



ENGLISH BICKNOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
January, 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

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful festive break with family and friends.

January is always an exciting time in school. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm for learning, and it's wonderful to see their curiosity and creativity shining through. This term, we will be focusing on building strong foundations in reading, writing, and maths, alongside providing a range of opportunities for personal development and wellbeing.

We have lots to look forward to, including gymnastics lessons, mental health week and guitar lessons. Please keep an eye on the diary dates section for details. As always, if you have any questions or need support, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for working with us to make our school a happy, safe, and inspiring place for every child. Here's to a successful and rewarding term ahead!

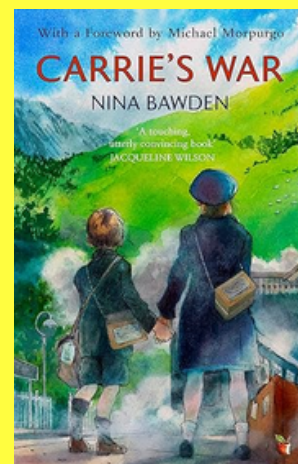
Best Wishes, Mrs Isaac

FOEBS

Thank you to our wonderful 'Friends of English Bicknor School' who along with other members of the community, organised a fantastic Christmas lunch and party which was enjoyed by everyone!

READING SUGGESTIONS

- ☒ SHHH! by Sally Grindley (Miss Nelmes)
- ☒ Carrie's War by Nina Bawden (Mr Neale)
- ☒ The Last Bear by Hannah Gold (Mrs Isaac)



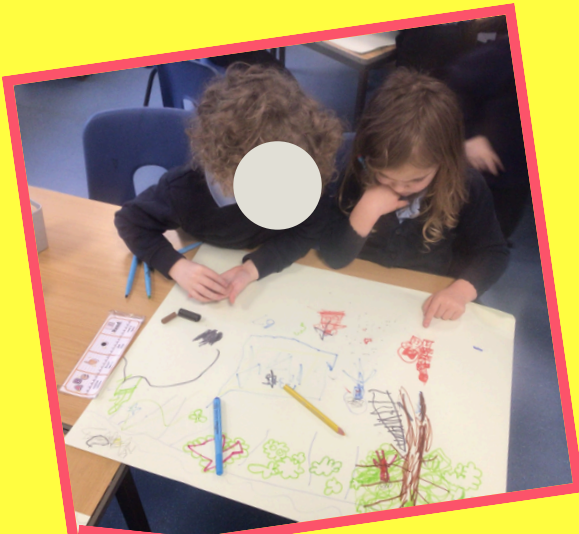
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

If the school needs to close for any reason including snow and heating issues, families will be notified by Seesaw, the school website and our Facebook page.

The decision to close will never be taken lightly but the safety of the pupils, families and staff is of greatest priority.

Work will be set on Seesaw for you to access at home.

See what we have been up to...



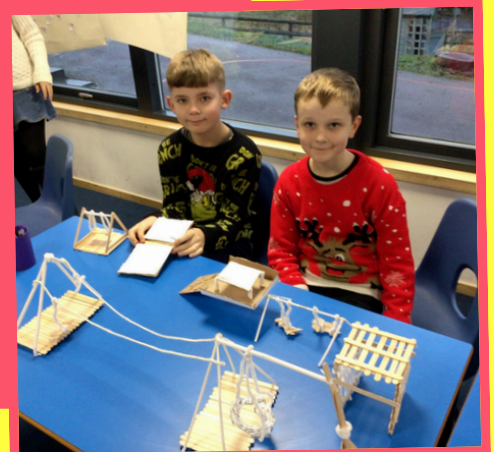
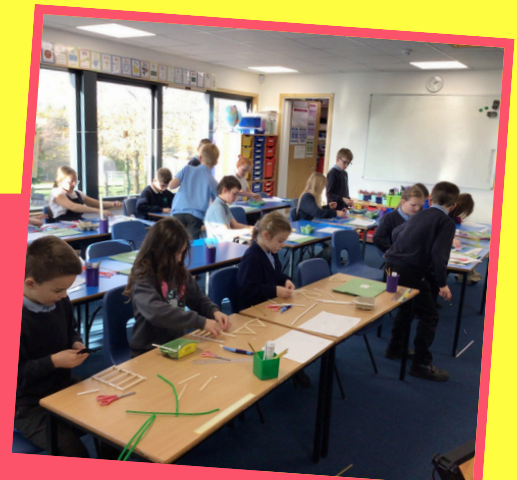
Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class worked in pairs to draw a map of our playground in Geography. The children chose different features to include and made symbols for them.



Oak Class

Oak class made playground structures in DT. At the start of the unit the children visited the park in the village. They investigated different playground apparatus then designed and made their own, thinking about the best way to reinforce them. Some of the structures are on display in the office area.

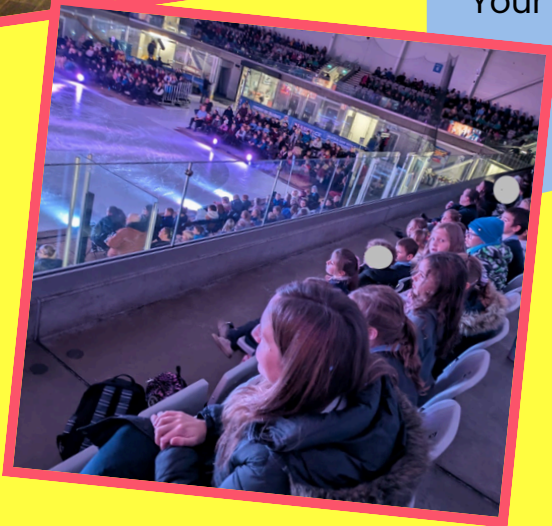


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Christmas events

December was a magical month at English Bicknor. Thank you to all the families who attended the Nativity, KS2 concert and Christingle. Your support really means a lot.



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

The National Year of Reading 2026 aims to change the nation's reading culture, both during the year and beyond. It is a Department for Education initiative, delivered in partnership with major UK reading charities including BookTrust.

This year's theme is 'Go All In', which relates to how reading can connect you more deeply with the things you already love.

As a school, we are having a huge focus on reading. If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteers, please speak to a member of staff.



OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE THIS TERM IS COURAGE



English Bicknor C of E School

Clubs

Monday - PROSTARS

Thursday - Boogie Bounce

The above clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Choir will take place during a lunchtime.

Dates for the diary

- 05/01/26 Inset - school closed to pupils
- 07/01/26 Life Education workshop for all classes
Guitar lessons for KS2 (10 weeks)
- 08/01/26 Gymnastic lessons at Five Acres Gym for Chestnut Class (6 weeks)
- 19/01/26 Collective Worship with Open the Book
- 09/02/26 Children's Mental Health Week
Curriculum Enrichment workshops
Collective Worship with Open the Book
- 10/02/25 Safer Internet Day
- 12/02/26 2-3pm parent handwriting workshop
- 13/02/26 'Wear Your SCARF to school'
Attendance letters home.
- 27/02/26 Mid-year reports to families
- 16/03/26 Collective Worship with Open the Book
- 23/03/26 Curriculum Enrichment workshops
- 27/03/26 9am Easter Service
- 15-17/04/26 Viney Hill residential for Year 5
- 11/05/26 SATS week (Year 6)
- 17/06/26 Sports Day

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.