



ENGLISH BICKNOR CHURCH OF ENGAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Welcome Newsletter
September, 2026*

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C of E V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

'THROUGH GOD'S LOVE WE LEARN AND FLOURISH TOGETHER', CORINTHIANS 16:14.

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

Welcome back to existing pupils and families and a big 'welcome to English Bicknor' to all those who are new.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break doing things you enjoy and spending time with those who you love.

All the staff are looking forward to building positive relationships with every child and watching them flourish. The classrooms are ready for the children to learn in a safe, inspiring and calm environment.

Open and honest communication between home and school is vital. Urgent messages should be shared with the member of staff on the gate or the school office. To speak to the class teacher please arrange a convenient time at the office.

Here's to another enjoyable and successful year!

Best wishes,

Mrs Isaac



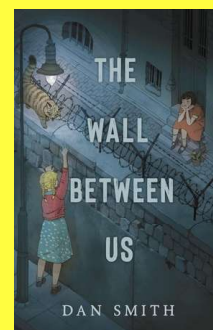
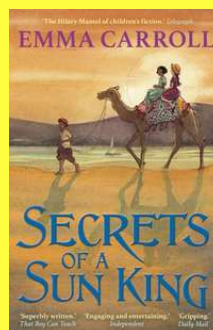
READING SUGGESTIONS FROM MRS ISAAC



Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll



The Wall Between Us by Dan Smith



UNIFORM

Our school uniform expectations can be found on the school website. School uniform makes a child feel a sense of belonging.

Uniform can be purchased at a reasonable price at many high street stores or online at www.myclothing.com if you wish uniform to have the school logo.

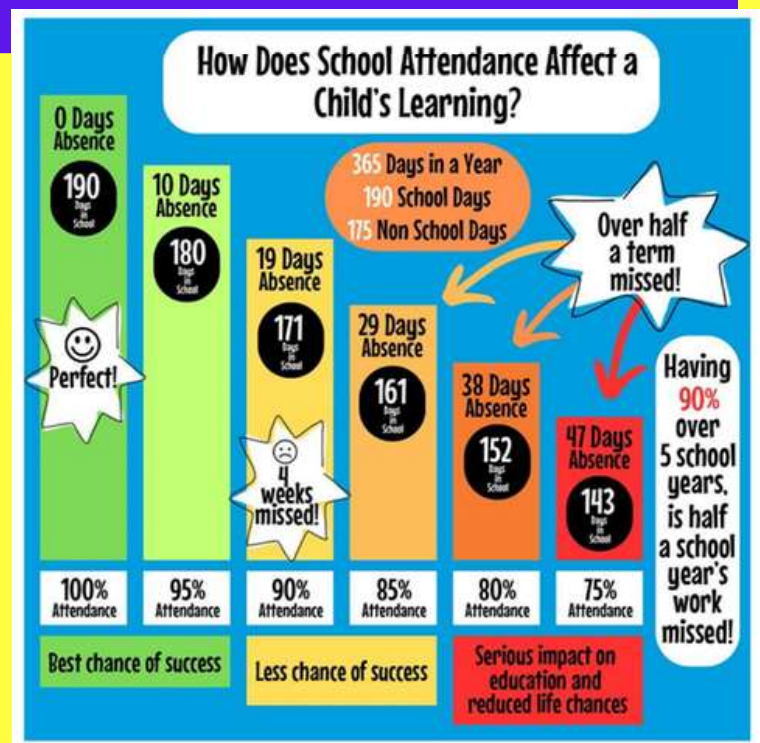
We also have a selection of pre-loved uniform which is free of charge and always looking for a new home!

ATTENDANCE

Improving individual and overall school attendance remains one of our biggest priorities this year. Unfortunately, attendance is lower than it should be, with some pupils absent too often. We will be communicating any concerns with families at an early stage to identify barriers and provide support.

To support and improve attendance this year we will:

- celebrate birthdays by pupils wearing non-uniform on their actual birthday or on the last school day before their birthday if it falls on a weekend or in a school holiday
- celebrate attendance during Celebration Worship. This is more than celebrating those who have 100% attendance but will include improvements and punctuality
- celebrate improved attendance and punctuality with families
- continue to work with pupils and their families to identify barriers to attending well and providing targeted support.



BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

The pupils at our school behave well in both lessons and at playtimes with pupils demonstrating positive attitudes to learning.

All staff and children follow the same behaviour expectations (image above) so that a harmonious environment exists where all pupils can learn and flourish. Positive behaviour is always recognised and behaviour that goes above and beyond is rewarded.

CLASS DOJO

Our main platform to communicate with families will now be Class Dojo. You will have received your login details before the summer holiday. Class Dojo will replace Seesaw fully from 28th September. Please ensure you have set up your Class Dojo account to receive information on your child's learning, weekly reminders and newsletters.

Class Dojo will also be used in class to award pupils behaviour points linked to our school behaviour expectations. Families will be able to view points and celebrate with their child at home.

Please sign up for the app if you have not yet done so.

We're a ClassDojo School



SNACKS AND LUNCHES

At English Bicknor, we encourage healthy eating. Children should bring a drink bottle every day with water. Pupils up to the age of 5 have milk provided daily, with parents having the option of purchasing this from Cool Milk after their child's 5th birthday. All children in Chestnut Class are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable for their snack each day. Pupils in KS2 classes are encouraged to also bring a piece of fruit or vegetable from home for their snack. Please do not send in sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks.

Hot school dinners need to be ordered by families online on ParentPay. This should be done in advance in collaboration with your child to ensure they order a meal that they enjoy and to minimise food waste. You may prefer to provide a packed lunch.

ENRICHMENT OFFER

Our enrichment offer is important as it forms a large part of school life and goes beyond the teaching of the curriculum.

The wide range of activities that are planned, help the children develop resilience, teamwork, creativity, leadership and independence.

Some of the enrichment activities that have been planned so far for this year are residentials to Viney Hill and France, enrichment workshops, and learning to play a musical instrument in KS2 with Gloucestershire Music.

The pupils are also given opportunities to take on leadership roles. Throughout September, pupils will nominate and vote for new School Council members, playground leaders and librarians, and additional Happiness Heroes.

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS TERM IS THANKFULNESS



English Bicknor C of E School

Child Care

Please contact the school office or Greenwood's Nursery if you would like further information on the breakfast club or after school club. Both of these are payable but provide a fantastic service and great value for money.

Dates for the diary

- 01/09/26 Inset day. School closed to pupils
- 02/09/26 First day of term (Reception until 1:15 this week)
- 02/09/26 8:45-9:30 new family coffee morning
- 04/09/26 2-3pm Minilympics (weather permitting)
- 08/09/26 KS2 swimming lessons start
- 16/09/26 2:45pm Little Wandle Phonics information session for families
- 21/09/26 Recycle week
- 25/09/26 Author visit for whole school
- 01/10/26 Black History Month
- 14/10/26 Parents evening
- 15/10/26 9am Harvest Service
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- 19/10/26 Enrichment Workshops
- 22 & 23/10/26 Inset days. School closed to pupils.
- 02/11/26 First day of term
- 18/11/26 My Plan reviews (all classes)
- 19/10/26 My Plan reviews (Chestnut Class)
- 09/12/26 3:30pm Chestnut Class Nativity
- 15/12/26 3:30pm KS2 Christmas Concert
- 18/12/26 9am Christingle Service
- 04/01/27 Inset day. School closed to pupils