

Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

It is hard to believe how quickly the year is progressing, and as we move into the Summer 1 half term, we are excited to see the warmer weather and longer days arriving. We have had a fantastic start to the year so far, and this letter provides a brief overview of the vibrant curriculum and enriching experiences we have in store for the next half term.

Trips, events or visitors

Monday 27th April – Class photos

Tuesday 21st April and Wednesday 22nd April – Beach trip – see below

Hands-On Learning with the 2 Minute Foundation

Our classes will be heading to the shore for a half-day session with Bude's 2 Minute Foundation! This trip directly supports our Science and Geography work by bringing the classroom to the coast. During the session, the children will:

- Rock Pool: Discovering local marine life and exploring ocean habitats first-hand.
- Model Building: Creating "river-to-sea" models to understand how litter reaches our oceans and how we can stop it.
- Beach Clean: Taking direct environmental action to help keep our Bude beaches healthy.

It promises to be an inspiring day of outdoor learning and local stewardship!

Tuesday 21st April – Sandymouth

Wednesday 22nd April – Black Rock

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 practising 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 practice) through the logins

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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 – Tuesday and Wednesday

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

As we move into the Summer term, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the warmer weather. For outdoor PE sessions and break times, we kindly ask that children bring a sun hat and have sunscreen applied before school (or bring a labelled bottle for self-application). On the occasional damp or cooler day, a light waterproof coat may still be needed to ensure they stay comfortable while learning outside.

School Uniform Expectation

- White Polo shirt – with or without the school logo
- 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)

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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 4 Team

Mr Baker-Hale and Mrs Hastings

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