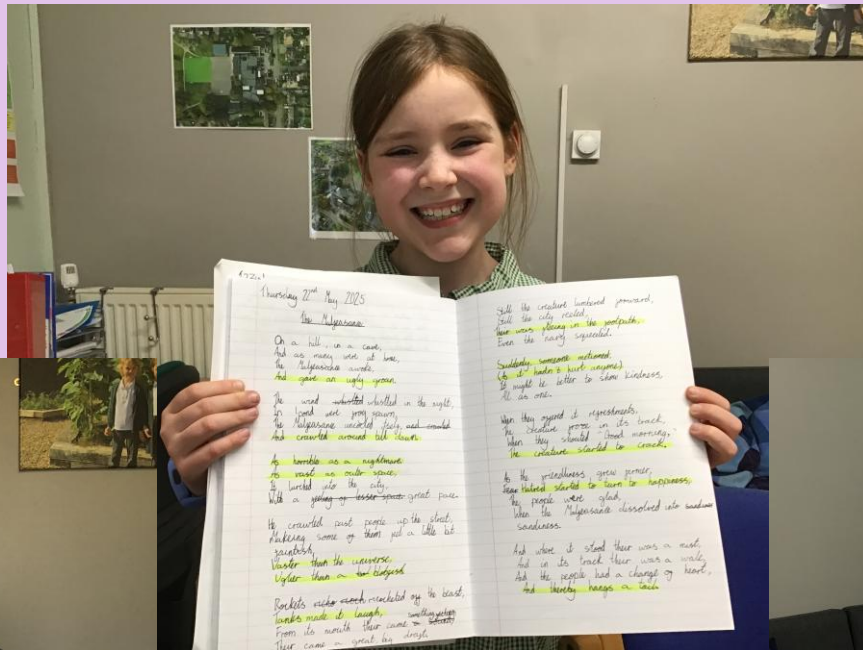
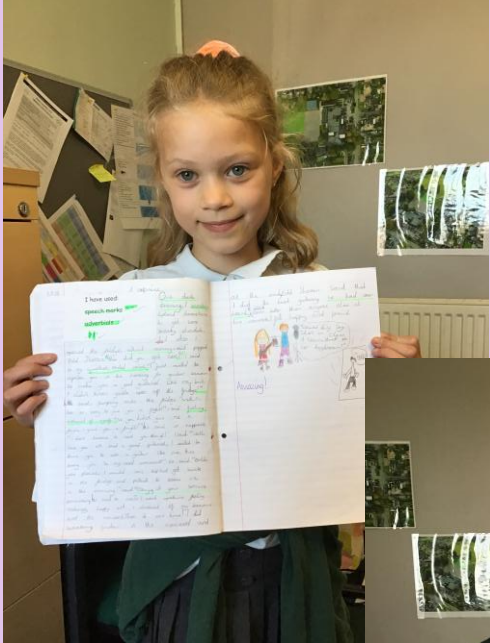


Year 6



Great Learning

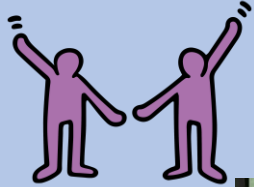
Some children have brought great learning to my office this half term. I have read lots of extremely descriptive writing. I have been so impressed by the standard of the children's work, and always love to celebrate great learning with the children!





Amazing Awards from home

We have celebrated: sports awards - swimming, gymnastics, football, rugby, dance, cheerleading, running, martial arts, skiing, and lots more. It is lovely to see so many children discovering new skills and talents!



Youth Group at St Chad's Centre:

The Youth Club is a great way for BT Year 6 children to meet up with their friends who have gone on to study at different secondary schools to themselves – maintaining their old friendships as they are making new ones. They are very welcome to bring new friends along too!

Sunday 8th June we're making a **bug hotel** and toasting marshmallows

ST CHAD'S, BT
YOUTH CLUB
FREE
AGE 10-14

6.15 TO 7.45PM
Sundays Fortnightly

Games, Table Tennis, Crafts, Bakes,
Sports, Pool Table, Quizzes and more

Sessions 2nd and 4th Sunday (term time)
in the St Chad's Centre with fully trained DBS leaders.
Sign up on our website:
www.stchadsbt.org

ST CHAD'S CHURCH

Dates for your diary:

You can find out if we are on Week A or Week B by looking at a [special calendar on the website](#) created for this purpose, and linked to the PE timetables.

- w/c Mon 2nd June – Year 4 catch-up swimming begins
- Tues 3rd June – Reception trip to Hatton Country World
- Tues 3rd June – Year 6 Curriculum swimming lessons begin (Tuesdays)
- Tues 3rd June – Year 4 Bikeability
- w/c Mon 9th June – Phonics screening checks in school
- Thurs 12th June – Year 5 visit to St Chad's.
- Wed 18th June – Year 3 Tennis festival
- Wed 18th June – Reception New Starters meeting for parents
- Thurs 26th June – Year 6 visit to St Chad's
- Wed 2nd July – Transition Day
- Thurs 3rd July – Year 6 trip to Staffordshire Regiment Museum
- Thurs 3rd July – VAR experience in school for Reception, Year 4 and Year 5

- Thurs 3rd July – Music Celebration for Year 1, 3, 5 and 6. 5:30-6:30pm
- Fri 4th July – Deadline for ordering PE tops for Sept.
- Fri 4th July – Year 5 Camp out at school
- Fri 4th July – PTA Quiz night
- Mon 7th July – Visiting GB athlete in school
- Mon 7th July – Year 5 maths challenge at Alcester Grammar School
- Wed 9th July – Year 5/6 performance for parents
- Wed 9th July – Year 1 trip to St John's Museum
- Thurs 10th July – Understanding Christianity 'Kingdom of God' Day
- Fri 11th July – Reports out to parents
- Mon 14th July – iRock performance for parents 9:30am
- Tues 15th July – Year 6 Disco
- Thurs 17th July – BT's Got Talent
- Fri 18th July – Leavers Assembly 2:30pm

We have shared some of the dates for the half term ahead, but please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#).

Important Contact Information Change:

Over the Easter holiday school has moved from a server in school to a cloud based server. This means that important contact details have changed. If you need to contact school please use the email:

admin@btschool.co.uk

For the next few weeks, if you use the old email address the emails will be forwarded to our new email address and you will be sent a notification that the email address has changed. After this time, we will no longer receive your emails if you use the old email address. Please take the time to change it in your address book in your email account.