Bemerton St John C of E Primary School

'Through Love, Serve one another' Galatians 5.13

MLP Magna Learning Partnership

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2026

Attendance Matters

This week's Attendance Cup winners:
Swallows & Nightingales 99%

Wow! **183** pupils achieved **100%** attendance this week. Well done!

Bemerton Round Up!

- It's been a wonderful first week back, and the children have returned to their learning with enthusiasm and determination. Our school rules encourage everyone to be **Ready**, **Respectful** and **Safe**, and we are proud of the way the children have demonstrated these values from the very start of term. The autumn term is always a particularly exciting one, with many opportunities for learning, enrichment and, of course, the anticipation of our Christmas celebrations. It also seems that the colder weather has truly arrived!

- On Friday 6th November we had our annual Remembrance Service at St John's Place. Mrs Pearce and Rev Kevin led the children in honouring those from our community who gave their lives in the line of duty and each class lay their own handmade wreaths. We are very grateful for the members of our community, including parents, carers and grandparents, who joined us for our service.



Poetry Week

This week, we have been celebrating Poetry Week, with children exploring a wide range of poems, styles and performances.

Wrens celebrated Nursery Rhyme Day, Robins enjoyed creating acrostic poems using the words FIREWORKS, BONFIRE NIGHT and PUMPKIN, while Swallows had great fun learning James Carter's Fireworks Poem and experimenting with rhyme, rhythm and exciting onomatopoeia. Kingfishers performed the lovely rhythms of 'The Sound Collector,' Woodpeckers tried to "catch a poem" (see below) and Nightingales linked their poetry to history by exploring Anglo-Saxon kennings and poems about the Vikings. Meanwhile, Eagles brought poetry to life with movement and expression to entertain audiences. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and a love of language across the school throughout the week!





Fireworks!

Bemerton came alive on Thursday evening as we gathered at school for the annual Fireworks Night. Organised by Friends of Bemerton (FoBS), the event brought together children, parents, staff and the wider community for an evening of entertainment, food, drink and stalls. A huge thank you to FoBS and all the volunteers whose hard work and dedication made the event possible, as well as to everyone who came along to support this wonderful community occasion. It means a huge amount to the school and the children, thank you for your support.

House Cup **House Cup points will roll over to next week due to our Remembrance Service.**

Building Confidence, Saving Lives

We were delighted to welcome Wiltshire Air Ambulance to school for two exciting days of first aid training this week. Every child had the opportunity to learn and practise a range of potentially life-saving skills, including calling 999, performing CPR, using the recovery position and helping someone who is choking. They also learnt the importance of knowing their home address in case of an emergency.
It was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and develop skills that could one day make a real difference.
A huge thank you to Wiltshire Air Ambulance for such an engaging experience, and to Friends of Bemerton (FoBS) for funding this valuable opportunity for all our children!

And finally... if you haven't already done so, please take a couple of minutes to complete the parent/carer survey by clicking here. Your views are really important to us. Thank you to all who've already completed it.

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Diary Dates

Further details will follow for all events marked *
For events marked ** further details will follow for Choir only

November

- Tue 10th - Walk Safe for Y1, Y3 & Y6
- Mon 16th - Y5 Geography fieldwork - please consent via ParentMail if you haven't already
- Fri 20th - 1st non-school uniform day for FoBS Christmas Bazaar *
- Fri 20th - Y3 Walk Safe practical sessions *
- Thu 26th - Salisbury Radio visiting school to record our Choir's "Song for Christmas"
- Fri 27th - 2nd non-school uniform day for FoBS Christmas Bazaar *

December

- Wed 2nd - Choir performance at Christmas Tree Festival (St Thomas's Church) **
- Fri 4th - 3rd non-school uniform day for FoBS Christmas Bazaar *
- Fri 4th - KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal *
- Fri 4th - FoBS Christmas Bazaar @ St John's Place 3.15 pm
- Tue 8th - Year 5 & 6 Salisbury Playhouse visit - details to follow
- Tue 8th - KS1 Nativity first performance (2pm) and second performance (6pm) *
- Wed 9th - Salisbury Radio Song for Christmas Choir performance 5pm **
- Thu 10th - MLP Christmas Choir event at Salisbury Cathedral **
- Mon 14th - Wrens' Carols Around the Tree performance for parents & carers *
- Wed 16th - Bemerton's Got Talent! *
- Wed 16th - Choir performance at Bemerton Community Carol Service **
- Fri 18th - Last day of Term 2 - school ends at **1.15pm**
- Mon 21st - Fri 1st Jan - Christmas holidays

January 2027

- Mon 4th - Back to school!

February 2027

- Mon 8th - Thu 11th - Parents' evening week
- Fri 12th - Last day of Term 3 - school ends at 3.15pm
- Mon 15th - Fri 19th - Half term
- Mon 22nd - Back to school!

March 2027

- Thu 4th - World Book Day *
- Thu 26th - Easter Service (am) *
- Thu 26th - Last day of Term 4 - school ends at **1.15pm**