

**PRIMARY
NEWSLETTER**

**Spring 2
2026**



Dear Parents/ Grandparents/ Carers,

Attendance League Table

Each week, the class that gets the best overall attendance is awarded the Trophy, a certificate and a prize (ice-lollies/chocolate, etc). The children love to win. Here is the league table so far...by ensuring your child is at school every day, you help your child's class to win the prize 😊.

Class	Percentage of Attendance %					
	Overall	W/c 23.2.26	W/c 2.3 26	W/c 9.3.26	W/c 16.3.26	W/c 23.3.26
Reception	90	91	85	94	90	94
Year 1	94	94	95	84	96	96
Year 2	84	85	81	89	85	83
Year 3	90	90	89	97	81	87
Year 4	85	86	87	88	73	84
Year 5	94	94	97	94	87	94
Year 6	91	91	95	93	83	92
Primary Overall	90	90	92	91	85	90

Welcome to Mr McDermott!

Bournville All-Through School is delighted to welcome Mr M. McDermott as our new Primary Phase Lead. An experienced and approachable educator, Mr McDermott is passionate about primary education and its impact on young learners.



He has a strong commitment to nurturing both academic success and personal growth, and his enthusiasm for creating engaging, inclusive learning environments aligns perfectly with our school's values.

Mr McDermott looks forward to working with staff, pupils, and families, and is eager to make a meaningful difference, helping every child thrive. We are thrilled to have him join our community after Easter.

Reception – Mrs Clay

This half term, our Reception class has been busy exploring the exciting theme of **“Adventures Around the World.”** The children have loved discovering new places, animals, and stories from different parts of the globe.

We began our journey with the story *Monkey Puzzle*, where the children enjoyed helping the little monkey find his mum. This led to lots of discussion about jungle animals and their habitats. We also read *Handa’s Surprise*, which took us to Africa and introduced us to a variety of delicious fruits and animals from hotter countries.

As part of our learning, we explored animals that live in warm climates. The children were fascinated to learn about where these animals live and how they are different from those we might see closer to home.

One of the highlights of the term was our visit to the Nature Centre. The children had a wonderful time exploring the outdoors, observing wildlife, and making connections with what we have been learning in class.

In maths, we have been learning all about 3D shapes. The children have been identifying and naming shapes such as cubes, spheres, and cones, and spotting them in the world around them.

We also had a fantastic fruit tasting session inspired by *Handa’s Surprise*. The children bravely tried a range of new fruits and described their tastes and textures—there were lots of smiles and a few surprised faces!



Year 1 / 2 - Mrs Hughes and Miss Walker

What a wonderful half term it has been in Year One and Two! We've had such a busy and exciting few weeks. In science, we began our brand-new topic on plants, and in maths the children explored height and weight through lots of practical activities. In writing, we looked at invitations and practised using a formal tone—everyone rose to the challenge brilliantly!

The children worked incredibly hard during assessment week—well done to each and every one of them! One of the highlights of the half term was our fantastic trip to the Nature Centre. The children made us so proud to be part of the Bournville family; members of the public even commented on their excellent behaviour. They loved learning fascinating facts about different animals—two favourites were the sloth and the bush dog!

We also put lots of effort into preparing and performing our very first class assembly, which was a huge success.

I am so excited for the summer term ahead—there is plenty more learning, laughter, and fun to come!



Year 3/4 - Miss Heyer

We have had a wonderful and productive Spring term in Year 3 and 4, and we are delighted to share some of the learning that has taken place.

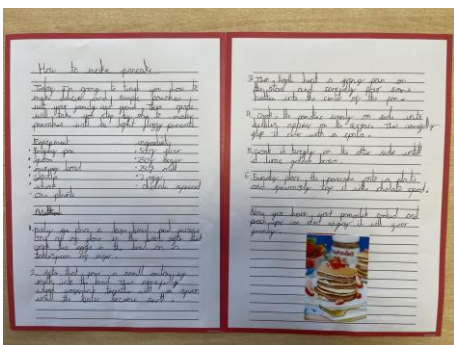
In English, the children have been focusing on instructional language. They have enjoyed learning how to write clear and detailed instructions and put these skills into practice by writing their own guides on how to make pancakes. The results were fantastic, with pupils demonstrating great use of sequencing and descriptive vocabulary.

In Maths, we have been exploring money. The children have been developing their understanding of coins and notes, as well as practising how to add and subtract amounts and solve real-life problems involving money.

In PE, Mr Roper has been teaching the children how to play hockey. The pupils have been learning important skills such as dribbling, passing, and teamwork, and have shown great enthusiasm and improvement each week.

In DT, the focus has been on textiles. The children have been designing and making their own fabric boxes, learning valuable skills such as measuring, cutting, and sewing. We are very proud of their creativity and effort.

We have also been diving into eating healthier this term, as in PSHE our topic has been based on 'Healthy Me' Here we have children digging their teeth into fruit and getting their 5 a day!



Asmaa Y4



Year 5 – Miss Saleh

Year 5 have had a fantastic half term, filled with creativity, teamwork and hands-on learning. The children have shown enthusiasm in very subject and should feel incredibly proud of the progress they have made.



positive attitudes and willingness to challenge themselves have made this a truly enjoyable few weeks.



One of our biggest highlights has been our DT. The children have loved exploring food technology and developing their practical skills. A favourite was making pretzels and pizzas, where the children kneaded the dough and created their pretzel shapes. They enjoyed the washing up the most!

In science we have been learning about Space and Earth. The children have shown curiosity as they explored the planets in our solar system, the movement of the Earth, Moon and Sun, and how day and night occur. Our lessons have sparked so many questions, and it has been wonderful to see the children so eager to deepen their understanding.



Year 6 – Mr Newton and Ms Hathaway

Year 6 have had a great half term with a particular highlight being the Year 6 residential where we made some lifelong memories. I was particularly impressed with their energy levels. They kept going right until the end, although we did finally burn them out: I did hear reports of children falling asleep on the sofa at 5:30pm on Friday night. Somehow, I made it into town for dinner at 7.00pm.

The children were a real credit to themselves and their families. They behaved amazingly, and we were so proud of them. They showed resilience, perseverance and bravery all the way through the trip, and I know that they loved their time away. The food was fantastic, even if I say so myself.

On the trip, the children did many activities such as archery, zipwire, raft building, rifle shooting and high ropes just to name a few activities. The children seemed to really enjoy when I fell in the ice cold lake. Lexi – I have not forgotten this. The trip was awesome and we had a great time. The group leader complimented us as a class and said that our behaviour and manners were great. Here are some photos below:



Primary Dates for Your Diary

Mon 30th Mar - Fri 10th April 26	Easter Holiday	
Mon 4th May 26	May Bank Holiday	
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May 25	Year 6 SATS	
Fri 22nd May 26	Culture Day - wear something linked to your culture	
Mon 25th - Fri 22nd May 26	Summer half term	

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child is sent to school in the correct PE kit outlined below. Please ensure everything is labelled as well.

Can I also remind parents that children should be wearing **black school shoes or plain black trainers** only to school.

Black/blue shorts/joggers/leggings
Plain white t-shirt
Blue/black jumper
Black trainers
PE bag

