



BTPS News –Tuesday 8 September 2026

From the Headteacher

It has been such a joy to open again for this new school year and for what feels like a significant and incredibly positive next chapter for our school. Thank you for all your support in managing the different arrangements around pick up and drop off. These changes can take a few days to get used to, and we will be mindful of any tweaks that might be needed but thank you for your support in this.

Thank you too for being so organised with booking lunches. The new catering team have been working hard to get up and running. All children have been fed each day (we have already changed the sign in to ensure every child receives the correct meal) and there has been a lovely atmosphere in the dining hall.

It has been a lovely atmosphere across the school generally. Seeing the children interacting across the year groups in break and lunchtimes has been so lovely, and the sense of togetherness is really special. We welcomed our new Reception children for their first days in school yesterday too so we are now complete. Every child belongs and we want to help them to quickly feel that sense of belonging in their classrooms and across the school so that they feel happy, safe, and ready to learn.

See below a snapshot of key information including Meet the Teacher dates (starting this Friday), wraparound care, and changes to our approach to supporting excellent behaviour.

Mr Chamberlin

In this week's newsletter:

- **Notices – Meet the Teacher dates**
- **Learning Updates – Behaviour – Going for Gold replaces Good to be Green**
- **Learning Updates – All new club provision**

Notices

Meet the Teacher sessions start this week – We would love to invite you to come in and see the transformation of our school in person in the coming days. We will host the Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1-6 at 3.20pm on the days below.

Year 1 and 2 parents, please collect your child then wait outside your child's classroom door to be invited back in. Years 3-6 parents, similarly, please collect your child and then wait on the playground for your child's teacher to invite you up to the classroom.

Sessions will last no longer than half an hour and are an opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher and make sure you are set up for success for the year ahead. There will be a chance for questions too. If they are individual questions not appropriate or relevant for all, please speak to the teacher outside of the meeting.

We recognise that many parents will be in work so the slides will be shared after the meeting too.

Meet the Teacher Sessions – September 2026		
Friday 11 th Sept	Y1 Seal Class	Miss Davis
	Y3 Oyster Class	Mrs Harvey
	Y3/4 Jellyfish Class	Mrs Hutchins
	Y4 Cuttlefish Class	Miss Wilkinson
Wednesday 16 th Sept	Y1 Seahorse Class	Miss Short & Miss Magowan
	Y2 Starfish Class	Miss Assinder
	Y5 Sanderling Class	Mrs Tallis & Mrs Richardson
	Y6 Stingray Class	Mrs Cook
	Y6 Catshark Class	Mr Rondeau
Thursday 17 th Sept	Y5 Kittiwake Class	Mrs Benbow & Mrs Cremor

PE Days – A reminder about each class PE days. The children wear their PE kit into school for the full day. Please also remember that children should now only wear plain black trainers with their PE kit. When they grow out of their current trainers, please replace with plain black trainers only. Thank you.

PE Days		
Reception	No PE in first half term	
Year 1	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3 & 4	Monday	Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday	Friday

Wraparound Care Update – We continue to prepare to take over the running of after school club from JC Sports with interviews for the new club staff this week. We will be able to share details of the club within the next few weeks. We hope it is a provision that will support many families with affordable after school care.

Communication reminder – Thank you to those who have emailed the school office rather than sending emails directly to individual staff members. This change, implemented this term, is designed to speed up communication between home and school and make sure the right person manages your query promptly. This worked brilliantly in one example this morning where a parent emailed the office, the two relevant staff members were informed, and the issue was dealt with within a matter of minutes. We will keep this under review but hope it helps this key aspect of our success as a school.

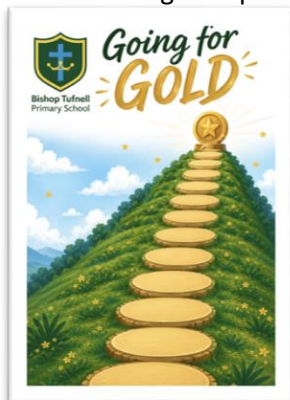


Learning Updates

Enrichment at Bishop Tufnell – In addition to the recent accolade for sporting excellence, and the explosion of pupil leadership opportunities at Bishop Tufnell, we are pleased to offer a range of new clubs for the children to continue to explore their passions and interests outside of the school day. Musical Theatre club yesterday was a great success with the children seemingly having a great time! There are limited spaces available in most of the clubs should you wish your child to take part, including the Karate club starting tomorrow. Please speak to the school office or check the email from last term for more details.

This provision will continue to evolve, particularly with staff-led clubs as the year progresses. Mrs Cook is also working with the class teachers to review our trips and other enrichment opportunities to continue to realise that 'Inspire' aspect of our vision for our children.

Supporting excellent behaviour – We have been working on our approach to supporting every child to develop excellent behaviour both in their interactions and in their learning. There are two particularly visible changes as part of this:



Going for Gold replaces Good to be Green. It focuses on the success of each class each day, with all children working together to aim for 'Gold' days with golden days leading to a shared reward over the course of a number of days or weeks. The individual classes will manage this slightly differently depending on the children's age, but the consistent expectation is that all children are working towards a shared goal together. This focuses on the positive behaviours and supports a sense of belonging. We are excited to see the impact of this change for the children.

Consequences are still crucial – both positive and negative. Though our focus is on collective success, we will still recognise individual effort and achievement in classes through dojo points, house points, stickers, etc. As well as the usual certificates of achievement in celebration assemblies. There will also be continued support for children who do not behave in the way we expect. This will be through time with an adult to reflect on incidents, and may include discussion with parents, or further consequence such as loss of privileges or completing work in their own time.

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Clear, consistent expectations will underpin this. We have developed three school rules which sum up all behaviour that is expected of our children as they learn what excellent behaviour looks like. We refer to them regularly through the day to congratulate, and to remind and reflect.

We will share more in our Meet the Teacher sessions and this would be a good opportunity for any questions you might have.

Community News

Respecting our neighbours - Parking outside school – We haven't had any reports of parents parking across driveways or in places which make it difficult for residents and families in our community, but as we begin this new term, it felt important to keep this in our minds as we get back into the rhythm of school life. Thank you for driving slowly near school and for parking respectfully.

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This year's Summer Reading Challenge, *Read to the Beat*, finishes on **Saturday 12 September**. So, don't forget to collect your child's medal and certificate from your local library.

Plus, every family completing the Challenge has the opportunity to enter a **free prize draw** to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet or one of five runner-up £10 book vouchers.

If it feels like you're running out of time – children can also collect reward stickers by completing some of the [Make the Challenge Your Own](#) goals which are listed in their sticker booklet.

Scan the QR code now to complete the Finisher Form!

GO ALL IN.

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