

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

Storm Tower visit – TBC

Wednesday 13th May – Bude Literary Festival workshop - Super Natural with Alex Riley

Wednesday 20th May – Bude Literary Festival workshops - Folklore with Sam Horton or Lyric writing with James Dixon

Key Stage 2 SATs assessments

As we approach the SATs week in May, we want to ensure our your child feel confident and prepared. These tests help us understand your child's progress and identify where they may need extra support as they get ready for secondary school.

Mark Your Calendars (May 2026)

- **Monday 11 May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling (Papers 1 & 2).
- **Tuesday 12 May:** English reading.
- **Wednesday 13 May:** Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic & Paper 2: Reasoning).
- **Thursday 14 May:** Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning).

5 Top Tips for Home Support

1. **Keep it Low-Stress:** Remind your child that these tests are just one way we look at their hard work. Their teacher assessment for subjects like writing and science is based on their work throughout the whole year.
2. **The Power of Reading:** Spending just 15 minutes a day reading together can significantly help with the English reading paper. Ask questions about the characters' feelings or what might happen next.
3. **Quick-Fire Maths:** Practice "mental" maths during daily routines—like adding up prices at the shop or practising times tables—to build confidence for the Arithmetic paper.
4. **Routine is Key:** During the test week, try to keep evenings relaxed. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast will help them stay focused for the morning sessions.
5. **Talk it Through:** If your child is feeling nervous, encourage them to speak to their teacher. We are here to answer any questions and ensure they feel supported.

Results & Next Steps

You will receive your child's results and teacher assessment judgements by the end of the summer term. For further details, please refer to the attached official guide

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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 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 – Summerleaze (Wednesday) / Duckpool (Wednesday and Thursday)

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 / Y6 Hoodie – with or without the school logo
- 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.

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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:

[Facebook – Bude Primary Academy – Juniors](#)

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 6

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