



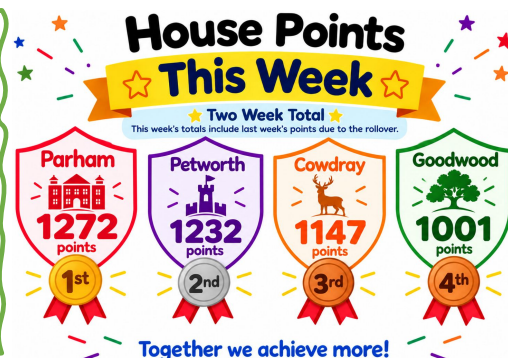
Newsletter Friday 16th October

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates for your diary:

Mon 19th	Y6 NHS Height & Weight check
Tues 20th	EYFS open morning (2027 intake) - 10:00am KS1 hall
Thurs 22nd	Sibling school photos
Fri 23rd	2.15pm Open classrooms (reading)

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Half term holidays



Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their next steps. The partnership between home and school is vital, and your continued support helps our children thrive.

This week, we have seen our values of **Ambition, Belonging and Courage** in action, from our wonderful woodwind showcase to Year 1's exciting Forest School adventures. It is fantastic to see our children embracing new experiences, developing confidence and learning together.

I am also delighted to share some exciting news! Please join me in congratulating **Ms Rozental, Miss Mack and Mrs Jenner, who are all expecting babies!** We wish them all the very best as they prepare for this exciting new chapter in their lives. We will say goodbye to Mrs Jenner at half term as she begins her maternity leave. Cowell Class families should check their emails for further details. Arrangements for Ms Rozental and Miss Mack are being finalised and we will share more information soon.

As we head towards the half-term break, there is still plenty to look forward to next week, including our open classrooms on Friday afternoon, when families will have the opportunity to come into school and share in the children's reading.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping to make Billingshurst Primary Academy such a positive and welcoming community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Ley

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Early Years Open Days

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027

Open Days

- Tuesday 20th October - 10am
- Thursday 12th November - 10am
- Wednesday 25th November - 6pm

Come and see what makes our Early Years so special!

PARENTS & CARERS

PLEASE PARK LEGALLY & RESPONSIBLY

AROUND OUR SCHOOL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY

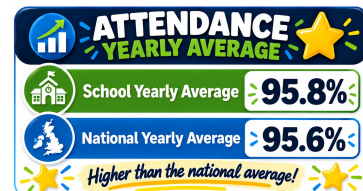
We are still receiving daily complaints about parking. Please help us to keep our children, families, neighbours and community safe by parking considerately.

- Do not park on yellow lines
- Do not block drives
- Do not park on grass areas
- Do not park where you may cause an obstruction

PLEASE RESPECT OUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURS

Considerate parking helps to keep our community safe, accessible and friendly for everyone.

Thank you for your support.





A strong finish matters!

Let's finish this half term with high attendance and give our children the best possible end to a fantastic start.



Why the last week is so important...



Complete and consolidate their learning



Stay connected with their friends and class



Take part in end of term celebrations



Finish on a high, feeling confident and successful



Helps them to settle back after half term, ready to learn and continue their progress

Attendance parameters (from your child's report)

The following attendance ranges were used to describe attendance throughout the year:

95-100%

Your child has the best chance to succeed.



90-95%

Some cause for concern and will be monitored.



Less than 90%

Serious cause for concern due to persistent absence.



NEW

Check your child's live attendance in the Arbor app!

Your child's current attendance percentage can now be found in the Arbor app.



Every day at school makes a difference.

Musical Showcase

This week, our children who have weekly woodwind lessons with Mrs Osborne showcased their talents in a wonderful assembly for KS2. The children demonstrated **amazing courage** as they performed the pieces of music they have been learning this half term. They certainly didn't disappoint! We were incredibly proud of every child who stood up and performed. You were all amazing! A huge well done to all our young musicians and thank you to Mrs Osborne for supporting the children in developing their musical talents.

🎵 **Would your child like to learn a woodwind instrument?** If they are interested in giving it a go, please contact Mr Hampson to find out more.



Year 1 - Forest School

Year 1 have been having a fantastic time at Forest School each week! From climbing trees and exploring the mud kitchen to lighting fires and toasting marshmallows (YUM!), there have been plenty of exciting outdoor adventures.

As part of their art lessons, the children have been exploring spirals and took their learning outdoors, where they created beautiful spirals using different elements of nature. They loved getting creative, exploring natural materials and discovering the wonders of the world around them!

What a wonderful way to learn, explore and get creative in the great outdoors!



At Billingshurst Primary Academy

we are ready

we are respectful

we are safe





Aladdin

KS2 Pantomime Trip

Friday 11th December 2026
The Hawth Theatre, Crawley



We are taking our KS2 children to see the **10.30am** performance of **Aladdin** at The Hawth Theatre, Crawley, on **Friday 11th December 2026**.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a professional performance at a local theatre.

BPA Bees Support



We are incredibly grateful to the BPA Bees who are **discounting the cost for every child**.

Voluntary Contribution



£17.00
per child

This covers the remaining cost of the theatre ticket (at a special rate for schools) and transport.

Make Payment by



**Friday
6th November**

Please make the payment via our online [Parent Payment Portal](#) to secure your child's place and give permission for them to attend.

Year 6 Homework Club

Starts
**Wednesday
4th November**



Time
3:20pm - 4:20pm

Weekly homework will be set for:



maths



spelling, punctuation
and grammar



Reading



The Homework club environment is a friendly one in which children can sit with friends and work through the activities. If children need support, there is always a member of staff on hand to help if needed.



**Click here
to sign up**



LEARNING GEAR

Reflecting on Learning

We reflect on our learning to help us **remember, understand** and **make progress**.



**At the start
of a lesson...**

We take time to recall and build on learning from the previous lesson, earlier in the week or from a previous year group.



**At the end
of a lesson...**

We reflect on what we have learned and consider whether we have been successful. This helps us to identify what we have done well and what to focus on next.

How you can support at home...

Talking about the school day and reflecting on learning helps children to **remember more, make connections** and **feel proud** of their progress.

You could ask your child...



What did you learn today?



Can you tell me something you remember from a previous lesson?



What part of your learning are you most proud of?

1×1
2×2
3×3
4×4

5×5
6×6

144 CLUB

★ WE KNOW ALL OUR TIMES TABLES! ★

7×7
8×8
9×9
10×10
11×11
12×12



— PRACTISE ★ BELIEVE ★ ACHIEVE —

Black History Month

October is Black History Month in the UK, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people, past and present. These stories are part of everyone's history, and they belong to all of us. When we learn about people from different backgrounds, every child can see themselves and others as valued members of our community. That is what belonging means at our school. This year, each year group will focus on and learn about the inspiring people below.

Year 1
Bob Marley
Music brings people together.

Year 2
Cynthia Erivo
Finding and using our voice.

Year 3
Serena Williams
Practice, teamwork, not giving up.

Year 4
Beyoncé
Hard work, creativity, talent for good.

Year 5
RuPaul
Being yourself, respecting difference.

Year 6
Barack Obama
Leadership, listening, speaking up.



Community Links

Supporting our local community in

BILLINGSHURST

Find the latest adverts, events and information from local businesses, clubs and organisations.



Local People
Brighter Futures

LOCAL BUSINESSES

CLUBS

EVENTS

ACTIVITIES



CLICK HERE

A stronger community together



BPA Bees

Weekly Update

Small Fundraisers Make a Big Difference!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
ENRICH OUR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES

Follow the BPA Bees!

Keep up to date with our latest news, events, fundraisers and how we're making a difference for our school!

- ♥ Support our school community
- ♥ Help provide exciting opportunities for our children
- ♥ Be the first to hear about events, fundraisers and news
- ♥ Together we can make a difference!

Find us online!  @bpabees  @bpa_bees

For more information, please contact us at:
BPABees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk

UNIFORM SALE

Friday 23rd October

From 2pm (during Open Classrooms) until after school.

Good quality pre-loved uniform at great prices!

Cash and card donations accepted.

Good for the planet and great for our school!

By buying pre-loved uniform, you're helping to reduce waste, save money and support the BPA Bees in raising funds for our school.

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