

November 2024

Our Value for this half term: KINDNESS

# Bridport Primary School

Learning today for our tomorrow

St Andrew's Rd, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3BJ

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you for your understanding over the school closure yesterday. It is difficult for everyone concerned under these circumstances, but safety has to come first. Hopefully the children enjoyed their snow day and took the opportunity to have some fun!

Since half term, we have been very busy in school. We had a visit from the new chair of trustees for Initio and the CEO. It was a pleasure to tour them around, and they were very impressed with the children and the school.

Our year six children thoroughly enjoyed a talk by Joseph Coelho, as part of the Bridlit festival. They described it as inspiring and 'a brilliant experience'. Year one and reception enjoyed the Spacedome visit last Monday- what a magical time they had!

Reverend John delivered an assembly for Remembrance last week, and the Dogs Trust gave us plenty to think about, teaching us about all manner of things dog-related. Also, our thanks to Ed Morello for giving a very informative talk about how government and parliament work.

More about our sports over the page- we are doing so much at the moment, and our children are making us very proud!

Ms Kite

## Upcoming Events

**November 26**

Kenway Cup

**November 27**

Reception Measurement Checks

**November 28**

Dorset Girls Football

**December 2**

Yr 1 Walk to St Mary's Church

**December 2**

New Parent Tour @ 9:30

**December 3**

Netball Final (TBC)

**December 5**

Football Tournament @ Redlands

**December 11**

Reception Christmas Tree Trail

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Football Tournament @ Littledown

**December 18**

Christmas Dinner

**December 19**

Last Day of Term – Finish @ 3:10pm  
(NO BUSY BEES)

**December 20 – January 6**

Winter Holiday

**January 7**

8:40 – Return to School  
(Start of Spring 1)

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## SPORTS NEWS

Our **netballers** attended a tournament involving eight teams from local primary schools.

We are so proud to announce that BPS Thunder came 5th overall and BPS Lightning came 1<sup>st</sup>, after not losing a single match. They even beat Thorner's who were the reigning champions and have been undefeated for many years. Mrs Simier, Mrs Gale and Mrs Reeve are so proud of every single player. Their hard work at netball club has certainly paid off.

Everyone went home absolutely buzzing with pride - staff and children alike!

BPS Lightning are through to another competition as a result of winning overall today. More details on this to follow in due course.

Our **hockey** team participated in the Quickstix tournament at Colfox School. They were fantastic, and came in **SECOND** place! Amazing work.

COMING UP:

- The Kenway Cup
- Girl's Football Tournament
- Netball Finals
- Year 5/6 Football Tournament
- Bronze Ambassador Training (rearranged)
- Year 5/6 Football Finals (following last year's Kenway Cup win)



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CONVENTION  
ON THE RIGHTS  
OF THE CHILD

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I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment



Education should develop my respect for human rights.



It should develop my personality and talents.



Education should develop my respect for the natural environment.



It should encourage me to respect my parents, my own and other cultures.

Please **avoid texting the school office**. This includes responding to our texts. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing who it comes from and may miss crucial information. Thank you

Our value this half term is 'KINDNESS', fitting in with Antibullying Week.

We wore odd socks, participated in assemblies and discussions, and of course, supported **Children in Need** on the Friday, raising £175.



**Thursday  
7th Nov**

Special Event



**SCHOOLS EVENT**

**Joseph Coelho**

In this interactive and fun session **Joseph Coelho**, children's laureate 2022 - 24, and recent winner of the Carnegie Medal for Children's Literature for his novel in verse, *The Boy Lost in the Maze*, will be talking about the processes of writing. He will invite local school children to join him in creating a range of different poems from silly similes to super sonnets. Joseph's event uses poems from his Carnegie nominated poetry anthology *Overheard In A Tower Block*. This is a special event for local school children but we warmly invite extra audience members, and especially home schoolers.

Time: **10.00 am**

Tickets: **FREE**  
Ticketed.

Venue: **Sir John Colfox School**

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# IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

The schools in Bridport and the surrounding area would like to invite you and your child to a series of events, all centred around supporting your child's transition to school. If you live in or around the Bridport community, these events could be for you! **Please call 01308 422846 to express your interest.**

**27th November '24 - 9:00-10:00**  
**Stay and Play**  
**Focus:** Personal, Social and Emotional Development and building independence  
**Outside agencies joining:** School Nurse  
**Venue:** Bridport Primary School

**4th February '25 - 9:00-10:00**  
**Stay and Play**  
**Focus:** Communication and Language  
**Outside agencies joining:** Speech and Language  
**Venue:** Bridport Family Hub

**25th March '25 - 9:00-10:00**  
**Stay and Play**  
**Focus:** Physical Development and Outdoor Learning  
**Outside agencies joining:** Family Liaison Officer  
**Venue:** Bridport Family Hub




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 CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

**Six Week Course**  
 Mon - Fri  
 1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
 2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm  
 3rd session 4 - 4:30pm  
 (optional session for reflection and support if needed)

# Advent calendar craft

Fancy making your own advent calendar? Then come along to Bridport Library where you can make a Father Christmas beard or a Christmas tree calendar.



**Bridport Library**

**Wednesday 27 November  
3:30pm - 4:30pm**

Suitable for ages 5 to 11 years, all ages welcome.  
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information  
📞 01308 422778

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**PARISH OF BRIDPORT**  
Waiting for Christmas – how will you prepare? Holy Trinity Church Bradpole invites you to  
**BREAKFAST CHURCH FOR ADVENT**  
on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
Breakfast from 09:00  
Worship for everyone at 09:30

The shops are full of Christmas gifts and decorations, lists are being written – but what about preparing for the coming of Jesus?



Come to Breakfast Church and discover how you might do this through songs, a Bible Story and words after a delicious breakfast (no charge)



More details from Rev John Rees



**AT**  
**Bridport United Church**  
**Thursday**  
**28th November**  
**3.30 - 5.30pm**  
**Crafts, Story, Food, Fun.**  
**Free for children**  
**aged up to 11 - accompanied**  
**by parents and carers.**

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## Autism Spectrum Community support and activities

We are a Dorset-based support group for socially anxious and autistic children and young people and their families.

ASCape offers a safe non-judgmental environment, encouraging the sharing of ideas, resources and support. Children and young people who are yet to receive a diagnosis are very welcome.

### We Offer:

Children aged 4-14  
and their families

Activity afternoons & after school clubs

Teens and nearly  
teens aged 11-17

Monthly youth club at Bridport Youth &  
Community Centre

Young people  
aged 18-25

Monthly youth club & social meet-ups in Bridport

Parents & Carers

Online support, weekly meet-ups & social evenings



? Email [info@ascapegroup.org](mailto:info@ascapegroup.org) or visit [www.ascapegroup.org](http://www.ascapegroup.org)

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## Autism Spectrum Community support and activities in Dorset

- ✓ Local support group for Autistic and socially anxious children, young people and their families.
- ✓ A safe and non-judgmental environment.
- ✓ We share ideas, resources and support.
- ✓ Families yet to receive a diagnosis are very welcome!



? Learn more about ASCape at [www.ascapegroup.org](http://www.ascapegroup.org)

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