



Hope

Compassion

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Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: May 2026

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

Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our May newsletter.

We would like to congratulate our Year 6 children for their fantastic effort during the National Curriculum Assessments in the week beginning 11th May. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.

As a reminder, you can find further information about our full curriculum here:

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

Readership Team - Bethany book Bulletin out Friday 5th June!

The Readership Team are proud to contribute to the Story Doors Trail at Springbourne Library as part of the National Year of Reading 2026.

The Story Doors Trail is an exciting, family-friendly activity taking place across BCP libraries. Each participating school or group has designed and created a unique “story door,” inspired by a favourite book or story. These doors are then displayed in libraries across the area, encouraging visitors to explore, discover stories, and celebrate reading together.

Our Story Door at Springbourne Library was carefully designed to capture the imagination of children and families, bringing a story to life in a creative and visual way. Visitors to the library can enjoy searching for different doors, spotting details, and connecting them to books they may know—or discovering new stories to read.

The trail is part of a wider programme of events for the National Year of Reading 2026, a UK-wide campaign aimed at inspiring people of all ages to rediscover the joy of reading and make it part of everyday life.

We are delighted to be part of this community initiative and hope our Story Door inspires many young readers to step into a new story.



House Points

We are incredibly proud of the fantastic effort our children are putting into earning house points this term! A huge congratulations to the many pupils across all year groups who have already achieved their Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. In Year 5 and 6, several of our children have shown outstanding dedication by reaching Double Gold, earning themselves a well-deserved special gold tie. Most remarkably, one of our pupils has recently achieved the prestigious Platinum award. This is an exceptionally rare milestone that requires a phenomenal 500 house points to achieve. Thank you to all our children for demonstrating such wonderful dedication to their houses!

A reminder of the house point reward levels:

50 - Bronze

100 - Silver

150 - Gold

250 - Double Bronze

300 - Double Silver

350 - Double Gold


500 - Platinum



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	95.0%
3RH	95.3%
4BD 	96.9%
4PM	96.7%
4RA	95.1%
5BD	94.5%
5EW	94.5%
5MH	96.4%
6DL	93.6%
6JK	96.1%
6SW	95.3%

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 8th July 9am



Safeguarding

This term, one of our whole school assembly foci will be understanding how to stay safe in the community. As children become more independent, it is important they feel confident and prepared when travelling to and from school.

During these sessions, pupils will learn:

- How to walk home safely (e.g. staying in well-lit, busy areas and avoiding distractions)
- The importance of being aware of their surroundings
- What to do if they feel unsafe or worried
- We will also talk through simple, practical strategies to use if they feel in danger. For example:
 - Staying calm and moving to a safe place
 - Seeking help from a trusted adult (such as a shop worker or a known neighbour)
 - Returning to school if they are nearby and feel unsafe

Our aim is to give children the knowledge and confidence to make safe choices and know where to turn if they need help.

We encourage parents and carers to reinforce these messages at home by discussing safe routes and identifying trusted adults your child can go to if needed.

Bible Quote





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Diary Dates

Tues 2nd June - Yr 5 Winchester Science Museum Trip

- Step into Sports Event - Chapel Gate

Thurs 4th June - Yr 5+6 Quad Kids Athletics

Fri 12th June - Class Photos

Weds 24th June - Sports Day

Fri 26th June - Transition Day

Tues 30th June - Yr 6 Christchurch Priory trip



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.