Bemerton St John C of E Primary School

*'Through Love, Serve one another' Galatians 5.13*

MLP Magna Learning Partnership

# NEWSLETTER

**Friday 2nd October 2026**

## Attendance Matters

This week's Attendance Cup winners:
**Wrens & Robins 100%**

Wow! **188** pupils achieved **100%** attendance this week. Well done!

## Bemerton Round Up!

- As part of or Harvest celebrations, Salisbury Food Bank came in to present a special session for the whole school. We learnt about how much food is processed and what best to donate.
- On Friday we held our first discos of the year. Disco Dion entertained and the hall was bouncing with children and adults dancing the night away!
- Schools tours for prospective parents have now started. If you know anyone who is interested in our school and whose child is due to start in September 2027, please ask them to get in touch.





## Harvest Festival

Year 5 led a wonderful Harvest Festival on Friday, based around the theme 'The Harvest of Gratitude'. Through readings, prayers, freeze frames, artwork and song, the children encouraged us to think beyond the traditional idea of harvest and consider everything and everyone we have to be thankful for. The children also reminded us that, just like seeds, we do not grow alone, giving thanks for the families, friends and people who care for and support us. It was a thoughtful and uplifting celebration, and Year 5 spoke and performed with great confidence.
Following the service, there was another special moment as Reverend Kevin presented our Year 3 children with their Bibles, marking an important step in their journey through school. A huge well done to everyone involved!



## Boys' Football

This week our Year 6 boys' football team visited Pembroke Park for a football tournament. The boys scored a total of 25 goals (!) and came third. Well done boys!

## Year 5 Viking Workshop

Nightingales launched our new history unit with a fantastic, hands-on Viking workshop on Tuesday! The children stepped back in time by dressing as Vikings and handling artefacts, including some that were over 1,000 years old. They measured, drew and weighed objects, using clues from the artefacts to ask questions and make deductions about Viking life.
The children also became Viking craftspeople, creating pots, brooches and jewellery decorated with Viking runes. Most importantly, they learned to think like historians – being curious, examining evidence, asking questions and forming their own ideas about the past. It was a brilliant start to our Viking journey! Thank you to Wiltshire Museum for such an enriching experience.



## House Cup

**This week's House Cup points will be rolled over to next week due to Harvest Festival!**

**And finally... Year 6 families, remember to apply for your secondary school place by the deadline of midnight on 31st October!**

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# Diary Dates

Further details will follow for all events marked *

## October

- Wed 7th - Tri-Golf tournament
- Wed 7th - Fri 9th - Year 6 Residential trip
- 12th - 14th - Parents' evening appointments - bookings are now live on ParentMail
- Wed 14th - Flu vaccinations for all year groups - please ensure you give consent for your child(ren)
- Fri 16th - Last day of Term 1 - school ends at 3.15pm

## November

- Mon 2nd - Back to school! First day of Term 2
- 2nd - 6th - Poetry Week
- Wed 4th - Wrens Nursery Rhymes - 2.30pm
- Thurs 5th - FoBS Firework Night! See attached poster
- Fri 6th - Remembrance Assembly
- Fri 20th - 1st non-school uniform day for FoBS Christmas Bazaar *
- 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

- 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 *
- Fri 18th - Last day of Term 2 - school ends at 1.15pm

## January 2027

- Mon 4th - Back to school!