



Newsletter

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Term
Newsletter
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Dear families,

It seems a while ago now but I hope that you had a peaceful and restful Easter break. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn and the sunshine is helping it feel like the Summer term. It has been lovely to get back on the field at lunch play too and the gardening club have done a wonderful job in preparing the vegetable beds and flower pots around the school.

I wanted to thank families who joined us for our Easter Eucharist at the end of last term and to extend an invitation to join us in church on any Wednesday morning at 9am. We worship there as a school and this term the children are learning all about the Lord's Prayer.

Willow Class

Willow Class have started our new big question: 'Why Did The Dinosaurs Die Out?' We have talked about our ideas about why dinosaurs have died out and talked about what the world was like at the time of Dinosaurs. We have also talked about what we already know about dinosaurs and the dinosaurs that we know. In maths, we have been talking about numbers bigger than 10, to 20 and beyond! We have shared a new story, The Odd Egg and talked about creatures that hatch from eggs and talked about the character of Duck, described his nest and invented machines for scanning the egg and imagined his baby. This week, we read Tom & The Island of Dinosaurs. We have described Tom as a character and the lighthouse he

lives in, we have talked about what we would need to pack to go on a dinosaur adventure and about the lands that we would have to cross to get there. We wrote letters in bottles like the character Katy. We have made clay creatures and our own fossils.



We have shared the Parable of the Mustard Seed through Godly Play.

We have talked about the flags of the United Kingdom and talked about St George. We made St George flags to celebrate St George's Day.



In Learning for Life, we talked about the jobs people in our family do.

In PE, we have worked on ball skills. We have talked about

more signs of Spring as the weather.

Beech Class

We have had a 'fiery' 2 weeks back!

It has been great to explore our new big questions 'Should I keep a diary?'. We have been learning about people who were alive during The Great Fire of London and how their stories have impacted us today.

In history, we looked at a painting of London during the fire. We predicted what could have happened; our ideas included an explosion or an unattended candle! Later, we learnt all about Farriner's bakery. In maths, we have been having fun with fractions! We have been finding halves and quarters of shapes and numbers.

In computing, we used the sizing, colour and font tools in word. We wrote our names to try these different features.



Holly Class

In Holly, we've kicked off our new big question "Am I courageous enough to try something new?". We've certainly had to show courage in maths as we've embraced decimals. The children have responded really well and demonstrated great fractions and times tables knowledge with new decimal representations. In English, we've watched a

fictional advert 'Cyber Kicks' about new futuristic trainers that allow the wearer to climb walls and run at extreme speeds.

We've looked into advertising language, slogans and discussed the power of persuasion. We've written our own adverts to sell these shoes.

In science and computing, we are thinking about sound. In science we are learning how soundwaves reach our ears and in computing we are using audio recording software with the aim of creating and editing our own recordings. In art, we have started to look at British artists. We have been inspired by Joel Penkman, who creates biscuit inspired art. We've made and sewn our own party ring cushions and used tie dye to create the icing effect on top.

Finally, we've loved getting out on to the field for PE and we are working hard on our tennis skills!

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had excellent start to our last term together. We started our new project 'Ancient Greeks' with trying to establish what our names were in the Greek alphabet- we found out that our alphabet is very different. Our big question, 'How should society be organised' will be explored through our new characteristics: Young Leaders and Problem Solvers.

We have finished our dance lessons in PE, the children were fantastic and learned a great deal. They showed so much confidence and are looking forward to working with Sam on our summer production. Also in PE, we have started tennis and have been revisiting throwing, catching and using the rackets. Over the next few weeks, we will start practising for our Sports Day, coming up in June.

In maths, we have been really busy; arithmetic, reasoning, position and direction and shape!

We have been using three great websites that you might like to use at home: [mathsstarters.net](https://www.mathsstarters.net), [maths-starters.co.uk](https://www.maths-starters.co.uk) and [mrbartonmaths.com](https://www.mrbartonmaths.com).

In science, we started our project all about Light. We have explored how light travels and this week we explored the eye; how it works and the function of the parts. The children have started to create an information page all about it.

In art, we have continued our Van Gogh painting. This week we drew our boats after practising in our books, added sand (real sand!) and now we are ready to paint using all the skills we have worked on so far. Following this, we will design our own Greek pot!



Just a note about the new home learning grid, please find it on our class page or the paper copy given to the children. This is the first one- amazing work Scarlett!



Staffing changes for September

We usually wait until Term 6 to share staff changes but as this news affects Early Years/KS1, we wanted to let you know earlier this year.

From September, Mrs Martin will be reducing her hours from full-time to three days a week and Mrs Taub (who works currently as our Learning Mentor but who is also a qualified teacher) has been appointed as her job share. In September, Mrs Martin and Mrs Taub will be teaching in Willow Class and Mrs Cheney will be teaching in Beech Class. Mrs Taub will still continue as Learning Mentor.

The new Early Years / KS1 team have exciting plans for September, including combining curriculum journeys and continuous provision which we will share more about in due course.

Bushcraft plea

If anyone has any glass ramekin dishes or old vinyl records at home, we would like to have them for our Bushcraft sessions this term.

Gardening Club from September 2026

– we are looking for volunteers to take on gardening club from September 2026, as our current amazing team are final stepping down. **If we don't have any parental volunteers, sadly this club will no longer be available from the end of this academic year.**

SEND update:

Reminder of Workshops for Parents

We are delighted to let you know that our Family Support Worker, **Annie Rowland**, will be running a series of parent workshops throughout the year. These sessions are designed to provide practical advice, strategies, and support for families.

Each workshop will run at **2:00pm in the library** on the following dates:

My digital child – Monday 11th May 2026, including Parental Controls

Apps Young People are using
Family Agreements for Online Use

School's Safeguarding Policy around Social Media

Further Resources

Supporting children to understand a change in family dynamics – Monday 6th July 2026

If you would like to attend, please contact the school office to reserve your place. We hope that you will find these sessions both supportive and helpful, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School all wish you a very happy Easter break.

Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
Friday 24 th April	No Bushcraft
Friday 1 st May	Morning bushcraft - email Silver Birch Bushcraft
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th May	Teams art morning
Tuesday 5 th May	KS2 Cricket - email
Friday 8 th May	No Bushcraft
Mon 11 th -Thurs 14 th May	SATS week – Year 6
Fri 15 th May	Morning bushcraft - email Silver Birch Bushcraft
Thurs 21 st May	Olympic Athlete visit
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of term Willow Bushcraft

See the website calendar for important dates:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211>

Please also take time to look at our website, which has a lot of information that you may wish to see, including class pages.

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