



Newsletter Friday 16th January 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

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| Wed 21st | Yr 5 & 6 talented athletes (Weald) | 1.00-4.00pm |
| Wed 21st | Yr 4 Lodgehill Parents' meeting | 3.30pm |
| Thurs 22nd | KS2 choir O2 trip | all day |
| Fri 23rd | EYFS games with parents | 8.40-8.55am |
| | Chinese New Year celebrated in assembly | |
| Mon 26th | Yr 2 Visit from Zoolab | |
| Wed 28th | Yr 5 Lodgehill Parents' meeting | 3.30pm |
| Thurs 29th | Yr 3 Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace | |
| Fri 30th | EYFS games with parents | 8.40-8.55am |
| Fri 30th | Final Payment deadline for Y4+5 Lodge Hill Residentials | |

House Point Results Winning House

Cowdray

Cowdray
701

Parham
511

Goodwood
500

Petworth
529

Dear Families,

This year is the **National Year of Reading**, a celebration of the joy and importance of reading. As a school, we will be marking this special year by promoting reading across all year groups through a range of exciting events, shared reading experiences, and engaging classroom activities. We will also be encouraging reading for pleasure both at school and at home, helping children to see reading as something that is not only important, but also meaningful and enjoyable.

For more information about the National Year of Reading and how families can get involved, please visit:

- <https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families>
- <https://www.nationalyearofreading.org.uk>

We are also currently looking to appoint a new **Parent Governor** to join our governing body. This important role gives parents and carers a valuable voice in shaping the strategic direction of the school and supporting positive outcomes for all pupils. We warmly encourage any interested parents or carers to consider this rewarding opportunity to make a real difference to our school community.



Finally, next week we are very much looking forward to our **KS2 choir attending Young Voices at the O2 Arena**. This is always a truly memorable experience for the children and promises to be a fantastic day – and night – of singing, celebration and shared joy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,
Miss Ley

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is slightly lower than where we would like it to be. Please make every effort to ensure your children are in school and ready to learn.

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| 94.3% | This year |
| 94.6% | National Average YTD |

Miss Wharmby is our newest member of the BPA team and has joined us in the office. Previously, she has worked in finance for a housing association. She has a young family and enjoys living in the village.

Fun Fact:
Miss Wharmby has a twin brother called Ross! She is the eldest by 15 minutes!

Hobbies:
Crafting, listening to music, spending time with family.



Year 5&6 - Rugby

This week, we took three teams to this year's rugby tournament, giving every squad member the chance to shine. Competing against 8 local schools, our players showed fantastic teamwork, skill and sportsmanship throughout. We're proud that Reds and Yellows won their groups with Blues finishing third after some hard-fought matches. A big thank you to Pulborough Rugby Club and Guy Baxter for their continued support. Well done to all involved!



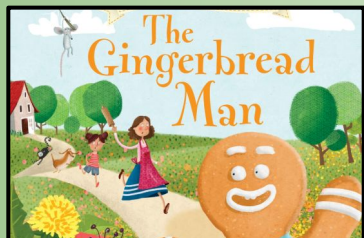
Year 1 - Art - Watercolours

Year 1 have loved experimenting with watercolours, exploring wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry techniques. They especially enjoyed splattering paint and watching the colours spread! Inspired by artists Paul Klee and Emma Burleigh, the children recreated parts of their favourite works and are excited to create their own watercolour pieces.



EYFS - Gingerbread making!

Early Years Gingerbread! Last week, our Early Years children were exploring the traditional tale The Gingerbread Man. To bring the story to life, on Friday they followed a recipe and baked their very own gingerbread men! The children carefully weighed out the ingredients, observed the changes as the mixture melted and baked, and everyone had a turn kneading and rolling out the dough. The classrooms were filled with the wonderful smell of gingerbread throughout the day!



Year 4 - Rivers

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to their new topic and the Spring term! The children enjoyed a dedicated morning creating huge river-themed artwork using mixed media on long pieces of paper. Every child took part, contributing to a collaborative piece that is now proudly displayed in classrooms and shared display areas across the Year 4 corridor. Although each class worked with the same materials and followed the same task, it was fascinating to see how differently each class and group interpreted the activity. The results were all equally stunning and truly showcased the children's creativity. A beautiful and inspiring start to the topic!



Parent Governor Wanted!



We are seeking a new Parent/Carer Governor to join our Governing Body.

*Rewarding, voluntary position
Meetings held every half term
No prior educational experience required*

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Summer Fun Day - We are looking for sponsors for this year's Summer Fun Day, which is being held on **Saturday 6th June**. Please see the poster on the next page for the range of packages available. Contact us via email: bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk.

Party Pack - Do you have a birthday party coming up? Did you know, the BPA Bees have an eco-friendly party pack you can hire. It's full of colourful, reusable tableware. Email us to find out more: bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk.

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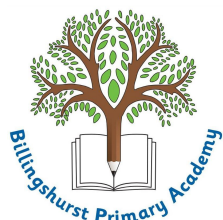
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 - 3 X Newsletter mentions
 - 3 X social media mentions
- Banner on Station Road for 3 months

£500

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£50

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STATION ROAD
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HALF PAGE £75

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