



Bishopton Bugle



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What's on this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	BASH (7.50-8.50am)				
Activities during the school day	Y5 Swimming Rock Steady ODD SOCK DAY 	Forest School Yr 2P Year 3 & 4 TTRS dress up day Year 5 A Group B to KES 2pm Y1 Fire service visit	Forest School Y 2M	Forest School YR Busy Bees	
Lunchtime		Choir			
After school	BASH (3.15-5.30pm) Y4-6 Drama	Y1,2 Dance Parents' Evening 3.30—5pm	Girls football Parents' Evening 5-7pm	Year 4—6 Football	Year 1—3 Football

Our values this half term: **RESPECT** and **PRIDE**

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN YEAR 6CJ

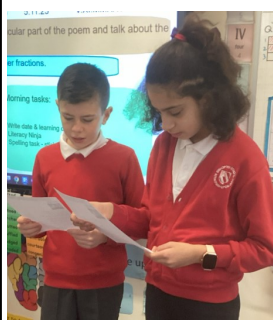
Year 6CJ have had a wonderful start to the new term! As part of the whole-school Poetry Week, the class have been both reading and writing their own imaginative poems. Many enthusiastic volunteers confidently performed poetry pieces to their classmates, showcasing not only their creativity but also their impressive reading and presentation skills.

In Science, we have been investigating the meanings of different electrical symbols and revisiting their prior knowledge of electrical circuits from earlier years. The children have enjoyed applying what they already know while building on their understanding of how circuits work in real-life contexts.

The class has begun an exciting new topic focused on environmental art, where they will explore how artists use natural materials and sustainability in their work. Before diving into this new unit, the class took time to reflect on and evaluate their finished mask designs from before half term, discussing what went well and what they might improve next time.

GOLD AWARD:

Well done to these children who have been awarded Gold Awards this week. These are celebrated during our Friday morning 'Gold Award' Assembly: Reception Busy Bees: Indi Reception Butterflies: Lilly; Leo; Year 1R: Sean; Year 1EW: Santana; Year 2M: Yazhnilla; Year 2P: Luna Year 3C: Scarlett; Year 3A: Genevieve; Year 4N: Harper; Year 4BH: Adriana; Year 5SB: Harry; Year 5C: Jacob; Year 6G: Tajas; Year 6CJ: Lily. **Keep up the great work everyone!**



Day of the Dead masks



MUSIC MARK SCHOOL





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Important Dates:

Parents' evening 11th, 12th & 13th November

19th November 'Wear purple' in memory of Mrs Righton

8th December Rock steady concert.

Christmas Concerts

8th December 2.30pm, Year 2 in School.

9th December 9.30am Year 3 at Shottery church
10.30 am Year 4 at Shottery church
2.30pm Year 1 in School

10th December 9.30am Year 5 at Shottery church
10.30 am Year 6 at Shottery church
2pm Drama Club performance

11th December 2pm Drama Club performance

16th December 2.30pm Reception in School

Calling all girls in Years 3 to 6

Girls' Football Training Session every Monday from 3:30 to 4:15pm.

We're hoping to arrange some exciting fixtures against other local schools very soon!

If you're interested in training each Monday and representing our school, please email



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all managed to have a restful half term break.

This term has started off with a BANG, with not only firework night, but also the renewed vigour from both children and staff. Even though the nights are getting dark, our day is lit up with the smiles and laughter of the children in school. One of the highlights of my morning, is going round each class to see the children busy in their work; the atmosphere buzzes with excitement and chatter, which certainly warms the cockles of my heart. With this in mind, I would like to set a challenge to both pupils, parents and carers and staff alike, 'Snuggle up with a book.' Make a hot chocolate, curl up in a blanket and share with your child, the wondrous places a book can take you. Enjoy your journey into wonderland! Wishing you all a great weekend. Mrs Charman

The Hidden dangers of online trading cards!



Pokémon TCG Pocket has brought the world-famous trading card game onto smartphones – and with over 100 million downloads, it's already captured the attention of countless fans. The app combines quick-fire card battles, collectible decks, and the thrill of opening booster packs. For many children, it's a blend of strategy, fun, and Pokémon nostalgia that's hard to resist.

Beneath the colourful exterior, there are risks that parents and educators should know about. In-game purchases, monthly passes, and limited-time expansions encourage ongoing spending, while the competitive online play may lead to frustration, over-investment, and extended screen time. This guide helps adults understand these hidden challenges.



"Share a book with your child and make their day"



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Barnardo's Warwickshire Children and Family Centres
A coordination of services for children, young people and families - aged 0-19 years and up to 25 with SEND

Arts and Crafts

4 - 8 year olds*
at
Stratford C&FC
3:30pm -5:00pm
Tuesday 11th November

A small snack and drink will be provided

*This session is suitable for 4 - 8 year olds based on the equipment used.
Parents need to stay with their children at all times. Thank you

Believe in children
Barnardo's CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

Book your place here

Friends of Bishopton

Winning logo design:



Friends of Bishopton (FOBS)

Logo Competition Winner!

We have been blown away by the number of entries received for our Logo Competition.

A big thank you from us for taking part.

All the designs were very good; it took us a while to select the winning logo.

🎉 **Congratulations** 🎉
Lucy, 3A

We chose your logo because it represents FOBS being there for the children.

In today's assembly, Lucy has been awarded a tag active voucher at Stratford Leisure Centre.

Keep a look out in school, we will display all entries for you to see.





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ENGLAND ROCKS

18TH TO 20TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Calling all Key Stage 2 (year 3-6) Rockstars!

We want you to

Dress as a ROCKSTAR

to launch England Rocks with Times Tables Rock Stars.

On Tuesday 18th November we will begin our Rock Quest to outperform schools across England by playing on TTRS. To help us do this you must dress in your best rockstar clothes with a donation of £1 to the school. We can't wait to see your outfits and best rock air guitars! There will be prizes for the 'Most Valuable Player' in each class - a free Rocksteady session to continue the rock journey!



Odd Socks Day

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 10th November 2025

GET READY TO MIX, MATCH, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Wear your oddest socks and donate £1 to help FOBS fund towards a school disco. Fun socks and a fun day for everyone!

Cash donations welcomed or via the QR code posters around school.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

POWER FOR GOOD

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

ODD SOCKS DAY 2025

Monday 10th November

#OddSocksDay #PowerForGood



Amazing Harvest!

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Thank you for your Harvest Festival donations to Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank, weighing 224kg.

Your support is making a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Isla Stroyan
Fundraising Officer



Thank you to you, our parents, for all your support in making this possible.





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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in "just one more game". This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional reward rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Don Upscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.

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