



Newsletter Friday 22nd May 2026

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Tues 2nd	KS2 Choir Big Sing
Wed 3rd	Yr 3 trip to Wakehurst Place
Wed 3rd	Send Coffee Morning 8:40- 9:45am
Thur 4th	Downscape Concert, Champs Hill
Fri 5th	Home clothes day - cake donations for Summer Fun Day
Sat 6th	SCHOOL SUMMER FUN DAY
W/c 8th	Yr 4 Multiplication Check

House Point Results Winning House

Cowdray

Cowdray	Parham
667	560
Goodwood	Petworth
525	586

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful end to the final week of term! It was absolutely wonderful to see so many of you at our **Open Classrooms** event this morning. Walking around the school, it was a joy to see so many proud faces on both our children and their parents.

Despite it being the last week of term, the children have been working incredibly hard and showing immense enthusiasm for their learning. Today, the school grounds have truly been alive with activity, from Year 4 enjoying Forest School and various sports sessions, to an incredibly special event where our Year 6 students treated the EYFS children to an ice lolly as a thank you for their patience during SATs week.

Speaking of our youngest learners, this week we also officially welcomed our **new EYFS intake and their families**. It is always such an exciting time of the year when we introduce the next generation of the BPA family to our school community.

I hope you all have a wonderful, well-deserved break. Thank you for all of your continued support this term and for contributing to making our school the fantastic place it is.

Have a wonderful half term!
Ms Ley



KS1 Author Visit!

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome children's author, **Abie Longstaff**, to school! Abie shared that she has written an incredible 60 books and read her story *Little Fairy Godmother*, all about how the fairy godmother got her powers. The children listened beautifully throughout. The excitement continued as the children helped Abie create a brand-new story inspired by *Jack and Jill*. Together, they imagined all sorts of challenges along the way — including snakes and even dinosaurs guarding the water! Abie encouraged the children to see themselves as authors too by creating their own books and stories. Perhaps over the holidays, your child might feel inspired to write their very own adventure!



KS2 Author Visit!

Last Friday, our KS2 children were treated to an unforgettable visit from the brilliant children's author **Jenny McLachlan**! Her bestselling Roar series has long been a favourite amongst our pupils, so excitement was high as Jenny brought the magical world of Roar to life.

The children were completely captivated as Jenny shared stories about her inspiration and adventures in Roar. Some lucky pupils even had the chance to step into the story themselves by acting out scenes from the books — and we may even have come face-to-face with a few of Roar's dragons!

The visit ended with a book signing, where Jenny took time to chat with the children, answer their fantastic questions, and sign copies of her books. It was a truly memorable experience that inspired imaginations and sparked even more enthusiasm for reading. A huge thank you to The Lion's Bookshop and The Book Nook for helping to make this exciting event possible!





SHARE A BOOK. SHAPE OUR LIST.

Help us build our

100 BOOKS TO READ

chosen by our school community!



We want to hear your favourite books! Whether it's a story that made you laugh, inspired you, or is a must-read for every child, we'd love your recommendation.



Your suggestions will help us create our very own 100 Books to Read list to inspire and excite our children.



It's quick, easy, and makes a big impact!

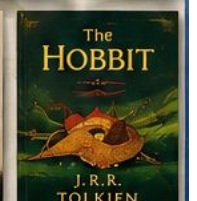
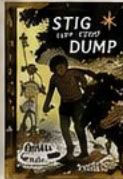
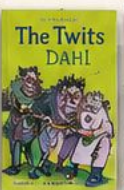
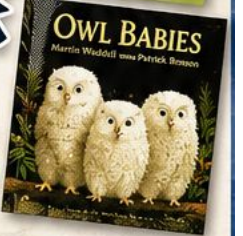
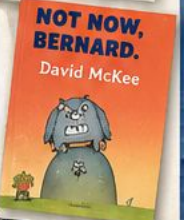
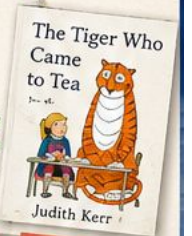
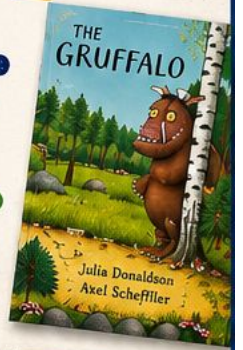
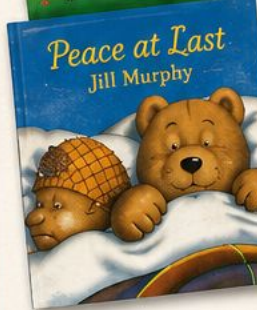
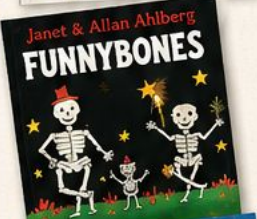
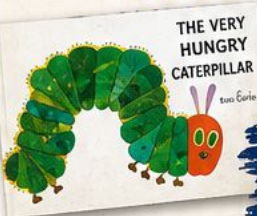
SHARE YOUR RECOMMENDATION!

CLICK HERE

to share your book recommendation!

Every recommendation counts!

LET'S CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING!



Thank you for helping us build a list that reflects our amazing community!

Eco Team - Solar Farm Visit

Our KS2 Eco Team, along with a representative from each class, enjoyed an inspiring visit to our local solar farm at Five Oaks! They learned all about how renewable energy is generated and how solar power can help protect our environment. Did you know? The solar farm has been at Five Oaks since 2011 and can produce an incredible ONE MILLION watts on a good day! There are 21,276 solar panels covering an area the size of 28 football pitches! The children also discovered that solar panels face south in the UK, while in Australia they would face north — and Henry from Year 6 impressed everyone by explaining that around the equator, solar panels would lie flat! Our Eco Team represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm, curiosity, and thoughtful questions. We are so proud of them!



The Willows

A catch up with Mr Keohane

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

During after school club I spend most of my time outdoors on the playground and field playing games!

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

The power to teleport! Then I can be in multiple places at once.

What do you think makes Willows special?

The activities that are organised for the children.

Favourite children's book or film?

Harry Potter

Favourite snack?

Jaffa cakes!



Something special Mr Keohane wants to share...

ARSENAL ARE CHAMPIONS!

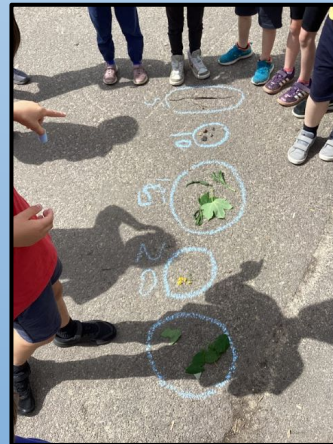
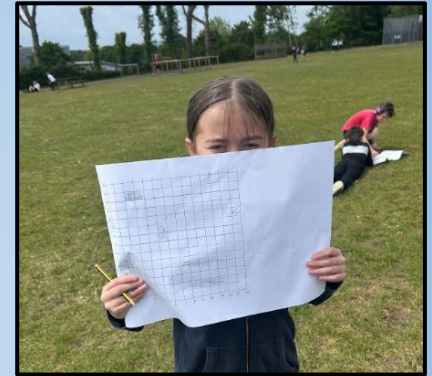


National Numeracy Day!

National Numeracy Day was a fantastic opportunity for pupils across the school to explore maths in fun, practical and outdoor ways.

- **Reception** explored, collected and counted natural objects.
- **Year 1** practised counting in 5s using natural resources.
- **Year 2** measured trees and created rulers in Forest School.
- **Year 3** took part in active outdoor maths challenges.
- **Year 4** completed coordinate mapping and Battleships activities.
- **Year 5** measured angles around the school grounds using protractors.
- **Year 6** tackled a numeracy escape room and real-life measuring tasks outdoors.

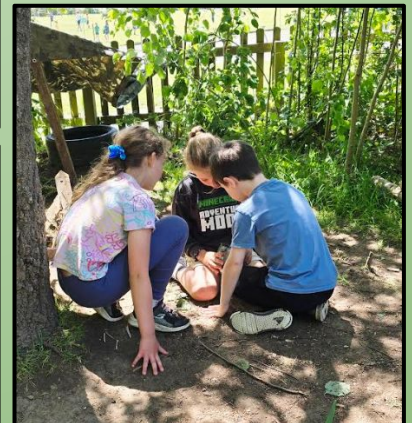
It was wonderful to see the children applying their maths skills through teamwork, investigation and problem-solving activities.

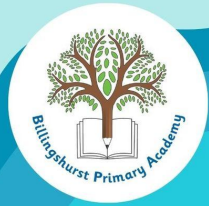


Year 4 - Forest School

Year 4 have had a fantastic time at Forest School this week! From building shelters and exploring nature to developing teamwork and problem-solving skills, the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and curiosity.

It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they learned outdoors, worked together, and connected with the natural environment. Well done, Year 4 - what an amazing week of adventure, learning, and discovery!





BILLINGSHURST PRIMARY ACADEMY

SUMMER
FUN DAY

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE



11AM-2PM



Modular Stage System for Sale



Q-Build modular stage kit by **Stage Systems** – ideal for schools, churches, community groups & events:

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- ✓ 2 storage trolleys
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Our Golden Rules



At Billingshurst
Primary Academy

we are ready

we are respectful

we are safe



At Billingshurst Primary Academy, our values of **Ambition, Belonging and Courage**, along with our Learning Gears, shape everything we do. At the centre of daily school life are our three **Golden Rules**.

We are ready means being prepared to learn—listening, focusing, and trying our best.

We are respectful is about kindness, good manners, and valuing others.

We are safe means making good choices and looking after ourselves and those around us.



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.





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



This week, our Newsletter Podcast has been recorded by Gosha from Year 5 and Ruby from Year 3!
Click the button below to have a listen!



BPA Bees


Summer Fun Day - Saturday 6th June - After half term, you will find us on the school gate at drop off and pick up selling tokens to be used as payment on the day of the event. These can be purchased via cash or card. On Friday 5th June, there will be a non-uniform day. We are asking for donations of cakes, wine or sweets, which will be collected under the KS1 canopy that morning. We still have helper slots to fill to ensure we can keep all stalls open for the full 3 hours. Please sign up here: [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Summer Fun Day 2026 signup sheet](#). Finally, please remember to return your raffle tickets to the school office by Friday 5th June, or to the BPA Bees Hub by 1.30pm on Saturday 6th June.

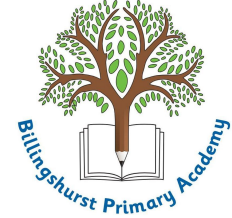
Home Instead Godalming is delighted to be sponsoring the Billingshurst Primary Academy Summer Fun Day. Keeping you healthy and independent to enjoy later life.

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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