



Newsletter Friday 5th September 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Thurs 11th Sept - 6.00pm – Parent meeting with SLT

Meet the teacher meetings:

Tuesday 16th September, 3.20pm – Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 17th September, 3.20pm – Years 5 & 6

Thursday 18th September, 3.15pm – Years 1 & 2

Wed 15th & Thurs 16th Oct – Parent's Evening

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Oct – Half Term Holiday

Fri 28th INSET Day

Fri 19th Dec – Last day of term

House Point Results Winning House

Roll over to next week

Cowdray Parham

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Goodwood Petworth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after the summer holidays. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and curiosity, and we are delighted with how calm and settled they have been as they have embraced their new routines, classrooms and teachers. Already, there has been so much fantastic learning happening across school, and it is a joy to see classrooms buzzing with energy and positivity.

This week, we have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of visitors from the local community into school as part of our *Living our Values* projects. They have helped us reflect on our core values of **Ambition, Belonging and Courage**, sharing their careers, hobbies and experiences with the children. We are so grateful for the time they gave, and for the memorable learning experiences they created for our children. More information and photos are below...

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents/carers for your support with our new morning drop-off system. The difference has been remarkable - mornings are calmer, transitions are smoother, and children are ready to learn from the very start of the day.

Ms Ley



IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Miss Evans
Year 5 Year Leader



Miss Evans is brand new to Billingshurst Primary but already knows that she absolutely loves it here. She can't wait to get involved with all of the wonderful events planned in the school calendar and get to know the families in our community.

Fun Fact:
Miss Evans loves anything that gets her adrenaline going: she's been skydiving and especially enjoys cave jumping.

Hobbies: Yoga, walking her dog (Rory), reading, paddleboarding and going to gigs.



Living our Values



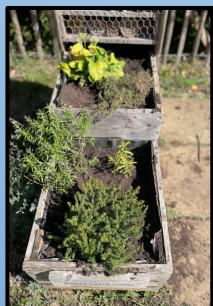
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We are so grateful to all our visitors for giving up their time and for sharing their enthusiasm with our wonderful children throughout our first week back.

Across school, children have kick started this year by exploring our school values through community projects and inspiring visits.

- **Year 1** enjoyed a visit from Najwa, who shared her lifelong ambition of beekeeping.
- **Year 2 and Year 5** met Carrie from Sussex Green Living, who inspired them to be ambitious in caring for our environment. She also helped Year 2 plan ways to make our outdoor spaces more wildlife-friendly.
- **Year 3** listened to Mr Gooderham talk about how the village has changed over the years, inspiring them to write letters to local care home residents.
- **Year 4** welcomed David and Pat from Billingshurst Allotments, who shared the joy of belonging to a growing community and passed on their top gardening tips.
- **Year 2 and Year 5** also heard from our local firefighters about the courage it takes to help others in emergencies.
- **Year 6** spoke with Faye and Paul from Billingshurst Parish Council about how young people can have a voice in their community.

A huge thank you to all our visitors for giving their time and enthusiasm – our children gained so much from your support.



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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.



Reading Volunteers

Each year, we have a fantastic group of volunteers who come into school to read with our children. If you would like to be a volunteer this year, please contact Mrs Cobden, gcobden@billingshurstprimary.org.uk with your availability. If you volunteered last year, please do email her to share your interest again. Many thanks.

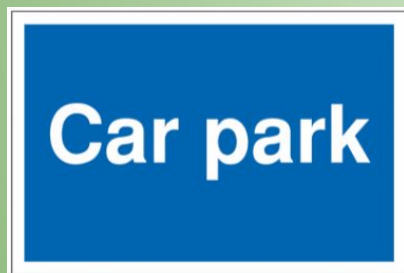


Notices



Clubs

All Clubs, apart from Pottery, start next week and details have been shared via email. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.



A reminder that the car park barrier should not be used to access school. During the day, the side gate next to the barrier can be used to access school by pressing the buzzer. At drop off and pick up times, all parents/carers and children should use the main double gates. Thank you for your support with this to ensure we all stay safe.

BPA Bees

We would like to welcome all of the new families to the school. We run a number of fundraising events throughout the year, to enhance the experience for all children. Please look out for our updates in each week's newsletter and follow us on social media by clicking the links below...

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/bpabees>

Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/bpa_bees

If you would like to find out more about joining us, please email bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk



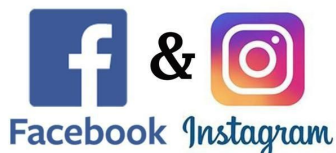
Uniform Sale - We will be holding our first 2nd hand uniform sale of the school year next Friday, 12th September. Find us after school, under the KS1 canopy. Cash and card donations accepted.

Quiz Night - There is still time to book a table at our quiz night on Friday 26th September. £30 for teams of up to 6 people. For more details and to book, please go to

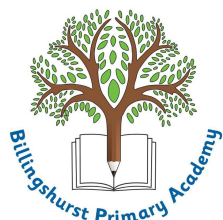
[Fundraising Quiz Night Tickets, Fri 26 Sep 2025 at 18:45 | Eventbrite.](#)



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