



# Newsletter Friday 1st May 2026

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## Key dates for your diary:

Mon 4th	BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 6th	KS1 Multi-skills event, Weald - 1.30-3.00pm
w/c 11th	Year 6 SATs week
Wed 13th	Y3 & 4 Tri-golf - 2.00-4.00pm
Wed 13th	Yr 1 Phonics screening parent meeting - 3.30-4.00pm
Fri 15th	KS2 Jenny McLachlan author visit
	KS1 Lizzy Barnes author visit

## House Point Results Winning House

**Parham**

Cowdray	Parham
430	486
Goodwood	Petworth
481	427

Dear Families,

What a lovely week it's been in school! The sunshine has certainly helped, and it's been great to see the children making the most of it with so much learning taking place outdoors. There's been a real buzz around the school, with plenty of energy, curiosity and lots of smiles along the way.

Today's **Earth Day** celebrations have been a real highlight. The children have shown such thoughtfulness and creativity, particularly through the wonderful poems written across the school - there were some truly powerful messages shared, and it was a pleasure to see how deeply they engaged with the theme. We were also very proud to release our song, **A Call To Action**, which brings together the children's ideas and voices so brilliantly. Do have a listen on our social media channels if you can - we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

We've also been excited to welcome our bees this week, which has already sparked lots of interest and questions from the children! Once they've settled in, the children will be spending time learning all about them with Mr Matthews and Mr Cowdery - something we're really looking forward to as part of our wider learning about the natural world.

As the weather continues to improve, a gentle reminder to please ensure children come to school with sun cream already applied, and that they bring a hat and a water bottle each day. If these items are clearly labelled, it really helps us keep track of them and make sure they don't get lost.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Wishing you a sunny and relaxing weekend.

Ms Ley

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
Miss Watson

Miss Watson has recently joined BPA and is enjoying working in Year 5. She is also a parent at the school and lives in the village. Miss Watson has worked in schools before and is enjoying working within her local community. She has a dog and a cat (Neo and Squishy).

**Fun Facts:**  
Miss Watson collects trainers and once had a pet snake!

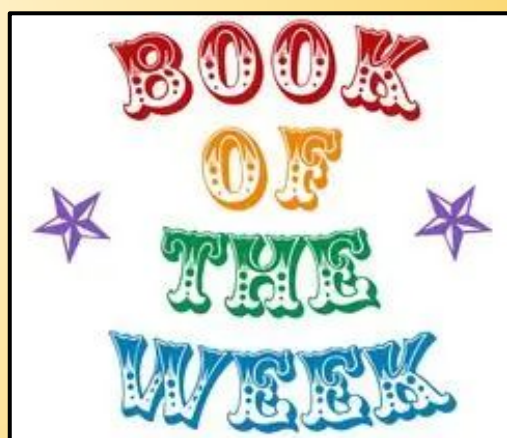
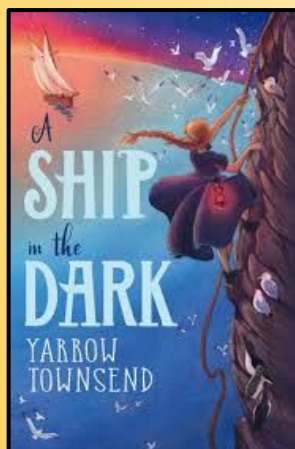
**Hobbies:**  
Rollerblading, ice skating, reading, arts and crafts, baking, spending time with the family, long walks!



# Book of the Week!

This week, Penny from Year 6 has chosen **A Ship in the Dark** by Yarrow Townsend.

Penny says: "It's a story about a girl who's dad is taken by smugglers! She has to go on an adventure to find him and bring him back. I like this book because it has great characters and is set in the past so I could learn about England in a different time period. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes an adventure or mystery story."



## The Willows

### A catch up with Miss Spiceley...

**What's your role at Willows and what do you enjoy most about it?**

I am the after school club leader. I enjoy planning fun activities and spending time with children from lots of different year groups.

**If you could have any superpower during club time, what would it be and why?**

The power to tidy up with my eyes! The children are great at keeping things tidy but we have so many things to play with it would be great to move them like Matilda!

**What do you think makes Willows special?**

The relationships between staff and children.

**Favourite children's book or film?**

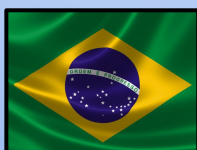
Room on the Broom! I love any Julia Donaldson!

**Favourite snack?**

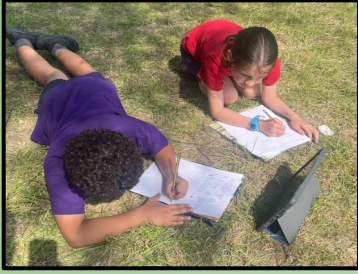
Avocado on toast.

**Dream holiday destination?**

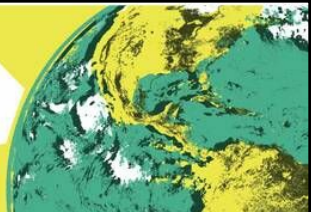
Brazil!



# Earth Day Celebration



EVERY DAY IS  
EARTH DAY





# Year 3 - Online History Lesson

This week, Year 3 were lucky enough to take part in a live online lesson with an expert from the British Museum. They learned how to become myth busters by carefully observing and deciphering ancient artefacts. The children put their skills to the test in a quiz - and got every single question correct! They then spent the rest of the day applying their enquiry skills, exploring and learning more about the gods and goddesses that people once believed in. It was a fantastic day of curiosity, discovery, and brilliant thinking!



## Are you following us online?

Stay connected with everything happening at  
**Billingshurst Primary Academy!**



Find us on  
**Facebook**



Follow us on  
**Instagram**

We post regularly throughout the week, sharing real moments from across our school so you can feel connected to your child's learning and experiences.



When you follow us, you'll see:



Photos from lessons and classroom learning



Trips, residential and enrichment activities



Celebrations of achievements and special events



A window into daily school life across all year groups



**We love building a strong online community!**

We warmly encourage you to:



Like our posts



Comment and celebrate with us



Share updates with family and friends

Your support helps us celebrate our pupils and strengthens our school community.



**Follow us today** and be part of our school journey!

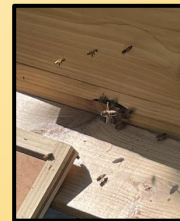


# Our Bees have arrived!

We're delighted to share some exciting news from our school grounds — our bees have officially arrived! This marks a wonderful step forward in enriching our outdoor learning environment and creating new opportunities for children to engage with nature in a meaningful, hands-on way. From understanding ecosystems to exploring sustainability and responsibility, the presence of our bees will support learning across a range of subjects while fostering curiosity and care for the natural world.

Thanks to Mr Matthews and Mr Cowdery for their hard work and dedication in making this initiative possible. Their efforts have helped bring this fantastic opportunity to life for our school community.

We look forward to sharing more updates as our beekeeping journey begins!



# Out of School Achievement!

Last weekend, Glen took part in a Cubs swimathon, setting himself a goal of 12 lengths— an ambitious target given his limited swimming experience.

In an incredible display of determination, Glen far exceeded expectations, swimming an amazing mile (64 lengths)!

He showed real perseverance and resilience! Well done Glen!



# Our Values



## Ambition

Ambition at Billingshurst Primary Academy means encouraging every child to aim high and do their best. We support pupils to take on challenges, build confidence and feel proud of their achievements. Through a broad and engaging curriculum, children develop their interests, have a voice, and take on responsibilities within school. Our staff are also supported to grow and lead. Together, we create a positive environment where everyone is motivated to succeed and reach their full potential.

# Year 2 - DT Tasting

Year 2 have kicked off their Design & Technology project by tasting and evaluating different flapjacks! They explored appearance, taste, and texture to help them start designing their own creations. We can't wait to see (and maybe taste!) the final results—watch this space!



## PARENT SURVEY

Your views. Our school. Our future.



Over 2 weeks, The Governing Body is asking parents/carers, pupils and staff to complete a short survey so that we can gather your views and build a complete picture of the school.



Our online survey for parents and carers is now open — we'd love to hear your views.



The survey should take no more than **5-10 minutes** to complete and is enormously helpful to us in terms of understanding what we are doing well and what we still need to do to improve.



In order for us to be able to rely on the information collected, we really need to receive as many responses as possible to ensure we are capturing the views of **all** our families.



The survey closes on **Friday 8th May**, after which time members of the Governing Body will review the responses.



Thank you for your time and support.

Have your say!

Scan the QR code to respond:



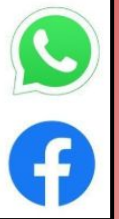
OR

visit the link below:

[www.billinghurstprimary.org.uk/survey2026](http://www.billinghurstprimary.org.uk/survey2026)



### SCAM ALERT



Parents are advised to be aware of a scam targeting school groups. Individuals are joining **WhatsApp and Facebook** groups, posing as parents and offering event tickets they cannot use. In one case, a scammer attempted to obtain £1000 before being identified.

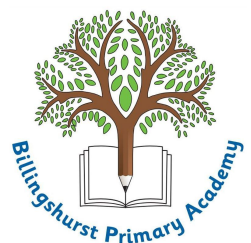
**Please stay cautious**—do not send money to people you don't know and always verify ticket offers. If something seems suspicious, do not engage. **Thank you for helping keep our community safe.**

# QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

Save the date for our next quiz night!

Booking details coming soon.





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



This week, our Newsletter Podcast has been recorded by Gosha and Ellie, Year 5!

Click the button below to have a listen!



# BPA Bees

**Summer Fun Day - Saturday 6th June -** Join us for our biggest fundraising event of the year! There will be food trucks, inflatables, a silent disco, tombolas and much more.

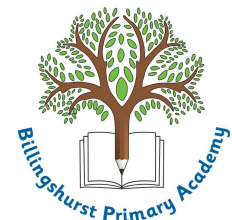
We are continuing to collect donations of unused or very good condition second-hand adult/child gifts, that we can use as raffle/tombola prizes, as well as sweets, wine and soft toys. These can be left in our green trug, outside the school office.

**Home Instead Godalming** is delighted to be sponsoring the Billingshurst Primary Academy Summer Fun Day. Keeping you healthy and independent to enjoy later life.

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