



Newsletter Friday 17th April 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

20th April	EYFS Farm at school
21st April	Year 5 - Planetarium at school
22nd April	KS2 Sing Afternoon with Emily Barden
30th April	Year 3 - Online lesson with the British Museum
7th May	Year 2 - West Wittering Beach Trip

Summer Term - Key Dates

Starts: Monday 13 April

Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Ends: Friday 17 July

House Point Results Winning House

Goodwood

Cowdray 619 Parham 599

Goodwood 643 Petworth 622

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break and were able to enjoy some special time together as a family.

It has been fantastic to see the children return to school so positively, ready for the summer term ahead. There is certainly much to look forward to over the coming weeks, with a wide range of exciting learning opportunities, trips and events planned. Learning has already got off to a flying start this week, with wonderful immersion experiences taking place across the school as children begin to explore their new topics with enthusiasm and curiosity. If you would like to find out more about what your child will be learning this term, all Learning Webs are now available on the year group pages of our website.

The Willows, our wraparound provision, has had a fantastic start, providing a calm and welcoming environment for children at the beginning and end of the day. Over the next few weeks, do keep an eye on the newsletter, as we will be sharing more information and introducing members of the Willows team.

Beyond the classroom, our Eco Team have once again demonstrated great pride in their community through their recent litter picking efforts—an excellent example of our values in action. This half term, we are also focusing on our 'Self Managers' learning gear, supporting children to develop independence, resilience and a positive mindset in their learning. You will find some helpful suggestions in this newsletter to support this development at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to an exciting and successful term ahead.

Warm regards,
Ms Ley

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Mrs Mason

Mrs Mason has worked at BPA for 11 years, mainly in Key Stage 1. Mrs Mason loves working in Early Years and giving the children a wonderful start to their school journey.

Fun Facts:
Mrs Mason has walked up 2 of the tallest mountains in the UK. She has also been scuba diving and skiing in Australia.

Hobbies:
Mrs Mason enjoys participating in scentwork trials with her dog Otis. She loves reading a good book before going to bed.



SEND Support for Families

We are pleased to share information about a range of services and resources to support children and their families, particularly around additional needs and wellbeing. We hope you find these useful. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's needs, Mrs Alford, our SENCo, is always available to offer support and guidance.

Autism Central

Autism Central is a free NHS-funded national service providing autism support for parents, families and wider support networks of all autistic people.

[Autism support for parents, families and support networks: information for professionals | Autism Central](#)



Empathy Lab

EmpathyLab develops, activates, and celebrates the power of stories to increase real-life empathy.

[EmpathyLabUK – Raise an empathy-educated generation](#)



Charlie Waller Trust

The Charlie Waller Foundation offer a range of courses for families on a range of common issues raised by parents.

[For parents and carers | Charlie Waller Trust](#)



Mental Healthline

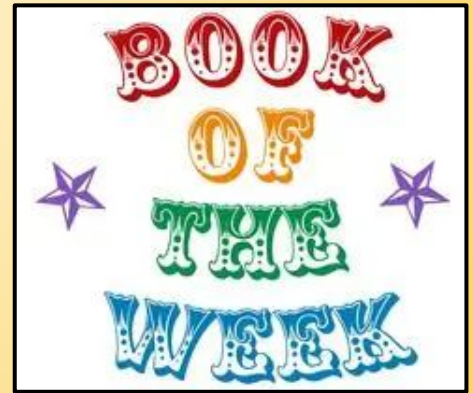
The Sussex Mental Healthline has been replaced with NHS 111 'select the mental health option'. Previously, NHS 111 'select the mental health option' could also be reached by calling the 0800 or 0300 number - these numbers will be discontinued.



Book of the Week!

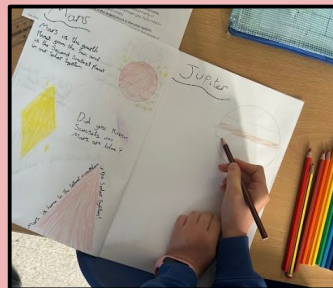
This week, Isabella from Year 4 recommends **The Hatmakers** series by **Tamzin Merchant**.

"I recommend these books because they are full of magic and excitement. Cordelia Hatmaker is the main character and when her boat sinks during a voyage, Cordelia floats back to the mainland in a hat box. She has to use a special map to try and find her lost father, which leads her to different magical islands! I would recommend these books to people who like adventure books like Harry Potter."



Year 5 - Space Immersion

On Monday, Year 5 spent an exciting morning exploring their Science topic: Space. They learned about the upcoming Artemis II mission, discovered a mnemonic to help remember the order of the planets, and created some fantastic painted models of the solar system. The children also showed great creativity in how they chose to present their research about our galaxy. We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms soon, where you'll be able to see their wonderful work on display!



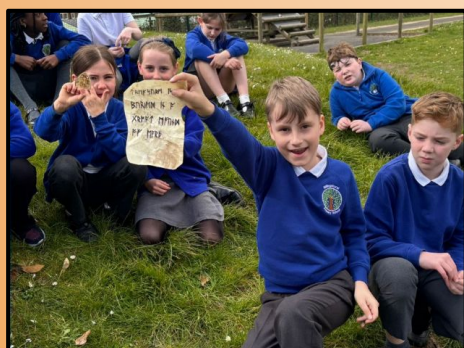
The Willows

Our before and after school provision, The Willows, has had a fantastic start. The children have settled quickly and are clearly enjoying their time, building friendships and taking part in a range of activities. It provides a calm, welcoming start and end to the school day, supporting both pupils and families. There are still places available on some days. Visit our website www.billingshurstprimary.org.uk/bpawac for more information.



Year 4 - Saxons Immersion

Year 4 had an incredible Saxon immersion day this week! They fully engaged in a range of exciting, hands-on activities that truly brought history to life. They worked as a TEAM to translate Saxon runes, using their problem-solving skills to uncover clues and discover hidden treasure. They also enjoyed listening to fascinating Saxon myths, helping them explore the beliefs and storytelling traditions of the time, and examined a variety of artefacts - asking thoughtful questions and making observations about how people lived in the past.



ECO Team - Litter Picking

Our School Eco Team was out in force yesterday, working together to clear a significant amount of rubbish from Station Road Gardens and the area by the Leisure Centre. Their efforts are a fantastic example of how our children take pride in their local environment and make a positive contribution to the community. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and teamwork. Our next litter pick will take place on Thursday 14th May, and everyone is very welcome to join us.



Learning Gear Focus

This half term, our focus learning gear is *Self Managers*. Our *Self Managers* learning gear helps children grow into confident, independent learners. In school, children are encouraged to take risks, understanding that mistakes are a normal and valuable part of the learning process. They learn to manage their behaviour, attitudes and emotions so they are ready to learn, as well as how to organise their time and resources effectively.

Children develop an awareness of their own strengths and how to use them, while recognising that effort, resilience and a positive mindset are key to success. We also celebrate that every child is unique, and that being themselves is something to be proud of.

At home you could:

Encourage independence: Give children small responsibilities and chances to do things for themselves.

Praise effort, not just results: Talk positively about trying hard, persevering and learning from mistakes.

Normalise mistakes: Share times when you've made a mistake and what you learned from it.

Support organisation: Help children plan their time, prepare resources and follow routines.

Talk about strengths: Help children recognise what they're good at and how they can use those strengths.

Promote a positive mindset: Use language like "You can't do this yet" to reinforce growth and resilience.

Celebrate individuality: Remind children that everyone is different and that being themselves is something to celebrate.





4TY THE YOUTH BILLINGSHURST PARISH COUNCIL

BILLINGSHURST YOUTH CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM - 8PM
OPEN TO ANYONE IN SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 8 FROM ANY SCHOOL

MEMBERS PAY JUST £2 ENTRY PER SESSION NON MEMBERS PAY £3

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BFC Toddlers

Mondays (Term time)
10-11:30am

Billingshurst Community Centre
 Roman Way RH14 9QW

FREE - 1st week & for babies under 1
 £2 per child
 £1 per additional child

bfc Billingshurst Family Church



Find adverts from local community groups/clubs on our website!
[CLICK HERE!](#)

BPA Bees

Bingo Night - Friday 24th April - There's still time to book your ticket! £5 per person (plus booking fee) for 5 games. There will also be a raffle and mini games, with some great prizes to be won. Bring your own drinks and snacks. For more details and to book, please go to: [Fundraising Bingo Night Tickets, Friday, Apr 24, 2026 from 7 pm to 10 pm | Eventbrite](#). Please note you must be 18+ to attend.

Summer Fun Day - Saturday 6th June - Had a sort out during the Easter holidays? We are looking for donations of unused (or very good condition second-hand) adult/child tombola gifts, as well as sweets, wine and soft toys. These can be left in our green trug outside the school office.

We would like to say a big thank you to Henry Adams who are our GOLD sponsor for this year's event!

London Marathon - One of our lovely bees, Hannah, is running this year's marathon on Sunday 26th April. Hannah is taking on this amazing challenge to raise awareness of Gestational Trophoblastic Disease (GTD), raising money for the Cancer Treatment and Research Trust (CTRT). You can read Hannah's story here: [The Cancer Treatment and Research Trust: Hannah's page](#).

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BINGO NIGHT
 24TH APRIL - 7PM
 EYES DOWN 7:30PM

5 GAMES FOR £5!

RAFFLE AND OTHER GAMES
 BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES
 BINGO DABBERS FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT
 18+ ONLY

Henry Adams
 estate agents



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