

# Bude Primary Academy

## Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

We're really looking forward to another exciting half term as we move into Autumn 2! This curriculum letter gives an overview of key information for the weeks ahead, including upcoming trips, events, and what the children will be learning. It's set to be a busy and engaging half term as we continue to build on all the fantastic progress the children made in Autumn 1.

### Trips, events or visitors

- Fridays (6<sup>th</sup> November – 11<sup>th</sup> December) – Bikeability (PE Kit on those Fridays)
- WC 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Swimming week - **Sign up on ParentPay**
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Bude Castle and library visit
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Victorian Day
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Outdoor carol concert for parents and carers
- **Sept 2027 - Porthpean Residential – Deposit due 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

### Victorian Day

For our Victorian Day (11<sup>th</sup> December), we'd love the children to come dressed in Victorian-style clothing, inspired by *Oliver Twist*. Please don't feel you need to buy anything new! We're looking for simple, old-fashioned outfits using things you already have at home. Think waistcoats, shirts, flat caps, long skirts, aprons, shawls, and simple dresses.

A few ideas:

**Boys:** An oversized shirt, dark trousers, a waistcoat or old jacket, flat cap or a scarf.

**Girls:** A plain dress or long skirt, cardigan, apron, shawl or headscarf.

**Everyone:** Rolled-up trousers, braces, old boots or wellies can help complete the look!

A simple, scruffy, *Oliver Twist*-inspired outfit is absolutely perfect. Here is a picture of our current Year 6s when they took part in their Victorian Day last year!

There's no need for anything fancy — creativity and using what you already have is what matters! Thank you for your support.



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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
- **Spicy:** Longer novels and more challenging non-fiction

### Love for Reading

As we head into Autumn 2, we are excited to see the children continue making great use of both their class libraries and our main whole-school library. It has been fantastic watching them discover new books this term, and the library remains a wonderful space for reading and exploring. Children are still very welcome to pop in during lunchtimes for a quiet read or to choose a new book to take home, with our fantastic reading ambassadors always on hand to help and recommend great reads.

### Home Learning

As we move into the second half of the term, the motto remains "little and often"! You can continue supporting your child at home by practising their times tables regularly, as pupils who know their multiplication facts find all areas of maths much easier to master. Your child can keep accessing TT Rockstars at home using the login details sent via email—just a few minutes a day makes a huge difference!

### PE Days

Our PE day for this half term will be **Fridays – Bikeability**

Children should come to school in their full PE kit on these days, 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 coat on cooler or wet days,

### School Uniform Expectations

- **White Polo shirt:** With or without the school logo
- **Black and dark grey trousers, skirt or shorts:** No leggings, short shorts or jogging bottoms
- **Turquoise school jumper or cardigan:** With or without the school logo
- **Yellow Summer dress**
- **Tights/socks:** Black, grey or white (non-branded)
- **Shoes:** Black shoes (no boots, heels or open toes)

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### 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 from 8:40am until 8:50am) and finishes at 3:20pm. Please inform the school office ([hello@budejuniors.org.uk](mailto:hello@budejuniors.org.uk)) if you would like to give permission for your child to walk home independently.

### Clubs and Enrichment

Information about after-school clubs will be sent out each half term. Please check ParentPay to sign your child 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. Please ensure both **water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly named** so they can easily be returned if misplaced. If your child is staying for an after-school club, an extra snack is a good idea too. As always, please remember that all snacks and packed lunches must be entirely **nut-free**.

### Useful Links

- **School Website:** [Bude Primary Academy - Juniors Website](http://www.budejuniors.org.uk)
- **Facebook Page:** [School Facebook Page](#)

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

Many thanks,

### **Year 5 Team**

Mr Osborne and Ms Perri-Khoo

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