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End of Summer Term 2026 Newsletter – 16th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year comes to an end, there is so much to celebrate across Bidston Avenue.

The final weeks of term have included international visitors, residential visits, music, sport, reading projects, performances and many opportunities for our children to learn beyond the classroom. Once again, our children have shown friendship, respect, courage and determination in everything they have done.

Thank you to our staff, families, governors, volunteers and wider community for the many ways you support our children and our school. Most importantly, thank you to our children, who make Bidston Avenue such a special place.

Stuart Brady
Headteacher

Thank you and farewell

At the end of this term, we will say a very fond goodbye to **Mrs Donna Davies**, who is retiring after serving the children and families of Bidston Avenue since 2014. Mrs Davies has taught in Year 1 and has spent a number of years as part of our Foundation 2 team, helping many of our youngest children to settle into school, grow in confidence and build strong foundations for their future learning.

Across her time at Bidston Avenue, she has shown great care, patience and commitment to the children she has taught. Many families will remember the important part she played during their child's first years in school.

We also say goodbye to **Miss Done**, who has worked with our Year 5 children this year. We thank her for her hard work and contribution to school life and wish her every success for the future.

Mrs Davies and Miss Done leave with the thanks and very best wishes of the whole BiddyAve family.



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Celebrating two national awards

We are delighted that we have achieved Bronze Accreditation for both the **Inclusive Attendance Award** and the **Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Award**.

These awards recognise the work taking place across school to make sure children feel welcomed, valued and supported. They also reflect our commitment to working closely with families, understanding the barriers that can affect attendance and learning, and creating a safe and nurturing environment where children are ready to succeed.

This has been a real team effort.

Thank you to our staff for their

care and commitment, to our parents and carers for their support and to our children for the resilience they show every day.

We are very proud of these achievements and will continue to build on the strong foundations already in place.



Friendship across the world

We were delighted to welcome children and staff from Taicang Experimental Primary School and ZhuDiwen Primary School in China for three very special days.

Our visitors joined children in school for a range of lessons, activities and cultural experiences. They sampled some British favourites at lunchtime, visited the Wirral coastline and enjoyed an afternoon tea alongside children and adults who have helped to build our friendship with Taicang.

A highlight of the visit was a trip to Everton Football Club's new Hill Dickinson Stadium. Our visitors received a warm welcome and enjoyed seeing one of the region's most important new landmarks. The visit ended with our Sports Day at Bebington Oval. Children from China joined the BiddyAve family for a day full of competition, encouragement and friendship.



These visits are about much more than travel. They help our children understand different cultures, communicate with confidence and see themselves as part of a wider world.

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A Sports Day to remember

Sports Day remains one of the real highlights of the Bidston Avenue year, and this year's event at Bebington Oval certainly lived up to expectations. Children took part in sprints, longer-distance races, long jump, vortex throwing, boccia and a range of team challenges. There was plenty of healthy competition, but even more encouragement, teamwork and laughter.

Our Year 6 play leaders also supported younger children with their sporting activities, helping events to run smoothly and making sure everyone felt included. As a School Games Platinum school, we are proud that our Sports Day gives every child the opportunity to compete, represent their team and experience success.



Exploring New Ferry Butterfly Park

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful day learning outdoors at New Ferry Butterfly Park.

The children explored the natural environment and took part in activities linked to butterflies and local wildlife. They decorated butterfly wings, listened to a story among the trees and played a game that helped them understand the different stages of a butterfly's life.

Staff at the park praised the children and their behaviour. We were extremely proud of the curiosity, enthusiasm and respect they showed throughout the visit.

Celebrating cultures across our school

Culture Week brought colour, music, stories, art and dance into classrooms across Bidston Avenue.

Children explored traditions from many different parts of the world. Activities included Spanish dancing and flamenco, Indian stories, Rangoli patterns, African-inspired dot paintings and workshops delivered with support from the Minority Ethnic Achievement Service and our wonderful cook, Monica, and Edsential kitchen team.

Year 5 also explored British culture and the five British Values, considering how democracy, respect, tolerance, individual liberty and the rule of law shape our lives. The week gave children the chance to celebrate differences, ask thoughtful questions and learn more about the many cultures represented within our school and wider community.



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Year 3 residential adventure

Our Year 3 children showed great courage and independence during their residential visit to Tattenhall.

The children threw themselves into the activities, including climbing, team challenges and the zip line. For many, this meant trying something new, overcoming a few nerves and encouraging their friends along the way.

The evening was a little more relaxed, with children enjoying games, creative activities and time together before settling down for the night.

Residential visits are an important part of life at Bidston Avenue. They help children grow in confidence, develop friendships and discover that they are capable of more than they sometimes realise.

Building our community of readers

Reading has remained at the heart of school life throughout the summer term.

Children taking part in the **Big Book Club** completed a six-session programme designed to build confidence and develop a stronger love of reading. We are very proud of every child who took part and grateful to the parents and family members who supported the sessions. A special thank you goes to **Mrs Brady**, who led the programme with her usual passion, knowledge and determination to help every child see themselves as a successful reader.

Our Year 6 and Year 1 Transition Reading Project has also brought children together. Year 6 pupils have shared books and encouraged some of our youngest readers, helping to create positive memories before they leave Bidston Avenue.

Families can continue this work during the holidays by joining the **Summer Reading Challenge** at any Wirral library. This year's theme is based around music and making noise, and children are encouraged to borrow and read at least six books during the summer.



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Beautiful voices

Our choir gave families another evening to remember with a wonderful end-of-year performance. The children performed with confidence, producing some beautiful singing and harmonies. Their progress has been clear to see, and they should be extremely proud of everything they have achieved this year. Our thanks go to **Amy Chalmers** for her hard work with the children, not only this year but across many years of supporting music at Bidston Avenue.

Music gives children the chance to express themselves, work as part of a group and experience the excitement of performing for an audience. Our choir continues to represent everything that is special about our school.

Learning about choices and consequences

Year 6 took part in an engaging day with the CELLS Project.

Through practical and thought-provoking activities, the children explored choices, consequences and the role of the law. The sessions encouraged children to think carefully, ask questions and consider how the decisions people make can affect their own lives and the lives of others.

Experiences like this help prepare children for secondary school and support their development as responsible, informed young people.



Year 6 prepare to say goodbye

The final weeks at primary school are always emotional, and our Year 6 children have enjoyed several opportunities to celebrate their time at Bidston Avenue. They received a surprise visit from the Game Van, took part in their transition reading project with Year 1 and enjoyed events with their friends and families.

Although we are sad to see them leave, we are proud of the young people they have become. They have shown determination during SATs, supported younger children, represented school on visits and residentials and made a positive contribution to school life.

We hope every child leaves Bidston Avenue as a confident **reader who thinks critically and has the resilience for the world's challenges**. They will always remain part of the BiddyAve family.



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The return of our Summer Fair

It was wonderful to bring back our Summer Fair after many years. We were very lucky with the weather, and it was fantastic to see so many children, parents and carers enjoying the afternoon together. It was also lovely to welcome back a number of former pupils, which made the event feel even more special. There was something for everyone, including inflatables, Tin Can Alley, a range of stalls and the very popular Soak the Teacher.

A huge thank you goes to **SJ Inflatables** for providing the inflatables free of charge and to our dedicated **Home School Partnership Team** for the time and effort they put into organising such a successful community event.

The fair raised over **£2000**. This money will be used to support opportunities and experiences for children across the school. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered or helped make the return of our Summer Fair such a success.

Celebrating Our Year 6 SATs Results

We are absolutely delighted with this year's Year 6 SATs results and incredibly proud of every pupil. Despite the national results being released later than expected, they were certainly worth waiting for.

Our children achieved above the provisional national figures in reading, mathematics, writing and science, including **84% reaching the expected standard in mathematics, compared with 75% nationally, and 81% in reading, compared with 75% nationally.**

These excellent results reflect the determination and hard work of our pupils, together with the care, encouragement and high expectations of staff throughout their entire time at Bidston Avenue. A huge well done to our Year 6 children and to every member of staff who has contributed to their journey — you have made the whole Biddy Ave family extremely proud!

Thank you to our BiddyAve family

The opportunities in this newsletter only happen because people are prepared to give their time, energy and support. Thank you to our staff for everything they do for the children. Thank you to our governors, volunteers, partner organisations and members of the wider community. Thank you to our families for attending events, supporting reading, helping with visits and encouraging children at home.

Above all, thank you to our children. Their enthusiasm, kindness, humour and determination make us proud every day.

We wish every member of our BiddyAve family a safe, happy and restful summer.

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September Reminder

The final day for children is **Friday 17 July 2026**.

School will be closed for staff training on **Tuesday 1 September 2026** and **Wednesday 2 September 2026**.

Children return for the new school year on Thursday 3rd September 2026 (new F2 – see personal letter).

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours sincerely,

S.G. Brady
Headteacher



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