

Mothering Sunday

GIFT SALE

The Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy PTFA would like to help the children celebrate Mothering Sunday by offering them the opportunity to buy a gift for the special lady or ladies in their life for just £2.50.

Each class will be given the chance to visit the PTFA shop to choose their own gift(s). All gifts will be **£2.50 each** and on sale on **Wednesday 6th March**.

Thank you as always for your kind support.

The PTFA



The History of Mothering Sunday

Most Sundays in the year, churchgoers in England would worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'. Centuries ago, it was considered important for people to return to their home, or 'mother' church once a year. So, each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or Cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions - it was quite common for children as young as 10 years old to be sent away to work, often as domestic servants or apprentices. This was, at times, the only chance for a family to re-unite.

Many historians think that it was the return to the 'mother' church, which led to the tradition of children being given the day off to visit their family.