



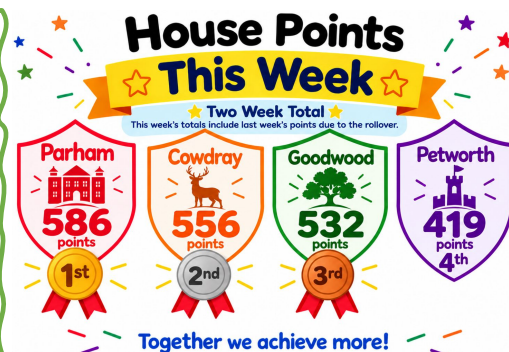
Newsletter Friday 23rd October

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Key dates for your diary:

November 2026

Mon 9th	EYFS - Join us for a phonics lesson - 9:00am
Tues 10th	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 11th	Remembrance Silence - Whole School Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country 2 - 3:30pm
Thurs 12th	EYFS Open Morning (2027 intake) - 10:00am



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We have had a wonderful week at BPA, finishing today with parents and carers joining us in classrooms to share reading time with the children. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school!

Sadly, this week we also said goodbye to our much-loved school dog, Teddy. He brought so much joy, comfort and reassurance to our children and made a real difference to many young lives. He will be greatly missed by children and staff, and we will always remember the happiness he brought to our school.

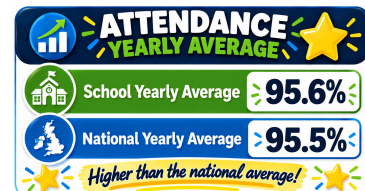
Today, we also say goodbye and thank you to Mr Bulmer and send our very best wishes to Mrs Jenner, who begins her maternity leave. We wish them both happiness and every success in their next chapters.

After half term, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Ward to our Year 4 teaching team, alongside Miss Mabey and Miss Brockett, who will join us as Learning Support Assistants. We are delighted to welcome them to our wonderful team.

A huge thank you to all our teaching staff, learning support staff, site team, kitchen team and amazing office team for their hard work, dedication and care throughout the half term.

Finally, thank you to all our children, parents and carers for your continued partnership and support. I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holidays.

With very best wishes,
Ms Ley





PARENTS & CARERS

*Stronger
Together*
♥

PLEASE PARK RESPECTFULLY

**AROUND OUR SCHOOL
AND LOCAL COMMUNITY**



**WE ARE STILL RECEIVING
DAILY COMPLAINTS ABOUT PARKING.**

Senior leaders are spending time every day
dealing with parking complaints from
local residents.



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Do not cause
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Thank you for your support.



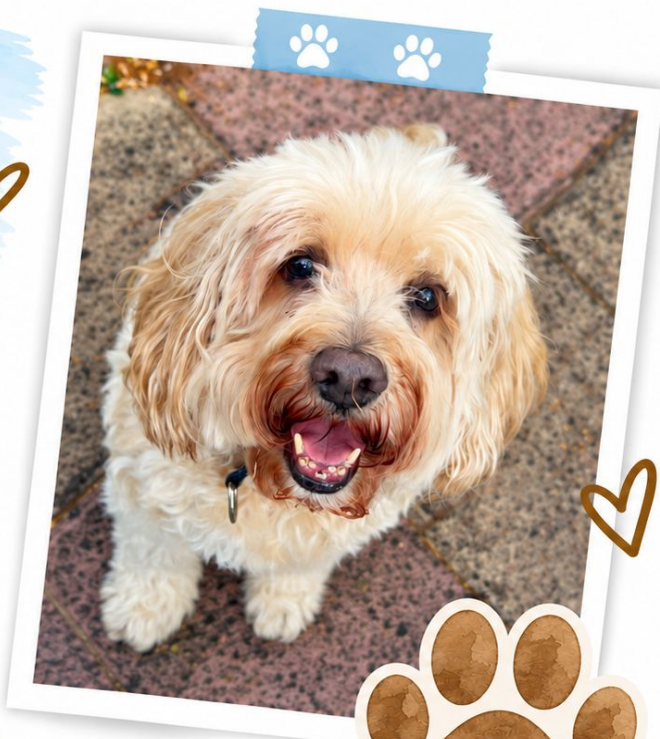
Celebrating the life of

Teddy

Teddy was a wonderfully special part of our school family, and we know how much joy, comfort and safety he brought to our children every day.

He helped so many of our children, whether by helping them feel calm and regulated, giving them a bright reason to come into school each morning, or simply being a gentle listener when they needed help dealing with worries.

Thank you, Teddy,
for making our school a kinder,
happier place.



Year 2 - Gymnastics

The children have been developing their gymnastics skills, practising arabesques, teddy bear rolls and tuck jumps! They've been exploring how to link movements smoothly, show control and vary their speed to create their own sequences. We are so proud of their progress, growing confidence and creativity!



Parent Workshops

Support for you and your family

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of parent workshops in school to support our parents and carers.

Our Children's Services Early Help Link Worker will be delivering a series of **free**, friendly and informal sessions. These will provide practical advice, useful information and an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with other parents and carers.



**Monday
2nd November**
2:00 – 3:00pm

Emotional health and wellbeing

Explore strategies to support your child's emotional wellbeing and build resilience.



**Monday
9th November**
2:00 – 3:00pm

Healthy eating, dental hygiene and sleep routine

Practical tips to support healthy habits for a happy and well-rested child.



**Tuesday
17th November**
2:00 – 3:00pm

My digital child

Guidance on keeping children safe and positive online, including an input on AI.



**Monday
23rd November**
2:00 – 3:00pm

Healthy relationships and friendships

Support your child to build positive relationships, develop social skills and manage challenges.



**Monday
30th November**
2:00 – 3:00pm

Positive communications

Explore ways to communicate effectively with your child and support positive behaviour at home.



All parents and carers are welcome.



A relaxed and friendly environment with time for questions and discussion.



Free to attend.

No need to book – just come along.

EYFS - Parachute Fun!

This week our Early Years children enjoyed an exciting PE session using the parachute! The children worked together to shake, lift and lower the parachute, developing their coordination, listening skills and teamwork. They had lots of fun exploring different movements and playing games together!



Year 5 - History

Our Year 5 historians have been exploring the world of Ancient Greek philosophers, tackling some big questions about kindness, honesty, bravery and fairness! The children shared thoughtful perspectives, challenged ideas and demonstrated some truly profound thinking. We're looking forward to developing our oracy skills further and engaging in more exciting debates throughout the year!



Cygnets Art Club

Children taking part in the Cygnets Art School after-school club at BPA **every Tuesday** have been busy creating some amazing art projects this half term. With the exciting theme of 'Safari Adventures', the budding young artists have created a charcoal drawing of an African wild dog, a watercolour pencils picture of a parent and baby giraffe, and these incredible acrylic paint hippos popping their heads up from a swamp.

Cygnets Headteacher Emily Anderson has been very impressed with her students' art work. She says, "Some of the group are very young, one has only just started school, but they are all able to make some amazing art and feel proud of what they achieve in an hour each week. I'm looking forward to seeing what they create after half term."

For any children wanting to try Cygnets Art School during the half term holiday, a day of 'Magic and Mischief' art workshops will be held at Trinity UR Church Hall, Billingshurst, on Tuesday 27th October. In the morning, the project is a clay 'Rabbit Who Escaped the Hat', and in the afternoon a magical swirling potion bottle in acrylic paints. Find out more and book at www.cygnetsartschool.com/billingshurst

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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.

Eco Council - 2026/27

This school year, our Eco Council will be working hard to make our school and the wider community a cleaner, greener and more sustainable place. We will focus on saving energy by turning off lights and taps when they are not needed, keeping our school clean and tidy, and taking part in regular litter picks around the school and local community. We will also help reduce waste by recycling items such as crisp packets, pens and glue sticks. To learn more about renewable energy and sustainable farming, we will visit a solar farm and a working organic farm. Together, we hope to make a positive difference to our environment and encourage everyone to make greener choices every day!



The Willows



We've had a lovely start to the new school year at The Willows, welcoming our new Reception children and some new faces to the team!

The children have enjoyed a busy and fun-filled half term, with plenty of arts and crafts, messy play, indoor sports and opportunities to build new friendships. We've also made the most of the outdoors, enjoying the last of the sunshine before rounding off the half term with a cosy hot chocolate treat!

We hope all our families have a wonderful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back soon!

Find out more about The Willows on our school website – [CLICK HERE](#)



**PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS
THE SCHOOL VIA THE
CAR PARK BARRIER/SIDE GATE**

AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES



**ALL PARENTS/CARERS AND
CHILDREN MUST USE THE
MAIN ENTRANCE
THROUGH THE BIG BLUE GATES.**



This is for your own safety
as there are lots of cars moving
in and out of the car park at
these times.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



**DON'T
FORGET**

to order your
child's school meal! ♥

All school meals must be ordered in advance
using the **SwiftKitchen** app.

The deadline for ordering
meals is
9:30am
on the day!



Freshly
cooked,
healthy and
delicious meals
every day! ♥



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OF TASTY MEALS
EVERY DAY! ♥

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3×3
4×4

5×5
6×6

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BPA Bees

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Small Fundraisers
Make a Big Difference!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
ENRICH OUR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES

UNIFORM SALE POSTPONED





Due to the bad weather, our pre-loved uniform sale has been postponed until after school on

Friday 6th November.

CHECK BOOK BAGS!

Look out for your child's unique Christmas card order details in their book bag.




Order deadline: Tuesday 10th November.

GOOD FOR THE PLANET AND GREAT FOR OUR SCHOOL!





Buying pre-loved uniform reduces waste, saves money and helps the BPA Bees raise funds for our school.

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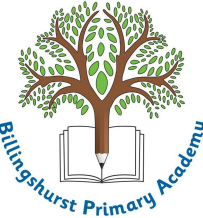


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