

Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Thursday 18th December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Autumn term has flown by; we cannot believe that it is almost Christmas. This curriculum letter will give you a brief overview of some of the key information for next half term, including trips and events that are coming up.

Trips, events or visitors

Wednesday 21st January - Exploring land use in Bude– parent helpers would be appreciated, please let us know!

Reading

Reading aloud daily is highly recommended, as it plays a key role in building children's fluency, accuracy, and reading confidence. It's also a great opportunity to explore new vocabulary, discuss predictions, and check understanding through simple questions. In school, children are supported in selecting books from their class library that match their reading level. To help with this, books are grouped into three categories: Tasty (easy-to-read texts), Hot (shorter novels and more accessible non-fiction), and Spicy (longer novels and more challenging non-fiction).

Love for reading

Our library is a brilliant space for reading and exploring new books. Children are welcome to pop in during lunchtimes to enjoy a quiet read or choose a book to take home, with our wonderful Reading Ambassadors on hand to help and recommend great reads.

Home Learning

You can support your child at home by practicing their times tables. Pupils who know their times tables find all areas of maths far easier to approach and understand. Your child can access Numbots (for practising number facts) or TT Rockstars (for times table practise) through the logins shared at the start of the year. For further ideas of how to support your child at home, take a look at our Home Learning page on our website.

PE days – Wednesday (outdoors suitable clothing required) and Friday (Hall)

Children should continue to come to school in their full PE kit, which comprises of:

- A turquoise PE T-shirt (optional, with embroidered school logo)
- Black shorts / leggings or joggers
- Trainers
- Our turquoise school jumper or cardigan

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. As some PE sessions take place outside, they may need a waterproof coat, gloves and a hat on colder or wet days.

School Uniform Expectation

- White Polo shirt – with or without the school logo

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- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts - no leggings or jogging bottoms
- Turquoise school jumper or cardigan
- Tights/socks – black, grey or white (non-branded)
- Shoes – black shoes – no boots, heels or open toe

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is vital for learning and progress. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day. If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Morning Routine and End-of-Day Arrangements

Our school day starts at 8.50am (gates are open 8.40 until 8.50am) and finishes at 3.20pm. Please inform the school office (hello@budejuniors.org.uk) if you would like to give permission for your child to walk home.

Clubs and Enrichment

Information about after-school clubs will be sent out each half term. Check out ParentPay to sign up.

Reminders

Just a quick reminder to please send your child in each day with a water bottle and a healthy snack for breaktime—this could be fruit, yoghurt, a cereal bar, vegetables or cheese. If your child is staying for an after-school club, an extra snack is a good idea too. Please remember that all snacks and packed lunches must be nut free.

Useful links

School website - Bude Primary Academy - Juniors (budejuniors.org.uk)

Follow our Facebook page:

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We look forward to an exciting half term, thank you in advance for all of your continued support. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 3 team

Mrs Stickney, Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Miles