



# Newsletter Friday 28th March 2025

Ambition Belonging Courage

## Key dates:

- Monday 31st March** Science Week
- Tuesday 1st April** Yr 3 Ukulele concerts - KS2 Hall  
**Rosen class 1.50pm start**  
**Henn class 2.20pm start**  
**Cowell class 2.50pm start**  
 Year 6 Hoodie ordering deadline
- Wednesday 2nd April** EYFS and KS1 Easter bonnet Parade  
 SEND coffee and catch up 2.50-3.10pm
- Thursday 3rd April** Open classrooms 2.45pm
- Friday 4th April** EYFS games with parents 8.40-8.55am  
 Easter Church Service  
**BREAK UP FOR EASTER**

## House Point Results Winning House Cowdray!

Cowdray	Parham
516	434
Goodwood	Petworth
432	482

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we say goodbye to Bim, a member of our wonderful office team. We wish Bim lots of luck in her new role and will miss her lots.

Earlier this week, I met our new neighbourhood wardens, Louisa and Maria. They are very keen to develop links with the school and school's community. Maria and Louisa will be dropping into school each week during lunchtime to meet the children and be another friendly face should children wish to talk. They will also be attending the SEN coffee afternoon next Wednesday to talk about SEND links within the wider community.

Please look out for our feature in the Village Tweet - this will now be a regular monthly feature where we share with the village all of the wonderful learning at BPA.

Next Friday, 4th April, Years 1 to 6 will be walking to the church. Please let you class teacher know if you can volunteer to walk with us to and from the church.

Congratulations to Year 5 who returned from a successful stay at Lodge Hill. The teachers were very proud of how the children rose to the challenge of staying away and participated in all of the activities. Thank you to our dedicated staff for giving up their free time to take the children away.

Enjoy a hopefully sunny weekend and we will see you next week for the last week of the spring term.  
Ms Ley

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
Mr Chris Evans  
Governor

Chris has been a school governor since 2016 and has had 2 children at BPA. He has been primarily involved in the finance team but has also been deputy chair and monitored various subjects. Outside of school, Chris is a local electrician and is involved with the Scouts and the Weald School Greenpower Racing Team.

**Fun Fact:**  
Chris has been a local Scout Leader for 23 years!

**Hobbies:**  
Football, Formula 1 and Paddleboarding.



# Attendance reminder

Our attendance data is currently **95.7%** in comparison with national attendance data (which is **94.8%**). Well done everyone and keep up the good work.

## Every minute counts

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

- 5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed
- a score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year.

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

We want to work with you to improve attendance so every child has the chance to succeed. Please do arrange an appointment with Mr Matthews or Ms Ley should you have any worries or concerns about attendance.



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

# Year 5 - Lodge Hill



Year 5 had a fantastic time at Lodge Hill this week and all showed tremendous courage in many different ways throughout their residential. They learnt new skills, explored new surroundings and spent the night away from home! Well done to all of Year 5 for a fantastic few days! We hope you enjoy the photos below.





# Klassen Class Reward

Back in December, Klassen class worked hard to decorate their Christmas trug and were lucky enough to be winners! Recently, they used their prize money to treat themselves to a fun arts and crafts afternoon! Each child had their own canvas, along with sponges, stickers and a range of paints to bring their ideas to life. The children had an amazing time getting creative and expressing themselves.



## SEND Coffee Catch Up

 Our next SEND Coffee Catch Up is   
**Wednesday 2nd April 2.50-3.10pm.**  
We hope to see you there!

## Lost Property

Is your child missing a school jumper or a water bottle? Please remember to check the lost property boxes in the front entrance.....we have over 20 jumpers without names on ready to be reunited with its owners and many more items of clothing! We will clear these during the Easter holidays so please come and check before they go.



## Eco team - Keyring sale

**Wednesday 2nd April 3:20pm**

The Year 6 eco team will be selling their creations for 50p each! Come along to the covered area outside the main entrance and choose one of these fantastic accessories!



Chartwells Catering have vacancies!

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or call me on 07867 550487

## Billingshurst Cricket Club

Please find below links for families to sign up for All stars and Dynamos cricket with Billingshurst Cricket Club.

**All Stars (5-8 ages)**

**Dynamos (8-11 ages)**



## MEETING

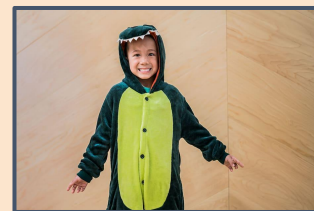
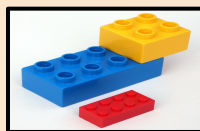


Our Neighbourhood Wardens (Billingshurst) Maria and Louisa warmly invite parents and carers of SEN children to their next meeting in Billingshurst on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10am** at The Depot.

# Second hand toy request for KS1

We are in desperate need of any second hand Duplo bricks or dressing up costumes for our KS1 children. If you have any at home you could donate, we would gladly accept any donations.

**SECOND  
HAND**



# 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.



# Country Dancing Club



On Wednesday afternoon, the Country Dancing club visited Derwent Lodge to dance for the residents. After only dancing together for a term, they performed seven dances confidently from memory and had great fun whilst doing it! We can't wait for our next visit. Thank you to Derwent Lodge for inviting us, being so welcoming and for the lovely end of dance refreshments!



# 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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## BPA Bees



**Welly Walk** - Donations have now reached **£1,750!** A final total is still to be announced, once we have calculated the gift aid. This money will be split equally between the school and Comic Relief.

**Table Top Sale** - Join us on **Sunday 27th April** in the KS2 Hall. Seller tables are £12 and can be booked by emailing [bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk). For buyers on the day, entry is £1 per adult (children go free).

**Summer Fun Day** - Don't forget this event is being held earlier than in previous years. Please save the date: **Saturday 7th June**. More details about the day will be released after Easter.

Thank you to Hydrachem for sponsoring our Summer Fun Day!



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