



Newsletter Friday 15th May 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

w/c 18th	Walk to School Week
Mon 18th	KS1 Author visit Abie Longstaff
Mon 18th	Yr 5&6 Quad kid athletics 3.30-5.15pm
Tues 19th	Yr 5&6 Swim gala 1.30-3.00pm
Tues 19th	EYFS open evening (2026 new intake)
Wed 20th	National Numeracy Day
Thurs 21st	EYFS 2026 (new intake) stay & play 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 22nd	Open Classroom 8.40 - 9.10am
26-30th	HALF TERM

House Point Results Winning House Petworth

Cowdray	Parham
419	451
Goodwood	Petworth
464	356

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and positive week at Billingshurst Primary Academy and it has been wonderful to see the children showing such enthusiasm, resilience and pride in all they do. From classrooms to sporting events, the children have represented the school brilliantly and continued to demonstrate our values each day. A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for the mature and positive way they approached SATs week. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, determination and the support they showed one another throughout the week. Thank you also to the BPA Bees for providing the SATs breakfast for the children and to our dedicated staff team, especially the Year 6 team, for going above and beyond to support and encourage them throughout the year.

Today, we were delighted to welcome author Jenny McLachlan into school and the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. It was lovely to see the excitement and engagement from the children and we look forward to sharing more about this in next week's newsletter. We also said goodbye this week to John, our much-loved lollipop man, as he begins his retirement after 12 years of dedicated service to our community. We thank him for all he has done for BPA families over the years and wish him a very happy retirement and all the very best for the future.

Next week is Walk to School Week and we encourage as many families as possible to take part where they can. Finally, a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school site at drop-off or collection times, including dogs being carried. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ms Ley

Attendance has been great this week!	96.0%	Today
Let's keep this up until half term!	94.8%	This year
	94.7%	National Average YTD

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 2026

- GOOD FOR OUR HEALTH**
Walking boosts mood, energy and wellbeing.
- GOOD FOR OUR PLANET**
Fewer cars mean cleaner air and a greener future.
- GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY**
Walking together builds friendships and safer streets.

Walk to school as much as you can, a great way to stay healthy, active and to be environmentally friendly too!

Whether you are walking the whole journey or just part of the way, every step counts!

We look forward to seeing everyone getting involved and enjoying the benefits of being active together!

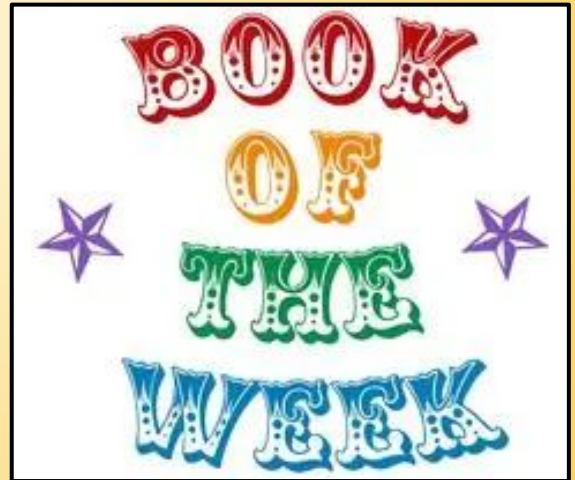
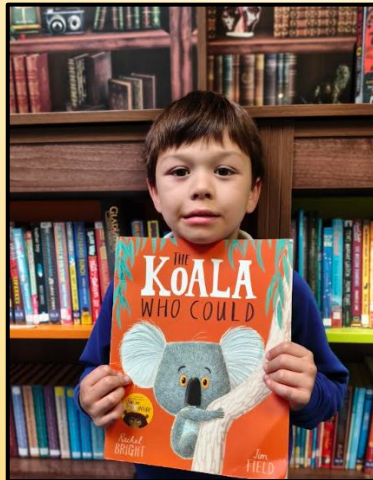
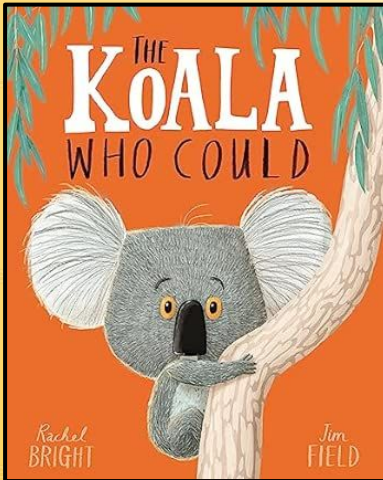
18th - 22nd MAY 2026
Find out more at livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school-week



Book of the Week!

This week Max from Year 1 shares one of his favourite books, **The Koala Who Could** by Rachel Bright.

"In this story Kevin, the koala, doesn't want to get out of his tree until one day the other animals have to help him so he could get to safety. I liked this story because it's funny and I really liked the pictures. I think people who like animals would love this book too."



The Willows

A catch up with Miss Christensen

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

I do breakfast club every morning and enjoy getting to know all the children, especially from across the school.

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

The power to duplicate myself so I could be in lots of different places at the same time.

What do you think makes Willows special?

How all the children mix together and enjoy spending time together.

Favourite children's book or film?

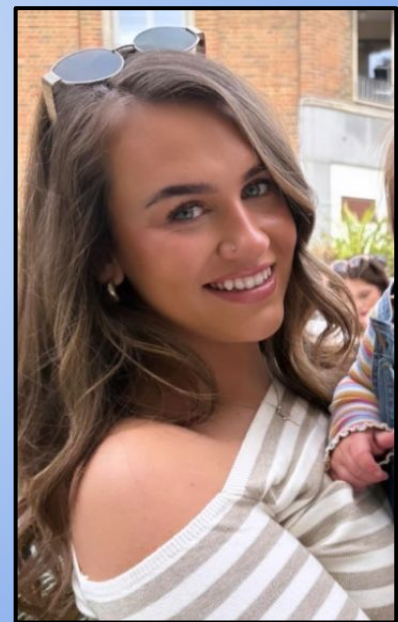
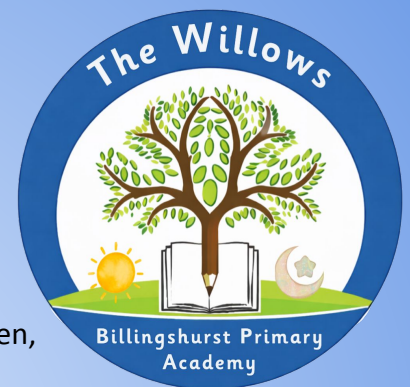
Toy Story!

Favourite snack?

Chocolate

Dream holiday destination?

Australia



Thank you, JOHN!

We would like to say a huge *'Thank you!'* to John, our Lollipop Man, who has retired after 12 years on our crossing.

John has helped so many of our community cross the road safely and is well known for his iconic phrase *'Cross now please!'*

Everyone at BPA would like to wish John all the very best for this next chapter.

We hope that the local council will appoint a new Lollipop Person for the crossing in the near future.

"Cross Now, Please" 



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Year 3+4 - Tri-golf

On Wednesday, a group of 10 children from Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a tri-golf event at The Weald. They enjoyed a range of activities designed to introduce them to putting and chipping, and all demonstrated amazing skills despite the challenging weather conditions!

The team proudly finished in 3rd place with an incredible score of 822 points. A special shout out went to Rory in Year 3, who may well follow in the footsteps of his namesake, Rory McIlroy, in the future!



Well done Year 6!

A huge congratulations to our amazing Year 6 children for completing their SATs this week! They have worked incredibly hard, approached every challenge with confidence and courage, and supported each other brilliantly throughout. We are all so proud of everything they have achieved!



EYFS - Dinosaurs

Over the past fortnight, the children in Early Years have been exploring the fascinating world of dinosaurs! They have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about these prehistoric creatures — even discovering how many teeth a T-Rex had! As part of their learning, the children used clay to create their very own dinosaurs. They carefully considered how to mould the clay, add key features, and make strong joins to keep their creations together. The results were INCREDIBLE! Each dinosaur had such clear and detailed features that visitors could easily identify them. Staff are incredibly proud of the creativity, problem-solving, and hard work shown by all of the children in Early Years. Well done, Early Years!



Support for Parents

Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.
Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

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Online Support

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Emotional Wellbeing

Support for parents to look
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Advice You Can Trust

Compassionate, expert advice
to help your family thrive.



*You don't have to
do it alone - we're
here for you.*



Year 2 - Flapjacks!

Year 2 have been busy developing their Design and Technology cooking skills this week! The children practised grating, cutting, weighing, and peeling, using each skill carefully and safely to make some delicious flapjacks. We are so proud of the children for being such fantastic self-managers as they learned new techniques and applied them independently. The best part of all was enjoying their yummy flapjacks at the end!



 **DOGS** 
ON SITE



A polite reminder to all parents and carers that **dogs are not permitted** on the school site at the beginning or end of the school day.

This includes small dogs being carried.



We appreciate that many families are dog owners, but this measure helps us to keep all children safe and comfortable during busy drop-off and collection times.

 **Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with this.** 

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.



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



This week, our Newsletter Podcast has been recorded by Oscar and Olivia in Year 5!

Click the button below to have a listen!



BPA Bees

Summer Fun Day - Saturday 6th June - We need your help to make the day a success! To give an hour of your time (or more) please sign up here: [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Summer Fun Day 2026 signup sheet](#). Please check book bags for raffle tickets that should have come home. Please return these to the school office by Friday 5th June.

We would like to thank **M.M.Motors** for sponsoring the event!

Quiz Night - Friday 3rd July - Join us for an evening of fun! Teams of up to 6 are £30 (plus booking fee). For smaller teams, please contact us. For more information and to book, please go to: [Fundraising Quiz Night Tickets, Friday 3 July](#)
• 6:45 PM - 10 PM | [Eventbrite](#).



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