



Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school enjoyed a fabulous morning on Monday, walking through a beautiful wild flower meadow, full of butterflies, grasshoppers and other insects. We made our way to Middle Spoad, home to the Cunnings family, who so kindly talked to us about the river and the wildlife. We had a glorious morning, paddling in the river and exploring the environment.

Another highlight was a visit from Freestyle Martial Arts, who delivered an exciting and energetic workshop. The children loved learning new skills and thinking about how to keep themselves safe. It was a great opportunity to build confidence and coordination in a fun and active way.

As we look ahead, we're busy practising for Sports Day, which will take place on **Tuesday 8th July**. Races will begin at **1:30pm**, and we're excited to perform some of the songs we learned for the **Bettws Triangle Festival** at around **3:00pm**. After the performances, we'll be serving afternoon tea and picnic food. We warmly invite all families, friends, and neighbours to join us for what promises to be a joyful and memorable afternoon.

This fortnight has been a wonderful example of how learning can be both purposeful and joyful. From river studies and persuasive writing to martial arts and coding, the children have shown curiosity, creativity, and care in everything they've done. We're incredibly proud of their efforts and can't wait to share more of their work with you soon.

Finally, we'd like to say a big thank you to all the members of the local community who are working together with our school, to give the children such a rich experience, including Marian and David who have continued to help our garden grow. The vegetable beds are thriving and the sunflowers are getting taller!

Thank you again for your support and for being such a big part of our school and community.

Warm wishes,

Anna Mullock

Dates for the Diary

Summer Fair July Tuesday 8th

Bedstone Choir July 11th

End of Term Church Service July 14th

End of Term July 18th





*"Teach children how they should live,
and they will remember it all their lives..."*



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday July 4th 2025

ACORN CLASS

We've had a really lovely week in class. I am so proud of each and every one of the children for their hard work and resilience during Assessment Week. They approached every challenge with such a positive attitude and gave it their all—well done, everyone! We also finished off our stick people artwork, and they look fantastic! The children put a lot of thought and creativity into their work, and the results are bright, fun, and full of character. In English, the children wrote a kind and thoughtful letter to the boy who helped save Stanley from being swallowed again.

In Maths, we've been exploring area and shape, using hands-on activities to deepen our understanding. Over in Science, we've been learning all about how to keep our bodies healthy. We even carried out some investigations to see which activities make our hearts beat faster! And finally, on Monday, we had a brilliant time down by the river, spotting all sorts of water creatures. The children were curious and careful, and it was a lovely way to connect with nature.

OAK CLASS

Over the past two weeks, Oak class has been immersed in a rich and varied learning journey, combining literacy, science, computing, physical education, and community engagement.

Our main focus in English has been persuasive writing, and we've been exploring the environmental challenges faced by the River Clun. To support this work, we had the most wonderful morning with Bob and Suzie Cunnings down at the river. The children collected water samples and used identification keys to spot the different wildlife living in the river. We were thrilled to see tadpoles, tiny frogs, baby trout, butterflies, and dragonflies. These sightings tell us that this part of the river is currently healthy, although it is at risk of drying up due to the ongoing dry weather. The children had a fantastic time using nets to collect samples and trying to catch tadpoles in their hands—always returning everything safely to its habitat. This hands-on experience has inspired some truly passionate and thoughtful writing.

We've also had a brilliant time working with our new neighbour, Andrew Whitten, a computer programmer who we met at the VE Day Tea Party. Andrew has been helping the children write their own code to create amazing digital patterns. The enthusiasm has been incredible, with several pupils even continuing their coding projects at home! It's been a fantastic way to develop problem-solving skills and creativity through computing.

Year 5 pupils also had a visit from the school nurses, who were full of praise for the group. In fact, they said it was the best group they had ever worked with—well done, Year 5s! Your maturity, kindness, and engagement really stood out. They have also been polishing their dance moves, along with pupils across the federation, ready for the end of term show at Bedstone College on 11th July.



EXPLORING THE
WILDLIFE IN
THE RIVER CLUN

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