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Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: April 2026

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

Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our April newsletter. We hope all our children and families had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, and we have been very impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into their routines.

We hope you found Parents' Evening helpful. It was lovely to see so many of you and to share and celebrate your children's learning together.

We also hope that the curriculum maps continue to support you in understanding what your children are learning in school. We have recently reviewed some subjects, including history and geography with Art and Dt to come. Further details about these updates can be found on our website

(<https://www.bethanyjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=23>)

Congratulations Y4!! - Multiplications Checks

We are extremely pleased with how well our Year 4 children are doing in their practice Multiplication Tables Check. As a year group, we are currently on track to achieve results above the national average, which reflects the children's hard work and commitment.

Continued practice at home makes a huge difference, so we kindly ask that you keep practising multiplication tables regularly with your child.

During Parents' Evening, you should have received information about your child's individual gaps and areas to focus on. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to discuss this with you.

The official check will be conducted the week beginning 1st June and the week beginning 8th June.

Bethany Reading Newsletter

This week, we're excited to share the very first edition of our school's Reading Newsletter. Known as the Bethany Book Bulletin, this newsletter has been created and written by our brilliant Readership Team, a group of enthusiastic pupils who love books and want to spread that joy across the school. Each issue will bring you reading news,



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book recommendations, fun facts and updates on everything to do with literacy. The team can't wait to inspire everyone to discover new stories and celebrate the magic of reading together.

Young Carers Group

Before Easter, our Young Carers group had their first meeting. They enjoyed making Chocolate Nest Cup Cakes, craft activities and some games in the hall. They also shared a few suggestions for a name for the group. Watch this space for the name! The next meeting we have some visitors in school to provide a dance workshop, a football workshop and some other fun activities!


Good Luck Mrs Deverill!

On Sunday 26th April 2026, Mrs Deverill will be running the London Marathon. She got a place in the ballot and has since decided to fundraise for Friends of PICU, who look after critically ill children at Southampton Hospital, and Home Start Wessex, who provide support to local families.

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.

Class	Attendance
3AH	94.9%
3RH	95.7%
4BD 	96.8%
4PM	95.9%
4RA	95%
5BD	94.7%
5EW	93.9%
5MH	96.35%



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6DL	93.5%
6JK	96.1%
6SW	95.4%

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 - Thursday 21st May 2026 9am

Safeguarding

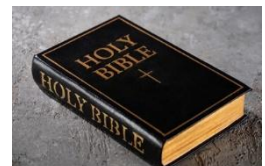
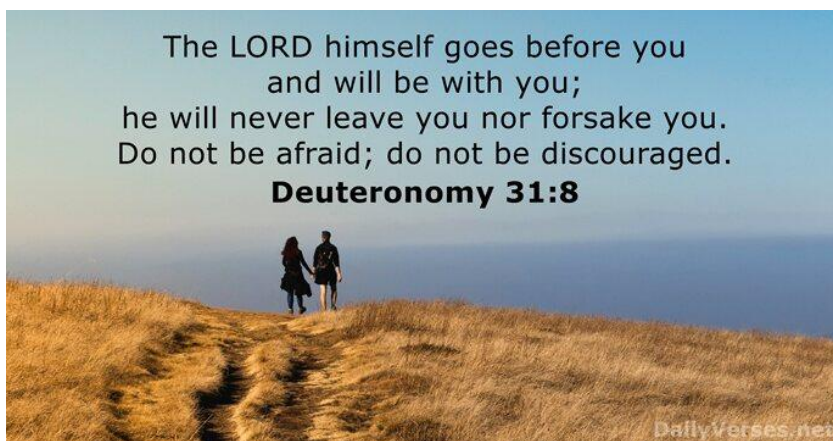
Parking Safely Around School

We kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately and safely around the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Our school roads can become very busy, and unsafe or inconsiderate parking can put children, families, and local residents at risk.

Please ensure you park legally, avoid blocking driveways or access points, and do not stop on double yellow lines or across pedestrian crossings. Where possible, please park a short distance away and walk to school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe for everyone.

Bible Quote





Diary Dates

Friday 17th April - Oasis Swimming

Wednesday 20th April - Y6 SATS Parents meeting 5pm

Friday 1st May - Y4 Road Safety Meeting 1

- Oasis Swimming

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - No school

Friday 8th May - Y4 Road Safety Meeting 2

- Oasis Swimming

Monday 11th May - GPAS Y6 SATS

Tuesday 12th May - Reading Y6 SATS

Wednesday 13th May - Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2 Y6 SATS

Thursday 14th May - Maths Paper 3 Y6 SATS

Friday 15th May - Y6 Beach Trip

- Y4 Road Safety Meeting 3
- Oasis Swimming

Thursday 21st May - Coffee Morning @ St Clement's

Friday 22nd May - Y4 Road Safety Meeting 4

- Oasis Swimming - Last session



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.