

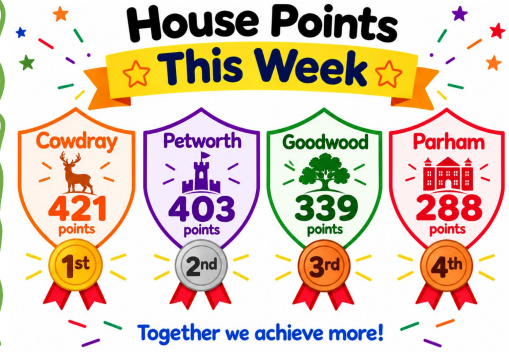
Newsletter Friday 6th November

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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
Thurs 12th	EYFS Open Morning (2027 intake) - 10:00am



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful first week back, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the school. It has been lovely to see the children return refreshed and ready for another busy half term, embracing new topics, challenges and opportunities to learn.

We are delighted to welcome some new faces to our team this week. A very warm welcome to **Mrs Ward**, who joins our Year 4 team, **Ms Sowerby**, who joins Year 3, and **Miss Mabey**, who joins us as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 6. We were also delighted to welcome **Miss Hopgood**, who will be joining our Year 2 team after Christmas. We hope they all enjoy becoming part of our BPA family! It was also lovely to welcome **Mrs Hatrick** back into school as a volunteer this week. She spent time working alongside children from across the school, helping with some winter gardening jobs.

We hope those of you on the school run this morning enjoyed a lovely Friday morning treat and coffee from **Stork Coffee**. It was fantastic to welcome them to school and we would love to hear your feedback as we explore the possibility of making this a regular Friday treat for our school community.

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been the completion of our fantastic new mural in the entrance and library area. A huge thank you to **Marc Craig** for the incredible time, creativity and effort he has put into transforming this space. The children have loved watching the mural take shape, and the finished artwork, celebrating our very own Moss Carder Bumblebee, is truly spectacular. We are so grateful to Marc for choosing Billingshurst Primary Academy to showcase his wonderful skills and leave us with something so special. Do explore his other works online https://thearkofextinction.com/

A few quick reminders for the week ahead: please take a moment to look through the uniform reminder included in this newsletter to ensure children are wearing the correct school and PE uniform. Today is also the final day to make payment for the KS2 pantomime trip, so please ensure this is completed if you would like your child to attend.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the half term, and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful learning and achievements that the coming weeks will bring.

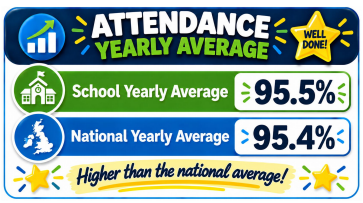
Have a great weekend,

Ms Ley













Thank you Marc!

A huge thank you to artist, Marc Craig, who has transformed our entrance/library area this week with a very special mural. Our very own Moss Carder Bumblebee is a now complete and the children have loved watching Marc at work throughout the week!



Year 4 - Mayan Adventure

Year 4 had an exciting start to their Ancient Maya topic this week, finding themselves locked inside Chichén Itzá! To escape, they had to complete three challenging missions and crack the code.

🗿 First, they explored the culture and way of life of the ancient Maya, answering a quiz to unlock the first part of the code. 🔢 Next, they discovered the Mayan number system, which was based on twenties. They used their mathematical skills to represent their ages in Mayan numbers and solve a number challenge. 🎭 Finally, they explored the significance of Mayan masks, learning how they were used in celebrations, funerals and royal ceremonies, before creating their own fantastic masks using egg boxes. Having collected all three parts of the code, Year 4 successfully escaped! Their reward was some delicious edible Mayan gold – chocolate! 🍫
A fantastic week of learning, teamwork and problem-solving! 🌟





Year 2 - Woodland walk

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic walk to Daux Wood this week as part of their Science topic, exploring woodland habitats and discovering the fascinating minibeasts living within them. The children investigated a variety of microhabitats, including log piles, leaf piles and fallen trees, carefully searching for the tiny creatures that called them home. Using their excellent observation skills, they studied the minibeasts they discovered and produced detailed observational drawings. It was a wonderful opportunity to get hands-on with nature and a fantastic way to bring their Science topic to a close! 🌿🔍







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Aladdin

KS2 Pantomime Trip

Friday 11th December 2026
The Hawth Theatre, Crawley

BPA Bees

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.

Healthy Snacks

Please help us to keep our school a healthy place by sending your child in with a ***healthy snack*** for break time.

Great snack ideas:

- **Fruit** (e.g. apple, banana, grapes, berries)
- **Vegetable sticks** (e.g. carrots, cucumber, pepper)
- **Rice cakes or oatcakes**
- **Dried fruit** (e.g. raisins, apricots)
- **Cheese** (e.g. cubes or string cheese)

Please do not send: chocolate bars, crisps, sweets or other high-sugar snacks.



Healthy snacks give children lasting energy, help them to concentrate and support their learning throughout the day.

Uniform Reminder

A quick guide to our school uniform at Billingshurst Primary Academy.

Everyday Uniform



- White polo shirt
- Blue jumper or cardigan (old logo, new logo or plain)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or dress
- Blue and white summer dress
- White or grey socks / grey tights
- Black school shoes

PE Uniform



- White PE T-shirt or House Colour Shirt
- Plain navy or black shorts (cycling shorts are fine)
- Plain navy or black tracksuit bottoms
- Plain navy or black hoodie
- Trainers



Jewellery
Stud earrings only



Hair
Long hair must be tied back



No false nails or nail varnish



No temporary tattoos

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DON'T FORGET

to order your child's school meal!

ASPENS SERVICES

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

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



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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.

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Woodwind Taster Sessions

Following the woodwind assembly before half term, taster sessions will be held on:

Wednesday 12th November

If you are interested in your child having a try at:



Clarinet
Years 3–6



Flute
Years 3–6



Saxophone
Years 5–6

Please contact **Marian Oborne** for further information:

mo.woodwind@gmail.com

Or via her website:

https://marianobornewoodwind.mymusicstaff.com

Community Links

Supporting our local community in BILLINGSHURST

Local People Brighter Futures

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

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

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

Don't forget to check book bags for your child's unique Christmas card order details.

Order deadline:
Midday on Tuesday 10th November.

SPONSOR OUR CHRISTMAS TRUG RAFFLE!



We're looking for a local business to sponsor our Christmas trug raffle this year.

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