



BOW BRICKHILL C OF E (V.A.) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Bow Brickhill CE Primary School Headteacher Report to the Parish Council May 2025

Following our successful OSFTED inspection last June the school continues to go from strength to strength. We are lucky to have a dedicated staff team who, despite some challenging circumstances during this academic year due to staff bereavement and the maternity leave of our Assistant Headteacher, have worked hard to ensure the provision we offer is of a consistently high quality.

Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities during the year including woodwind lessons delivered by the MK Music Service for years 3 and 4, trips to Hazard Alley Safety Centre and MK Museum as well as our annual whole school trip to see the pantomime at the theatre. As part of our provision we work with the Schools Sports Partnership ensuring pupils across KS1 and KS2 have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting events and tournaments alongside other Milton Keynes schools. Most recently teams from year 3/4 have taken part a dodgeball competition and boy's football tournament, while pupils from year 5/6 have attended a boy's football tournament, mixed dodgeball tournament and mixed basketball friendly. The children have loved taking part in these events and have enjoyed great results, regularly beating much larger schools!

We have continued to work hard to publicise the school through local newsletters and leaflet drops which has resulted in increased numbers despite the impact of a low birth rates across MK. This year we are pleased to have a full EYFS cohort. This will be the same for the next academic year with 15 (our maximum PAN number) pupils offered places along with a waiting list of 9. Our wrap around care offer continues to be popular with parents who can access before and after school care for their children.

This year we have welcomed a new foundation governor, Mr Jeremy Morrison to our governing board. We are lucky to have a full governing board who play an important part in the success of our school.

As a church school, we continue to attend All Saints Church for termly services including our Harvest Festival, Carol and Easter Service. The church Christingle Service was once again held in school in December. We are looking forward to attending church again in July for our year 6 Leavers Service. We also work with the Bridgebuilder Trust, a Christian charity who deliver assemblies and organise events such as Christmas and Easter Cracked which year 6 attend at the Water Eaton Baptist Church and Lifepath, a fun annual event which takes place either in Olney or Elstow allow pupils to learn about the life of John Newton (Composer of Amazing Grace) or John Bunyan (author of The Pilgrims Progress).

FOTS continue to raise vital funds for our school as well as organise fun events for the pupils. Sadly our current FOTS committee have decided to step down this month after many years

of volunteering. We are very grateful to them all for their time and dedication to organising events which hugely benefit the children and are hopeful that a new committee will soon be formed.

We continue to encourage parents to use the car park at the pavilion and are grateful to the Parish Council for the continued use of this facility as well as the Pavilion field for Sports Day activities.

Mrs Pam McBurnie, Headteacher