



Newsletter Friday 23rd May 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Dates for your diary:

26-30th May

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June

Yr 4 Multiplication Checks

Y3,Y5 & Y6 Class photos

Wed 4th June

Send Coffee Morning 8:40-9:05am

Friday 6th June

Open Classrooms 8:40-9:15am

Non School uniform day

Frid 6th June

Yr3 Wakehurst Place visit

Sat 7th June

SCHOOL SUMMER FUN DAY

Mon 9th June

Yr 4&5 Dance workshop 3.30-5:00pm

House Point Results Winning House

Cowdray

Cowdray

563

Parham

528

Goodwood Petworth

473

524

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break. It has been a term full of learning, connection, and growth—guided as always by our school values of **Ambition**, **Belonging**, and **Courage**.

Across school, children have shown **ambition** in their learning and attitudes, whether tackling new challenges in class or taking part in wider school life. A special highlight this week was our choir's visit to the local care home—an act of **belonging** that brought joy to others and reminded us of the power of community and kindness.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our amazing staff, who continually go above and beyond. During today's inset day, we had specialist SALT (Speech and Language Therapy) training. This important work will support our focus on developing every child's communication skills.

Wishing you all a well-deserved rest and a wonderful holiday. We look forward to another exciting and purposeful half term ahead with lots of exciting events and opportunities to welcome our parents, carers and community into school.

Ms Ley



Miss Shilton has worked at our school for 3 years. She has a degree in English Literature



and therefore loves reading! Her favourite things to teach are writing and all things Shakespeare. As you can see in the picture, Miss Shilton is a big Harry Potter fan!

Fun Fact...

Miss Shilton was a competitive swimmer when she was younger and was ranked 4th in the Country!

Hobbies...

Reading, walking and eating pizza!

Favourite word...

nevertheless

Miss Shilton loves using nevertheless as it is 3 words in one!



Year 5&6 - Athletics

On Monday, two teams of athletes from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Quad Kids competition at the Weald School. They took part in track races, javelin and long jump events against other local schools; we are so proud to have come 3rd and 4th overall! A special mention must go to Olivia who came first in both the 600m and 75m girls races, as well as Jeremy and Fraser who came first and second respectively in the 600m boys race!



Choir in the community

On Wednesday, our Y3+4 choir members visited [Derwent Lodge Care Home](#) to sing for the residents. The children were amazing and enjoyed meeting, chatting and sharing stories too. We are very proud of all the children for brightening up a rainy afternoon and being great representatives of our school in our community.



Year 3,5&6 - Photos

A reminder that children in Years 3,5 & 6 will have their school photos on the first day back to school,
Monday 2nd June.



Year 5 - Bird watching update

Peregrine falcon

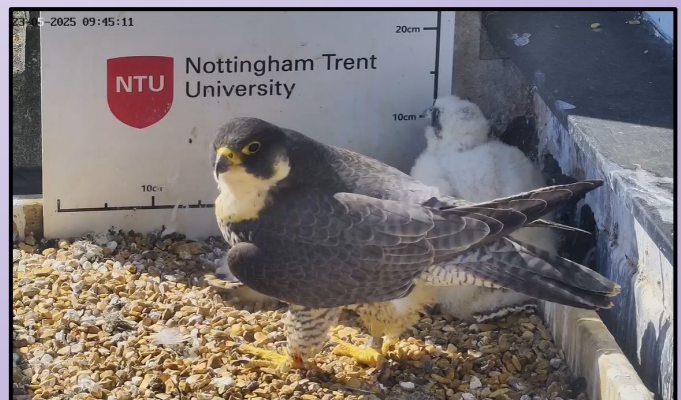
Over the past few weeks, the peregrine falcon chicks have grown almost three times the size. We have seen them do various different activities, including walking, feeding themselves and even play fighting! We have also found out that one of the chicks, Snowball, was actually born one day earlier than the other chick, Pom Pom.

Osprey

As well as the Peregrine Falcon, we have been watching an Osprey who has recently hatched 3 eggs! We have decided to name them Loki, Freyja and Iduna since they are all Viking Gods and we have been learning about Vikings. The parents are called Odin and Frigg.

Written by Zefi - Year 5

<https://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/peregrine-cam>



Year 3 + 4 - Farm visit

This week, a group of children from Year 3 & 4 spent the day at Brownings Farm learning about sustainable farming. They learnt a huge amount about the natural world and also got to meet a few animals too! Thank you to the team at Brownings Farm for the invite and for hosting us.



Year 2 - Architecture

As artists, Year 2 have enjoyed exploring architecture this half term. They started with an exploration of architects and some of the ways they work. Then, they went on to create their own architectural models. Year 2 took their time to understand what different materials can do for them and how they can manipulate materials by fastening them together. Instead of making their architecture "in the style of" an artist or architect, they made their own unique structures, using an open mind and recycled and natural resources.



Year 1 - Rainbow theatre

This term, Year 1 have been learning about fairy tales. They have been writing their own stories and getting into character with a special visit from the Rainbow Theatre Company. They brought the stories to life and included some of the children's favorites stories such as the Three Billy Goat Gruffs, Red Riding Hood, 3 little pigs and Goldilocks. The children and all the adults loved being able to take part in bringing these stories to life.



Amazon Wish List - Nurture Room

A huge thank you to all of the families who have gifted a book from our Book Wish List. Today, we have launched a new list to help us develop our Nurture Room. Your contribution means so much to the children here at Billingshurst Primary Academy. If you'd like to donate, simply visit our Amazon Wish List. Thank you!

Thank you Thank you Thank you



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BPA Bees



Welly Walk/Red Nose Day

We are extremely pleased to announce that the final total raised is **£3,613.06!** Thank you to everyone who donated. This will be split equally between the school and Comic Relief



Summer Fun Day - Saturday 7th June, 11am-2pm

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help on the day. There are still slots to fill, so if you can spare an hour of your time, please register here: <https://volunteersignup.org/PCRML>

Raffle tickets have come home in book bags this week. Please remember to return these to the school office by **Friday 6th June**, or to the BPA Bees hub on the day.

Non-uniform day - Friday 6th June (Not Y3 due to Wakehurst trip)

We are asking for a suggested donation of **cake** (either homemade or shop-bought), **a bottle of wine or a large pack of sweets**. BPA Bees members will be collecting these at drop off under the KS1 canopy that morning. If you are bringing homemade cakes, please provide an ingredient list and, if you would like your container back, please make sure it is labelled with your child's name and class. Please remember all cakes must be nut free.

We are still looking for donations or the following items: **adult/child tombola prizes and teddies**. These can be left in our green trug outside the school office. Thank you to Silent Sounds for sponsoring the event!



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featuring...

Kaleidoscope Singers

Director – Zoe Peate Accompanist – Gary Prior Horn – Bryony Prior

& Billingshurst Primary Academy KS2 Choir

Director – Tom Hampson Accompanist – Helen Pullen

Saturday 14th June 2025

4:00pm

St Mary's Church,
Billingshurst

Tickets

Adults £5

Concessions £2

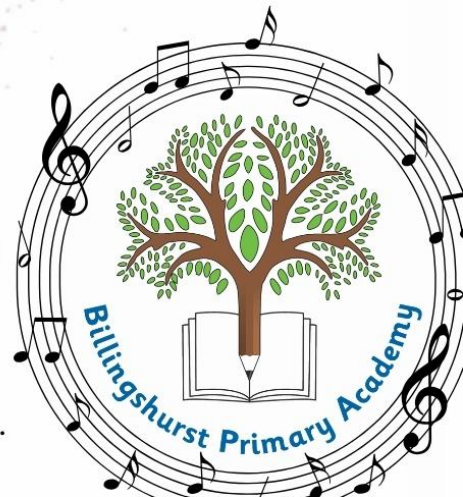


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All children performing will receive one free
paper ticket from school.

Additional tickets are available on the links above.

Tickets will be required on the door.



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MAY SEND EVENT

**WEDNESDAY
28 MAY 2025**

**Horsham Family Hub
10:00am - 11.30am
or 1.00pm - 2.30pm**

Open to families with children
with Special Educational
Needs (SEND) up to 11 years,
and their siblings

ACTIVITIES:

- Messy Play
- Sensory Play
- Arts & Craft
- Fun Games
- Fun Outdoors
- Sensory Room
- Magic Carpet

BOOK VIA THE FAMILY LEARNING SERVICE

Follow the links below



Morning
session



Afternoon
session



**Early
Help
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