



# Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: September 2024

God's hope in us to make a difference: For Ourselves, For Each Other, For the World.

## Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our September newsletter. It's great to have all of the children in school, fresh in their uniforms and ready to learn. The atmosphere around the school is wonderful, so calm and we are all impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes. Many children and staff members have asked how I plan to divide my time between the two schools, which is a great question! I intend to split my day evenly between St Clement's and Bethany, ensuring that I am present at both schools daily. Of course, there will be exceptions for meetings and training sessions.

While I am not at a school, I am confident in the incredible team supporting our children, staff, and parents/carers. Here are some key members of our team:

- **Miss Rutherford and Mr. Bielby:** Highly experienced Deputy Headteachers who will also split their time between the two schools.
- **Mrs. Blane and Miss Duffy:** Assistant Headteacher based solely at Bethany
- **Mrs. Sturgeon and Mrs. Wilson:** Inclusion Leads and SENDCO across both schools.
- **Mrs. Torrens:** Working on the Spirituality and Ethos of both schools to build on our 'Excellent' church school inspections.
- **Miss Gill, Mrs Perez and Mrs Rawson-Jones:** Parent Support Workers and ELSA for Bethany

And, of course, all our amazing teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, midday supervisors, and site managers.

### Attendance

It is really important that your child comes to school every day, on time. The Government expectations are for children to be in school for at least 96% of the year. We are not able to authorise any holiday requests during term time. School starts at 8.40am with gates closing at 8:50am.

### School Uniform

I was so impressed by how smart the children looked when they returned to school this week. Please remember that your child's uniform needs to be named, this includes shoes and coats.

Together we can make this year a great success for all our children.



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## Harvest Festival Open Day at The Secret Garden

**Sunday 22nd September 10.30am to 3pm** - Join us at the Secret Garden for apple juicing, food growing skills workshops, children's activities, and to see our beautiful garden next to Bethany School!

If you have grown your herbs at home, please bring along one or two items of homegrown fruit, veggies, jams or chutneys. We'd love to display these items and then share it all out, with leftovers donated to our Feed Our Community project.

There will be a bring & share lunch from 12.30pm - if you can, please bring a sweet or savoury dish to share. But no worries if you are not able to bring anything; there will be tasty treats cooked up by our Grounded Gatherers.



## Coffee Mornings

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a coffee morning in the Oasis room from 9am (just so we can get all the children in and settled first). All welcome!

- Coffee Morning - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Coffee Morning - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November



### Breakfast and After School Club

We have a great Breakfast and after school club on site.

#### Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday – 7:45am to 8:45am. Term time.  
Children need to arrive before 8.30am to receive breakfast.  
£3.25 a session. Sessions paid in advance.

#### After School Club

Monday to Friday – 3:15pm to 5:00pm or 5:30pm. Term time only.  
3:15pm to 5:00pm - £10.00      3:15pm to 5:30pm - £11.00  
Every day is different with a variety of physical games indoors and outside as well as arts and crafts.

#### How to Book

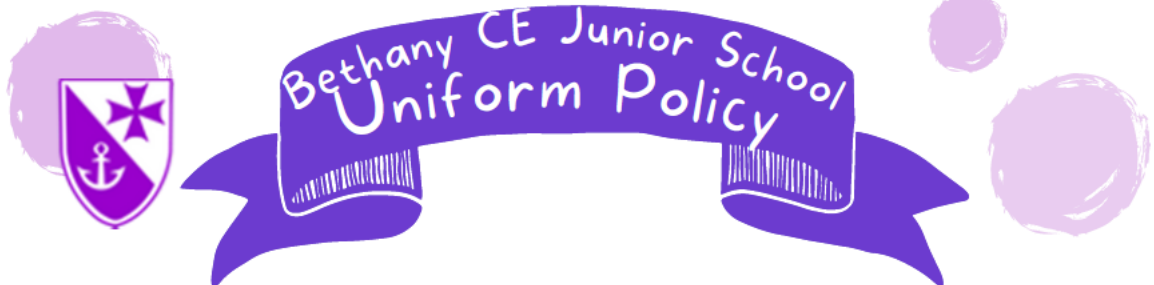
To make a booking please visit the St Clements and St Johns Infant School website: <https://www.stclementsandstjohns.co.uk/>

Parents – Parent Information Pages – Click on the sunflower (4C's Breakfast Club and After School Club).



# School Uniform

Here is our up-to-date, governor agreed Uniform Policy. Please note, it follows the local secondary schools in terms of make-up/jewellery so the children at Bethany will need to get used to this.



Our uniform is an important part of our school identity; it demonstrates our school value of confidence and helps us to know that we belong. When wearing our uniform, children feel confident to learn, confident as part of our school family and confident in themselves. We are proud of our school and our smart uniform reflects this.

## Formal Uniform

- White shirt (with collar)
- Black or grey skirt, trousers or dress
- White, black or grey socks
- Black or grey tights
- Purple logo jumper or cardigan
- Bethany school tie
- Black school shoes
- Purple gingham dresses (summer term until October half term)



## Sports Uniform

- Purple polo t-shirt with house name on the back
- Black or navy shorts (plain with no logos)
- Black or white trainers
- Black or navy tracksuit bottoms (plain with no logo)
- School jumpers or cardigans
- Gymnastics - grippy socks can be worn



Please note...

- Skirts are to be knee length
- No make-up is allowed (including nail varnish or fake nails)
- Earrings must be studs and should be removed for PE days
- No jewellery to be worn (one simple religious necklace may be worn to reflect personal faith under the shirt)
- Headbands and accessories should be plain black or purple. No fashion or decorative ones allowed.
- School shoes should be plain black. No trainers, heels, clogs or boots.
- Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back.



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FROM  
ST CLEMENT'S AND BETHANY

**THANK  
YOU!**

**WE RAISED AN  
AMAZING**

**£419**

AT THE 2024 SUMMER FAIR


If you would like to be involved in  
the PTA next academic year  
please give your details to the  
school office. Many thanks.



## Attendance

Each month, we will update you with the attendance figures for each class from 1<sup>st</sup> September. We aim to have attendance above 96%.

It is clear that attendance at school, as is typical during the colder months, has dropped. We will be striving to encourage good attendance at school and if you need any help with this, or if there are any barriers you are facing, please let us know.

Class	Attendance
3AH	95.5%
3AP	92.5%
3EW	89.0%
4BD	89.9%
4RA	94.8%
4SW	90.0%
5SB	93.3%
5KW	94.3%
5AB	95.3%
6PM	91.4%
6KR 	97.8%
6MH	88.2%



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## Safeguarding



# Safeguarding at Bethany



Need someone to talk to?



Mr Bielby  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Gill  
Deputy DSL



Miss Rutherford  
Deputy DSL



Mr Woodward  
Deputy DSL



Mrs Maylen  
Online Safety Champion



Mr Bielby  
Anti-bullying Champion

all staff in school



Mrs Rawson-Jones  
Nurture / ELSA



Mrs Sturgeon  
Inclusion Lead



Mrs Wilson  
SENCO



Mrs Perez  
Parent Support Worker





## P.E. Days

Year 3: Monday and Tuesday

Year 4: Tuesday and Friday

Year 5: Thursday and Friday

Year 6: Monday and Wednesday

Y4 Swimming - 4SW will be swimming this term for 8 sessions. This will start on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please note, there will be no swimming on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Swimming hats and goggles are compulsory for this activity.

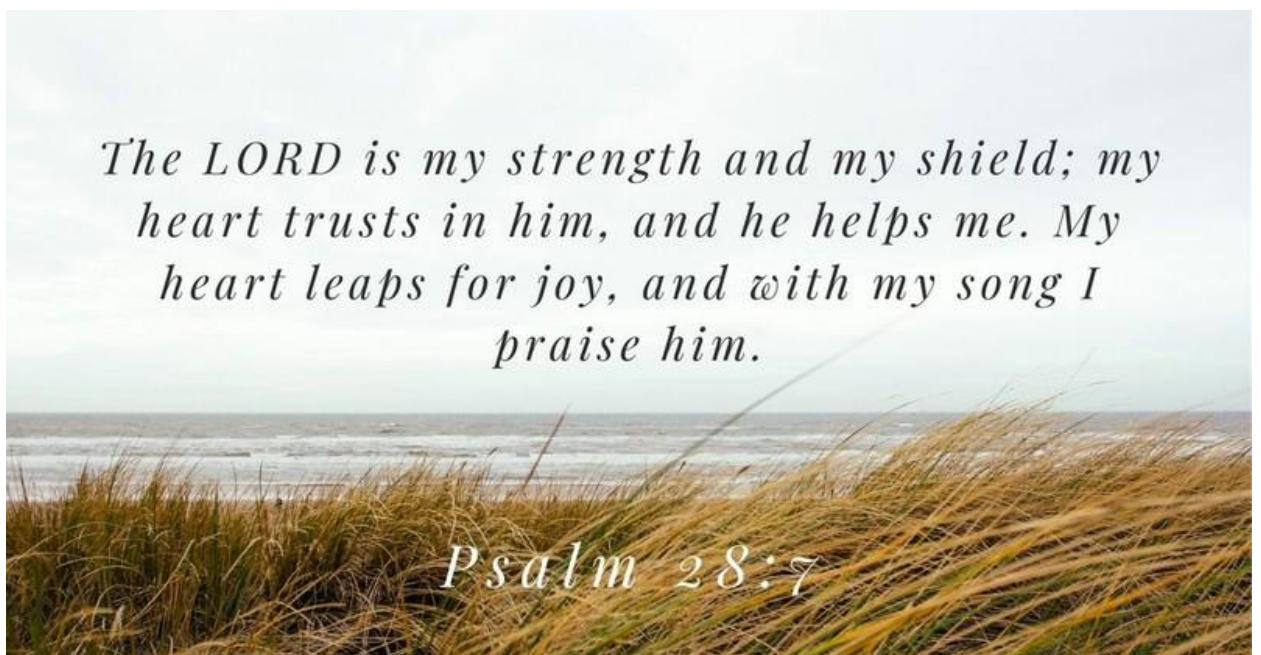
On P.E. days, children can come to school wearing their P.E. kit. Please make sure you follow the P.E. uniform policy. In the past, we have had children wearing expensive branded jogging bottoms/hoodies. These are NOT allowed.

## Lost Property

Lost Property is located outside in 2 grey/black cupboards by the hall. Please feel free to look through these if any items are missing.

Also, PLEASE remember to put your child's name on ALL school items

## Bible Quote





## Diary Dates

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Grammar School support with BSG (during school)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Coffee Morning 9-10am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Grammar School support with BSG (during school)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September: 4SW Swimming - this will be for 8 sessions every Friday except half term Friday (1<sup>st</sup> November)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Y6 Bovington Tank Museum

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival @ St Clement's

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Y5 Theatre in hall

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Coffee Morning 9-10am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Individual Photos Day

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Y4 Ancient Technology Centre

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Inset day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Flu jab day

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Individual Photos Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Y3 Christmas Party

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Dog's Trust Visit

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Service @ St Clement's - all invited

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Last Day of Term. Children Finish at 1:30pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January: Children First Day back at School