



Bomere & the XI Towns Federation

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School Newsletter

First Half Spring Term 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the new school term! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break. We would like to begin by welcoming Mrs Ann Young to our team. Ann has worked at our school for a number of years as a member of supply staff but we are now delighted to be welcoming her officially to our team in nursery and as an after school club assistant.

Pupil Admissions

The Shropshire primary school admission round for pupils born between 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021 is now open. The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. If you have a child who would be starting school in September 2025, then please visit the Shropshire Council school admissions page for further information.

Nursery Place Requests

Our wonderful nursery is continuing to thrive! Due to the popularity of the nursery, we request that any changes to days and hours are made at least half a term in advance. We request that all nursery place enquiries, including changes to hours are now sent to the following email address and someone will respond as soon as possible:

nurseryruyton@bhsjbfed.shropshire.sch.uk

Attendance/Absence

We pride ourselves on our pupil attendance record at St John the Baptist CE School and Nursery. Please could you notify school by 9:00am if your child is absent via phone call.

Bad Weather/School Closure Procedures

In the rare event of bad weather may we remind you of the following procedures that you would need to follow if the school had to close. Click on the link below to see the most up to date school closure information. If St John's is NOT listed, then the school WILL be open as normal. Should the school be closed, we will only use the official Shropshire website to make an announcement.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures/primary-schools/>

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our extra curricular clubs will begin on Monday 20th January and finish on Friday 28th March. Further information will be sent out separately. Our wrap around care (breakfast club and after school care club) will begin on Tuesday 7th January and finish on Friday 11th April.

Diary Dates

Mon 6th Jan

Non-pupil day

Tues 7th Jan

Spring Term begins

Fri 10th Jan

Reception eye screening

Tues 14th Jan

Young Voices

Thurs 16th Jan

Hedgehog Class—Hand Hygiene Workshop

Weds 29th Jan

KS2 Athletics at Corbet

Fri 7th Feb

NSPCC Number Day—Maths focus day

Mon 10th &

Tues 11th Feb

Year 6 Bikeability

Tues 11th Feb

Safer Internet Day

17th-21st Feb

Half term

School Website

Please remember to visit the school website to find out what your child will be learning this term and to read the individual class newsletters. This information can be found on the class pages in the parents' area and will be updated by the end of this week. We also like to keep the class pages up to date with what the children have been busy doing in class. You can also find the school calendar in the parents' area to keep you up to date with school events and term dates.

Year 6 Bikeability

We are pleased to be offering all year 6 pupils a 2-day "Bikeability" course this term on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February. Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing.

All children will need to bring a bike, helmet, coat and gloves for these two dates. If your child does not have any of the equipment listed above, please speak to Mr Arthur as soon as possible.

Arthog

The year 6 pupils and staff are all looking forward to our annual residential trip to Arthog on Monday 31st March. If you have any further questions regarding the Arthog trip following the parent information meeting in the Autumn Term, please speak to Mr Arthur as soon as possible.

Music lessons

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of individual music lessons through Shropshire Music Service including percussion, woodwind, brass, guitar, strings and piano. If you would like your child to learn to play a musical instrument, please visit the website below:

<https://www.shropshiremusicservice.org.uk/services/instrumental-lessons/>

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and invite all pupils to come to school dressed as a book character. Pupils will enjoy lots of fun book related activities throughout the day. We look forward to seeing which characters the children choose to be on the day!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Katie Farmer & Mrs Kate Gregory

Heads of School

Mon 24th Feb

Back in school

Thurs 6th March

World Book Day

Fri 14th March

Year 5—Wrekin
College Maths
Challenge

**Mon 31st
March—Weds
2nd April**

Arthog—Year 6

Weds 9th April

Parents After-
noon/Evening

Fri 11th April

Last day of term

Mon 28th April

Summer Term
begins