



# Newsletter Friday 8th May 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

## Key dates for your diary:

- 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
- Thurs 14th Year 3 Lodge Hill Residential Meeting - 3:30pm
- Fri 15th KS2 Jenny McLachlan author visit
- KS1 Lizzy Barnes author visit
- w/c 18th **Walk to School Week**

## House Point Results Winning House Petworth

Cowdray	Parham
601	516
Goodwood	Petworth
560	669

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and positive week at Billingshurst Primary Academy, with children across the school continuing to demonstrate our values of Ambition, Belonging and Courage in so many different ways. From exciting enrichment opportunities to creative curriculum experiences both in and out of the classroom, there has been a real sense of enthusiasm and engagement across the school this week.

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to West Wittering Beach, where they explored the coastline through a range of fun and hands-on activities, while Year 3 brought their history learning to life through their fascinating Ancient Egyptian mummification experiment! We are also looking forward to welcoming authors Jenny McLachlan and Abie Longstaff to the school soon, with lots of excitement already building among the children.

In this week's newsletter, you will also find information about our celebration assemblies, where we recognise and celebrate children's achievements both in and out of school. Don't forget to listen to this week's newsletter podcast, recorded by Ezie and Ted in Year 5, who have done a fantastic job sharing this week's news and highlights.

Looking ahead, next week will be an important one for our Year 6 pupils as they complete their SATs assessments. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout the year and wish them every success during the week ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us create such a positive, inclusive and thriving school community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Ley

Attendance has been	96.5%	Today
great this week!	95.0%	This year
Well done everyone!	94.7%	National Average YTD

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
Mrs Woodley  
Learning Support Assistant

Mrs Woodley has recently joined our school and brings with her over 30 years of experience working with children. She loves seeing the look on children's faces when they achieve something they have been working towards.

**Fun Facts:**  
While living in America, Mrs Woodley did a course to learn about handing moon rocks! Then, held rocks from the moon!

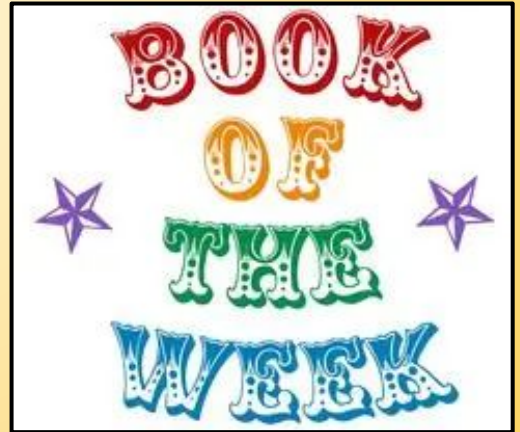
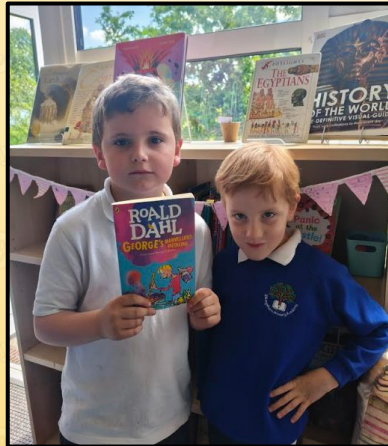
**Hobbies:**  
Singing, tap dancing, swimming, going to the theatre, walking on the beach.



# Book of the Week!

This week, Oscar and Jenson from Year 2, recommend George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl!

"We love this story because George is silly and doesn't listen to his wicked Grandma. We liked when he makes the medicine and Grandma drinks it and she grows really tall! We would recommend this book to anyone who likes mischief and books that make you giggle."



## The Willows

### A catch up with Mrs Hulcoop...

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

I do breakfast club 3 days a week and enjoy getting to know children from across the school.

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

The same powers as Mary Poppins to tidy everything up!

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

Seeing all the children make friendships across the year groups.

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

Room on the broom!

**Favourite snack?**

Maltesers

**Dream holiday destination?**

Alaska



# THE BOOK NOOK


Your local award-winning children's independent book shop.

## TWO AUTHORS

### ARE COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!

Get ready for an exciting week of stories, creativity and inspiration with two amazing children's authors!


**FRIDAY  
15TH MAY**



**Jenny McLachlan**

Author of the epic and funny *Land of Roar* series!  
She'll be sharing her love of reading and writing and signing books for pupils.


**MONDAY  
18TH MAY**



**Abie Longstaff**

Creator of the much-loved *Fairytale Hairdresser* series!  
She'll be reading her brand-new picture book *Little Bad Wolf* and creating stories with the children.

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**PRE-ORDERED BOOKS  
WILL BE SIGNED  
ON THE DAY!**




**BOOKS CAN ALSO BE  
PURCHASED AFTER SCHOOL  
ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.**




**AUTHOR TALKS  
and story  
inspiration**




**CREATIVITY  
and writing  
activities**



**INSPIRATION  
for young  
writers**



**FUN FOR  
the whole  
school!**



# Coming soon!

We're excited to welcome two fantastic authors to Billingshurst Primary Academy this month — Jenny McLachlan and Abie Longstaff! Children will enjoy inspiring stories, creative activities and signed books are available thanks to The Book Nook! Please order in advance.



# Monthly Articles In The Village Tweet!

**Did you know that Billingshurst Primary Academy features in the Village Tweet every month? Our articles celebrate the exciting learning, achievements and events happening across the school community — from inspiring classroom projects and sporting successes to performances, trips and special celebrations.**



**The Village Tweet is delivered free to more than 10,000 homes across Billingshurst and the surrounding villages, helping us share the fantastic experiences taking place at our school with the wider community. We are proud to be a regular contributor, keeping families and local residents informed and connected.**





**Midnight Walk - sign up now!**  
ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH  
May 2025



**Welcome Back to School**



**DELIVERED FREE TO ALL HOMES IN THE VILLAGE**



**Celebrating the National Year of Reading at Billingshurst Primary Academy**



**Bringing Our Community Together This Summer**



**Our School, Our Values, Our Community**



We hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful things happening across our school! ❤️

[www.billingshurstprimary.org.uk/villagetweet](http://www.billingshurstprimary.org.uk/villagetweet)

Thank you to The Village Tweet for continuing to support and celebrate our community links.

# Year 2 - Day at the beach!

Yesterday, our Year 2 children had a fantastic day at West Wittering Beach! The children enjoyed building sandcastles while learning about the tide, exploring the sand dunes, creating natural artwork, and taking part in fun team games linked to their learning about the coastline. They showed great enthusiasm throughout the day and represented the school brilliantly. A huge thank you went to the parents who supported the trip and helped make the day such a success!



## 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, residentials 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.

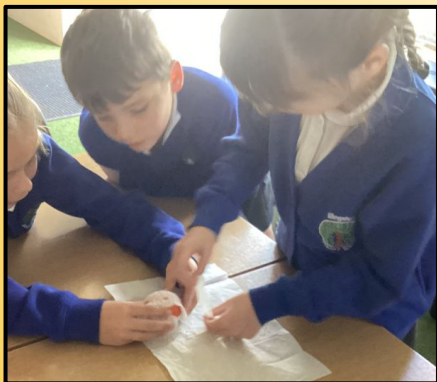


**Follow us today** and be part of our school journey!



# Year 3 - Mummification

This week, Year 3 explored how the Ancient Egyptians viewed the afterlife. They learnt that Ancient Egyptians believed life continued after death and that the soul would return to the body to live in eternal peace. The children also discovered that wealthy people were often mummified. To understand the process, they carried out their own mummification experiment using tomatoes! They carefully hollowed out the tomatoes, filled them with a salt mixture to dry them out, then wrapped them in bandages and left them somewhere warm. They are excited to check on their mummified tomatoes next week to see what has changed!



## Celebrating Achievements!

We love celebrating our children's achievements both in and out of school! During our KS1 and KS2 assemblies, children are invited to share certificates, medals, trophies and awards from clubs, sports and hobbies such as swimming, football, dance, martial arts and many more.

These special moments help build confidence, inspire others and allow us to recognise the fantastic efforts of our children. If your child has something they are proud of and would like to share in assembly, please send it in on a **Friday** and let their teacher know. We look forward to celebrating their successes together!



## Our Values



## Belonging

Belonging at Billingshurst Primary Academy means creating a caring and inclusive community where everyone feels valued, respected and safe. We celebrate differences and encourage children to support one another, build friendships and work together. Through pupil voice, leadership opportunities and an engaging curriculum, every child is encouraged to feel confident and included. We want all children and families to know they belong at Billingshurst Primary Academy and can thrive as part of our school community.



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

This week, our Newsletter Podcast has been recorded by Ted and Ezzie, Year 5!

Click the button below to have a listen!



## BPA Bees

**Summer Fun Day - Saturday 6th June** - Please see the email that has been sent out today with more details about the event. Raffle tickets will be coming home next week and should be returned to the school office by Friday 5th June.

To help out on the day, please sign up here:

[Volunteer Sign up - Online volunteer signup sheets - Summer Fun Day 2026 signup sheet](#)

We would like to thank **Silent Sounds** for sponsoring the event and for providing the silent disco on the day!

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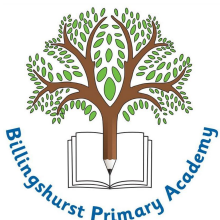
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