Bruton Primary School NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of our first half term back at school, we have so much to celebrate at Bruton Primary! It has been a busy, exciting and enriching few weeks, with lots of wonderful experiences and achievements to look back on.

Some of our Year 6 pupils took part in the two-day Bikeability course, while our KS2 children enjoyed their first cross-country event of the season at Millfield. Year 3 and Year 4 also welcomed visits from a vet and a dentist, providing some fantastic opportunities to learn more about looking after ourselves and others. We rounded off the half term this afternoon with a whole-school welly walk, followed by well-deserved hot chocolate and brownies!

Last Friday, we came together for our Harvest Festival. Thank you so much for your generous contributions to our collection. The food has now been collected by Bruton Food Bank and will go a long way towards supporting local families who need a helping hand. The children also did a wonderful job learning and performing some new harvest songs, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Our Parents' Evenings last week went very well, and we would like to thank all the parents and carers who made appointments and took the time to meet with their child's teacher. We were particularly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who welcomed families, handed out books and helped everything run smoothly and on time. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school!

These are just a few highlights from what has been a fantastic start to the school year. We are incredibly proud of all our children and grateful for the continued support of our families and wider school community.

We wish you all a lovely weekend and a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Bisset and Miss Giles
Executive Head & Head of School

Christmas Disco

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

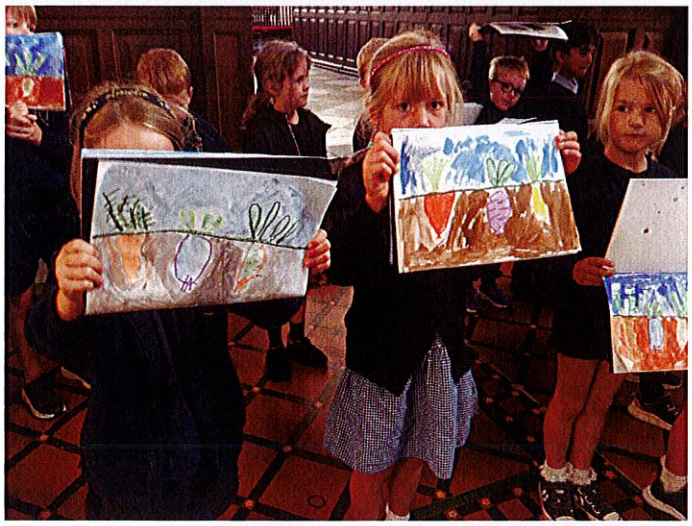
* **3.45pm—4.45pm: Auklet, Barn Owl, Cuckoo, Dove and Eagle Classes (please bring party clothes/money to school)**
* **5pm—6pm: Falcon, Goldfinch, Hawk, Ibis and Kingfisher Classes**

Further details to follow shortly.....

WHOLE SCHOOL

Harvest Festival

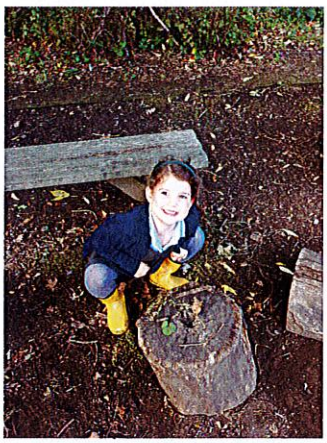
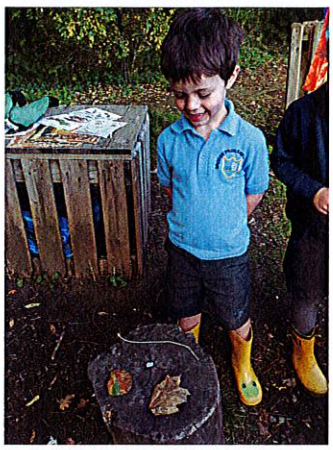
The children enjoyed celebrating Harvest Festival with a special visit to St Mary's Church. We walked to the church together, where we sang songs and the children proudly shared their beautiful harvest pictures. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community and reflect on the importance of being thankful.



EYFS & KEY STAGE ONE

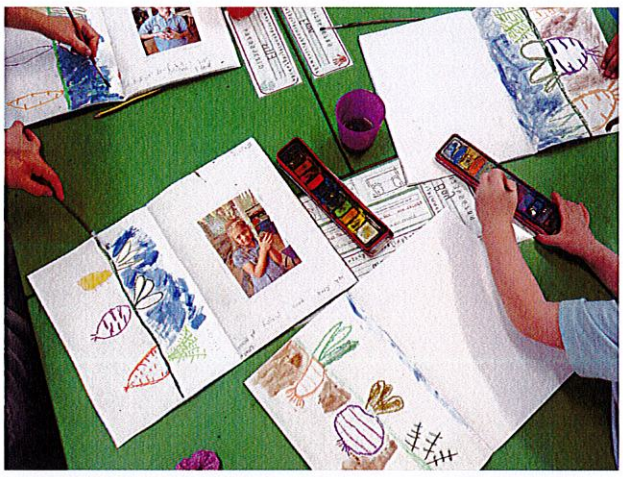
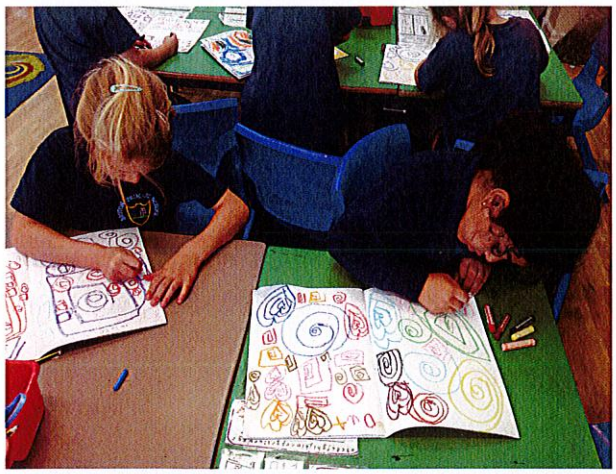
Reception Forest School Self Portraits

As part of our EYFS Quest, we have been exploring self-portraits. We took our learning outdoors to Forest School, where we used natural materials to create our own unique self-portraits.

Art Workshops in KS1

In Cuckoo, Dove and Eagle classes, we have been getting creative in our art lessons! We began by exploring and imitating the unique style of Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We then put our artistic skills to the test by creating colourful Harvest artwork, depicting vegetables growing beneath the ground using wax crayons and watercolours.

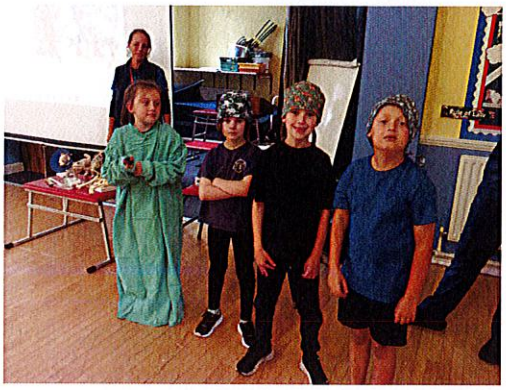



KEY STAGE TWO

Vet Art Competition

Our LKS2 children had a visit from Bruton Vets this term to link in with our topic about bodies. We learned about the skeletons of different animals and about their digestive systems. The children enjoyed testing out the veterinary equipment and practising being vets!

Before they left, they set them the challenge to create a piece of art based on either British wildlife or a pet that they knew. They had to research and write facts about their chosen animal. We had some wonderful entries from many children in the phase. The vets have now selected their favourites - which are displayed in the waiting room of the surgery. Well done to: Agnes H, Niko W, Imogen, Meadow, Virginia and Latika. Etta's drawing of the ginger cat was especially commended and has been chosen to be displayed in the vet's consulting room.



Dentist Visit for Year 4

Year 4 welcomed a dentist and hygienist last week to talk to us about teeth and about caring for our teeth. We learnt how to brush our teeth really well (it should be the first thing we do in the morning and the last thing we do at night). We also used disclosing tablets to see if we had been brushing properly.

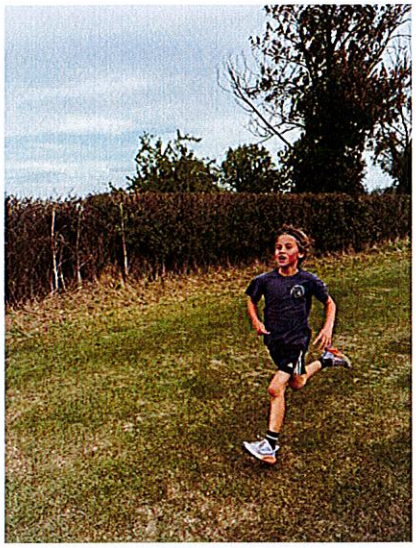
Wells Festival of Literature Trip

Seven of our Year 6 pupils visited Wells Cathedral School this week as part of the Wells Literacy Festival. They had the exciting opportunity to listen to guest speaker Helen Rutter, author of *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*. Helen shared her journey as a writer, discussing what inspired her to write and how she got started.

At the end of the event, the children had the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the book. We were also delighted to purchase a set for each of our Year 5 & 6 classes.

SPORTING EVENTS

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT AT MILLFIELD



On Tuesday, 29th September, we had a record-breaking turnout at the Millfield cross-country event! Bruton Primary School entered 28 runners, our highest number ever! It is absolutely amazing to see our participation numbers increase so significantly. Along with this incredible team spirit, we also celebrated some phenomenal individual results. A massive congratulations to Leo Ryle, who took first place in the Year 3/4 boys' race - winning by a huge distance! We also saw brilliant performances from Agnes Hunter, Oscar Shuttleworth, Casper Ryle, and Lyra Dickinson, who all secured fantastic spots in the top ten.

Beyond the impressive placements, it was truly fantastic to see every single child embrace the challenge, cross the finish line, and support one another. It was a wonderful experience overall, and Mrs Thompson is incredibly proud of everybody who took part. Well done to all our runners!

INTER-FEDERATION FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The annual tournament took place under blue skies on Monday afternoon. After some hard fought games, Bruton (Year 6) won all of their games and took home the trophy! They started strong with a 1-0 victory against Ditcheat, followed by a 6-0 win against Upton Noble and a 7-0 victory against Bruton (Year 5). They carried their excellent form into the final, beating Upton Noble 4-1 to secure the tournament title in style. Congratulations to the whole team on a brilliant unbeaten performance.

Bruton (Year 5) also had a great tournament, finishing in third place. They showed plenty of determination, earning two hard-fought 1-1 draws against Upton Noble and Ditcheat.

A big well done to all the teams who took part. It was wonderful to see such great sportsmanship, teamwork and a positive attitude throughout the tournament.