



Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

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| 21st April | Y6 Leavers' hoodies payment deadline |
| 22nd April | Back to school |
| W/C 12th May | Y6 SATS week |
| 23rd May | INSET Day |
| W/C 26th May | Half Term |
| 7th June | BPA Bees Summer Fete |
| W/C 9th June | Y6 Residential to Tile Barn |
| W/C 16th June | Sports Week |
| 24th June | Transition morning |
| 7th & 8th July | Y6 production (more info to come soon) |
| 9th & 10th July | Y1, Y2,Y3, Y4 Y5 Parents Evening |
| 16th July | Y6 Leavers festival (more info to come soon) |
| 18th July | End of Term |

House Point Results Winning House Petworth

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| Cowdray | Parham |
| 717 | 448 |

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| Goodwood | Petworth |
| 551 | 834 |

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful end to the spring term with the sun shining and children making full use of our beautiful grounds! The infants looked delightful in their Easter bonnets and enjoyed the procession around school being cheered on by the Key Stage 2 children. Thank you for your efforts in supporting this with the wonderful Easter bonnets.

We are full of congratulations this week! Helen Pullen, Claire Hiley, Sharon Bradley and Liz Barnes have passed their higher level teaching assistant qualification. They have worked really hard this year developing their teaching skills, observing teachers and taking their own classes. Congratulations also to Fiona McGhie and Catrina Steer who are both expecting babies this year. Fiona will leave us in May and Catrina at the end of the year.

Welcome back from maternity leave to Rebecca Shurmer, who will be starting back with us after the Easter break.

We hope you enjoyed the ice creams after school, thank you BPA Bees for running this. This is something we would like to repeat over the summer term.

Thank you as always for your continued support of BPA and all we are doing. I do feel very proud to lead a school with such a fantastic community, children and staff.

Have a fantastic Easter break with families and friends.



Ms Ley

Reminder - Grapes need to be cut in half for snack and pack lunches - they can be a choke hazard.



Urgently needed - Good quality second hand KS1 girls and boys underwear

URGENT

Mrs Harmer is lucky enough to work in our newly created nurture room. She loves supporting the children with their learning. She also loves to sing to music.

Fun Fact: Mrs Harmer lived in Lanzarote and worked at the airport. She has ridden a camel and can speak Spanish.

Hobbies: Mrs Harmer is a huge Manchester United fan and is rather good at playing darts.





BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2025



Well done to all the children across school who have been so excited and enthused this week by all things science. It has been brilliant to see them being so engrossed in all the fantastic learning. Thank you also to the amazing teachers that have planned and resourced this week and made it happen. Here's to the scientists of the future!!



Year 3 Ukulele

Well done to Year 3 for their fantastic ukulele concerts this week! All 3 classes performed brilliantly and shared a range of songs they have learnt over the last term. We hope you enjoyed the concerts as much as we did! A huge thank you to Mrs Eames from West Sussex Music for all her hard work!



Eco Council - Solar Farm Visit

Last week, our Eco Councillors were lucky enough to visit a local solar farm in Five Oaks! They began their visit by identifying biodiversity at the site which is the size of 17 football pitches! The site leader told them all about the farm including what the solar panels are made of and what they weigh. This was followed by a quiz where they discovered that 4.8 million watts of electricity can be generated from the farm and they used their maths skills to work out that there are 20,570 solar panels on the site! They finished off with some wildlife spotting and hearing about the resident sheep who graze the farm!



Year 6 - Burger Relish!

Last week, Year 6 used their DT designs to make their own burger relishes. They weighed, prepared, chopped and cooked their ingredients before blending them into a relish. This afternoon, we've had a delicious BBQ where they've had the chance to test out their relishes on farm-fresh, local burgers!

"Our relish tasted so good - we loved the tomato and garlic!" - Olivia

"My relish was nice and sweet so I really enjoyed it." - Mason



EYFS - Planting

In Early Years, the children have enjoyed looking at the book Jack and Beanstalk and have been inspired to investigate how things grow. They have cleared out their growing plots and planted out some new seeds including broad beans, carrots and potatoes. The children are enjoying looking after their plots and look forward to seeing it all grow!



Amazon Wish List Books

A huge thank you to all of the families who have gifted a book from our Book Wish List, which we launched on World Book Day! Your contribution means so much to the children here at Billingshurst Primary Academy. If you'd like to participate, simply visit our Amazon Wish List (<https://amzn.eu/eHq3KxB>), where you can choose a book to donate and will have the option to add a personal message during check out.



Road Safety Officer - West Sussex County Council

West Sussex County Council have asked us to send this link to all families to assist with keeping children safe within the community, please use the barcode below to view their Road Safety page.

All ages can benefit from the information they post, which in turn could help to make your children's journeys to and from school, safer, healthier, and overall easier for everyone.



World Earth Day - Tuesday 22nd April

Children will be involved in some exciting activities to celebrate our wonderful planet and learn about the importance of living sustainably. We would love your support with this.

Please can you encourage children to walk, scoot or bike to school & please can children who have a packed lunch pack a 'waste-free lunch box'. Please see our letter sent out this week for further information.

Easter Holiday Poetry competition

As part of BilliLit (literary festival) all children are invited to take part in a poetry writing competition.

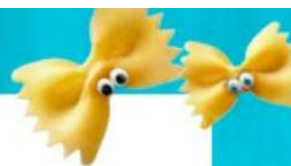
How to Enter:

1. Write a poem on the theme of Nature (to tie in with our Earth Day celebrations next term).
2. Publish and decorate your poem.
3. On the back of your poem, write your first name and class name.
4. Post your entry in the Poetry Box, which will be located at the school entrance reception.





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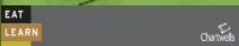
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BPA Bees



Welly Walk - Donations have now reached nearly **£3,000!**

Table Top Sale - Join us on **Sunday 27th April**, 2-4pm, in the KS2 hall. £1 entry for adults, children go free. For sellers, there are now limited tables available. These are £12 and can be booked by emailing bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk.

Summer Fun Day - After Easter, we will be collecting donations for our Summer Fun Day on **Saturday 7th June**. We are looking for both adult and children tombola prizes, as well as soft toys. These can be left in our green trug, outside the school office.

Thank you to Martin Lundy-Lester for sponsoring our Summer Fun Day!



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Table Top Sale



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2PM - 4PM**

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**Come and help raise money for the school
and pick up some great bargains!!!**