

Biddy Ave Newsletter

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Our Volunteer Programme

Since our Volunteer Programme began, 99 children have achieved their BRONZE, 51 children SILVER, 28 children GOLD and 15 have achieved the PLATINUM award. Collectively, 53700 minutes (just over 37 days) have been spent 'making the school an even better place'.

Children take part in a variety of activities to gain their minutes. They packed bags of food with Mrs Hackett for families that may need extra support. The children litter pick in Tollemache Road to make our environment clean, tidy and safe for animals. Our children support class teachers by keeping bookcases tidy or picking up printing from the photocopier... every little helps!

"Our Volunteer Programme is a shining example of our children's commitment to making Bidston Avenue an even better place. Whether it's packing food parcels, tidying bookcases, or litter picking to keep our community clean, every contribution makes a difference. I am incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and the positive impact they continue to have on our school and beyond."

— Mr. S.G. Brady, Headteacher



LCR - Advisor Visits

We were thrilled to welcome Sir Paul Grant last week. Sir Paul serves as the Education Advisor to the Mayor of The Liverpool City Region. The main local initiative focuses on the integration of AI within education in the Greater Liverpool Region. Since November 2024, we have participated in a Mayoral pilot program with Century AI, which has shown significant positive effects on our students. The more they engage with the technology, the more they learn, leading to improved results.

We are currently collaborating with Century on a case study that we will share soon. Sir Paul Grant expressed his delight during his visit and discussed our remarkable school with Steve Rotherham and other education leaders at a Q&A session for Hays the following day.



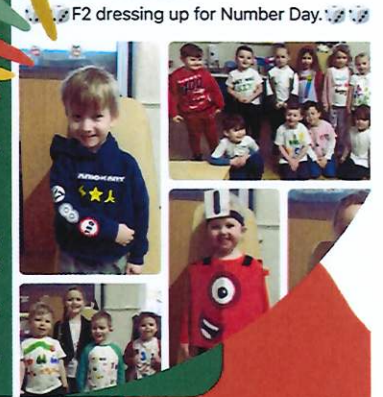
NSPCC - Number Day

Please head over to ParentPay to make your NSPCC Number Day donation if you have still to do it. It will help to support children across the UK.

Why your support matters

Half a million children suffer abuse or neglect a year in the UK. That means seven children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18.

- On average, a child will contact Childline every 45 seconds.
- £4 could help answer a child's call for help to Childline.
- £3 could pay for the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe programme to reach one primary school child, teaching them how to recognise abuse and neglect, and empowering them to speak out if they're worried about anything.
- Last year there were almost 200,000 Childline counselling sessions with children and young people.
- £197 could pay for a trained practitioner for one day, helping children get back on track following abuse.



British Champion

We were delighted to see Brandon Daord, an ex-pupil of Bidston Avenue win the British Super Flyweight (Lonsdale) belt in Scotland (on BBC).

It was a tough 12 rounder and 'The Don' won on points.

Brandon has also fought for England in the Commonwealth Games gaining a bronze medal, in 2015.

It gives our boxers something to aim for when they go down to Venture!



Year 4 Gymnastics

Y4 competed in the Key Steps Gymnastics competition at Wirral Gymnastics Club, representing the school well. One team won first place, and all participants performed admirably.

Two teams showcased their floor routines and vaults before judges, with one team qualifying for the Merseyside finals. Congratulations to all involved!



F1 - Nursery

If you have a child who is three soon and needs a nursery place for September 2025, then please be quick to get an application form.
[When Can My Child Start?](#)

- Your child can start the term after their 3rd birthday if spaces are available. Alternatively, you can choose for them to start in September.
- Free Nursery Education
- All children are eligible for 15 hours of free nursery education per week.
 - Eligible families can receive up to 30 free hours per week.

Places will be given out soon and you may miss out on our great provision.

Pick a form up at the school office asap.



Houlihan Cup Update

In the spirited group stages of the Houlihan Cup, our Y5/6 footballers have faced off against St. John's Catholic Junior School and Black Horse Hill Junior School since the festive season.

The valiant team from Bidston Avenue triumphed in both encounters, dazzling spectators by netting a remarkable total of 21 goals across the two exhilarating matches!



RSPCA Visit

We recently had a visit from Holly at the RSPCA, who educated the children about pet welfare, the role of the RSPCA, and ways to protect hedgehogs.

Our region has been recognised as a place where animals face increased harm, highlighting the urgent need for improved pet welfare.

#rspca #hedgehog #petwelfare



Communications & Holiday

We've had great spring term, so far. We break up on Friday 14th February and return Monday 24th February 2025.

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Upcoming Visits

We have a busy time ahead with residential trips to:

- Y2 Barnstondale - 27th - 28th February 2025,
- Y5 North Wales - 3rd - 7th March 2025,
- Y5/6 Shanghai, China - 3rd - 12th April 2025
- Y4 London - 30th April - 2nd May 2025,
- Y6 Anglesey - 2nd - 4th June 2025
- Y3 Tattenhall - 15th - 17th July 2025

Please keep up with deposits and instalments as we have to meet finance deadlines.

Karate Taster Session

Each year, we embark on a PE & sport survey, seeking to uncover the rich tapestry of children's experiences in physical education and sports, both within our hallowed school grounds and in the wider world. We also inquire about the opportunities they yearn to embrace.

Following this, we were thrilled to collaborate with Wirral School Games, who graciously orchestrated a taster karate session at the local dojo.

