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Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: January 2026

Empowering children with God's Hope for the future, Compassion for others and the Courage to act.

Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our January newsletter. The children have settled back into school routine really well after the Christmas break. Thank you so much for your feedback during the parent/carer Surveys. Please see information below regarding the outcome.

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Coastal Learning Partnership Parent/Carer Survey. We received 60 responses in total, and I am pleased to share the results with you below, along with our next steps where appropriate.

As many of you will know, we also ran a separate survey about Parents/Carers Evening. This helped us gather even more detailed feedback so we can better understand your views on the school. For this survey, we were delighted to receive an impressive 116 responses.

Below, you will find the results from both surveys. The Parents/Carers Evening survey (116 responses) is presented first, followed by the Coastal Learning Partnership survey - with next steps (60 responses).

School Parents/Carers Evening Survey (over page)



Question	Strongly Agree/Agree
My child is happy at school	99%
My child feels safe at school	100%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	97%
The school deals with bullying incidents effectively.	98%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	93%
The school has dealt effectively with any concerns I have raised.	100%
If your child has SEND, the school gives them the support, they need to succeed.	100%
The school has high expectations for my child.	100%
My child does well at this school.	99%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	100%
I would recommend this school to another parent. (Yes or no)	100%



Coastal Learning Partnership Survey Results and Next Steps

Question	Result (% Agree or Strongly Agree) - 60 responses	Next Steps (where applicable)
My child feels safe at their school.	98.3%	We want every child to feel safe and will work towards making this 100%.
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	90%	We are reviewing our Behaviour and Anti bullying policy, and this will be shared with you very soon. We have already sent our renewed policy to our School Governors and Coastal Learning Partnership for their consideration and feedback.
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying effectively and quickly.	83%	As above regarding policy. We are working alongside AFC Bournemouth Communities team to work with Y5 and Y6 on topics such as bullying and racism. We are also working alongside the NHS Mental health team to support pupils in need of their services. Please note our Anti-bullying champion is Mr Bielby (Deputy Headteacher)
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	80%	We have published our curriculum overview on the website, and we are now sending home 'curriculum maps' each half term to further help you understand what your child is learning. We will continue to hold 'in-person' Parents/carers evenings and ensure your child's books are readily available for you to look through.
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	90%	We will continue to have an open-door policy. Please always approach your child's teacher in the first instance for concerns regarding your child. If you are still not happy with the response, please speak/email the Senior Leadership Team.
My child has SEND and the school gives my child the support needed to succeed.	96.7%	We will continue to ensure all SEND Support plans are shared with you during parents/carers evening. If you are ever concerned, please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Wilson (SENDCo)
The school has high expectations for my child.	87%	We are continually reviewing our staffing structure to ensure we have brilliant support in place for ALL pupils. We are now setting across Y4,5 and 6 in English



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		(and maths in Y6) to ensure that the staff are effectively supporting your child and their curriculum gaps
My child does well at their school.	96.7%	We will never stop working hard towards this.
The school lets me know how well my child is doing.	90%	If you ever wish an update on how your child is progressing in their learning, please let us know.
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	95%	
My child can take part in clubs and activities at their school.	97%	
The school supports my child's wider personal development (the school offers more than an academic curriculum, for example, extra-curricular clubs and school trips).	92%	We are in the process of reviewing our curriculum (including trips) to ensure it meets the needs of the children. We are working alongside Coastal Learning Partnership to support this work. We have also increased our clubs offer this year. We will continue to strive to offer more wider development for the pupils.
I would recommend this school to another parent.	92%	

Book Swap

Please remember that we have a 'Book Swap' system in school. Your child is welcome to bring in a book from home that they have already read and no longer want and swap it for another pre-loved book. Please ensure that any book your child brings into school is still in good condition.



Reminder - Young Carers - Information from MyTime Young Carers

Is your child a carer?

Did you know that 1 in 5 children are young carers? Or that there are over a million across the UK? We are looking to raise the profile of young carers at Bethany CE Junior School. This includes students that are registered with the local authority or students that are not registered.

So is your child a carer?

Anyone who is under the age of 18 and has a caring responsibility for someone in the family home. For example:

- Looking after parents, grandparents or siblings that they live with.

If your child, or a pupil you know, fits in this category, they can access extra support in school but we need to know who they are. We collaborate with a local charity called MYTIME Young Carers, who provide a range of activities and support to young carers and give opportunities to connect with others in a similar situation.

If you think your child is a young carer and are not sure whether the school are currently aware, please contact the young carers champion at the following email address: bethany@coastalpartnership.co.uk

Attendance

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

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.


Which class has the best attendance for the Autumn term??



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Class	Attendance
3AH	95.3%
3RH	95.8%
4BD 	97.8%
4PM	96.7%
4RA	95.6%
5BD	94.9%
5EW	94%
5MH	97.4%
6DL	93.3%
6SW	95.3%
6VM	95.8%

Coffee Mornings

Please see dates below for our coffee mornings from 9am at St Clement's and St John's Infant School (just so we can get all the children in and settled first). All welcome!



- Coffee Morning - Wednesday 28th January 2025 9am - we will have a speaker from Smartphone Free Childhood there to chat and answer questions about children and their mobile devices. - see poster below from Smartphone Free Childhood



Safeguarding

Kids and smartphones – what’s the big deal?



Opportunity cost

More scrolling mean less time for play, movement, reading and real-life connection – the building blocks of a healthy childhood.



Harmful content

Extreme, explicit content is just a click away – often served by algorithms, even when kids aren’t looking for it.



Mental health

Since smartphones became widespread, teen anxiety, depression and self-harm have surged. Early use is linked to poorer mental health.



Addiction

Apps are designed to hook kids in. The longer they scroll, the more money tech companies make – at any cost.



Attention

Smartphones hijack focus. Constant pings and notifications make it harder for kids to concentrate, learn, and enjoy deep focus.



Family life

Phones can quietly dominate home life – fuelling arguments, draining attention, and crowding out real connection between parents and kids.



Cyberbullying

Fallouts don’t end at school anymore. They follow kids home, with no off switch and nowhere to escape the pressure.



Sleep

Blue light and late-night scrolling disrupt rest and recovery – leaving kids wired, overtired, and struggling to function the next day.



Grooming

Predators target kids on popular apps like TikTok and Snapchat – especially when they first get unsupervised smartphone access.



Join the growing movement of parents choosing to delay smartphones and social media.

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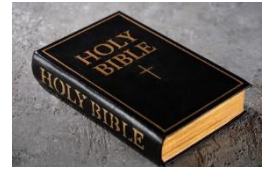


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Bible Quote



Diary Dates

Wednesday 28th January - Coffee Morning at St Clements

Thursday 5th February - Year 6 Football match at St Peters

Monday 9th February - Maz Evans Author Visit and Book Sale

Tuesday 10th February - Pavillion Dance Performance Year 4
- Year 6 Football match at Jewell

Thursday 12th February - Can do Netball Event

- Year 6 Football match at Avonwood

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February - Half Term

Monday 23rd February - Inset day

Tuesday 24th February - First Day Back for the Children

Wednesday 25th February - Netball Tournament at Sir David English

Tuesday 24th March - Parents/Carers Evening

Wednesday 25th March - Parents/Carers Evening



Term and Holiday Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025	
First day for children	Friday 5th September 2025
Half Term Holiday Inset day	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October 2025 Monday 3 rd November 2025
Last day for children	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Term 2026	
Inset day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First day for children	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half Term Holiday Inset day	Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February 2026 Monday 23 rd February 2026
Last day for children	Friday 27th March 2026
Summer Term 2026	
Inset day	Monday 13 th April 2026
First day for children	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2026
Last day for children	Wednesday 22nd July 2026

As National Curriculum Assessments are taken during the months of May & June it is even more important that your child is in school during this time.

INSET Days 2025 - 2026

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| 1. Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 | 4. Monday 5 th January 2026 |
| 2. Thursday 4 th September 2025 | 5. Monday 23 rd February 2026 |
| 3. Monday 3 rd November 2025 | 6. Monday 13 th April 2026 |

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve attendance, and achieve the expected attendance of 96% and above for each child, children need to attend school regularly.