



Newsletter

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Dear families,
The children have done themselves proud this week with the beautiful crafts that they made as part of the Rights Respecting young leaders work. Many of you are now the proud owners of a scented candle, hug in a mug, a decorated mushroom or a shortbread courtesy of the children's hard work! Thank you as always for supporting and well done to the children who are shining as young leaders this term.

Willow Class

In Willow Class, we have continued with our big question, Why Did The Dinosaurs Die Out? and talked about how the world has changed through the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods and the different dinosaurs that lived at these times. In Maths, we have been talking about adding and subtracting numbers. We have also been talking about 2d and 3d shapes, seeing 2d shapes within 3d shapes, rotating shapes and making pictures from shapes.



We have shared 2 more stories; Harry And The Bucketful of Dinosaurs and Tyrannasaurus Drip. We described Harry and imagined the loft the dinosaurs are found in and the adventures they might go on. In Tyrannosaurus Drip, we talked about belonging and drew the

main character, Tyrannosaurus Drip and the nest he hatched in and also imagined what the Tyrannosaurs would build to get to the Duckbill Dinosaurs. In PE, we are working on our ball skills and have been working on throwing underarm into a target area and working as a team. In Learning for Life, we talked about how we feel when we argue with people who are special to us and about how to include people when they might feel lonely. We have looked for more signs of Spring. We also had an amazing hands on Dinosaur Workshop, led by Horsham Museum and got to hold 3 types of dinosaur poo!



Beech Class

We have been very busy in Beech Class.

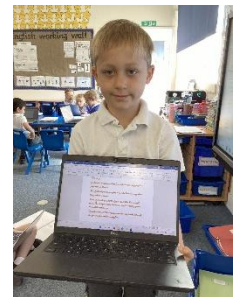
In English, we we wrote our top copy of Vlad's diary entry. We could choose how we presented this. Most of us decided to write in on the laptop and edit the font and colour. We tried different fonts and chose some that looked old!



In PE, we are learning a variation of rounders called scatterball. It

has been fun to learn all the rules and play as a team.

In Computing, we have been making our own music. We have explored high and low pitch.



Holly Class

In our English lessons, we've been reading Journey by Aaron Becker. It's a brilliant picture book about a magical pen that can draw things that become real. We've started by analysing the first few pages and making inferences and predictions about what will happen. We'll be using it to inspire some creative writing later in the term.

In maths, we're focusing on decimals and money. We're learning how to round decimals – which will be important when we move onto money, working out shopping lists and how much change we will need. We're focusing on the real-life skills and our rough estimations and rounding will help with that. We've also been working hard on times tables with lots of competition on 'hit the button'. We've made a leader board with the best scores for each table being hotly contested.

In science, we've been making loads of noise. We made 'ear drums' by stretching clingfilm over cups, we then used rice and made different noises and

vibrations to attempt to move them similar to how our ears interpret sound. In art, we've continued to look at the work of artist Joel Penkman. We've been inspired by her photorealistic style and we have been attempting our own realistic drawings of everyday objects. This has been a great link to our key question 'Am I courageous enough to try something new?' as we've had to show lots of effort and resilience when our drawings aren't going perfectly.

Silver Birch Class

We can't quite believe how quickly this half term has gone and that we are now going to put all our hard work into practise and that SATs have arrived. The children have been brilliant and have shown a positive attitude towards the entire process. In English, we have written most of our tour guides about Ancient Athens. The children would like to share these with parents when completed, I will email you when we have a date and time. They have used a variety of skills in this genre of writing. They have had to use their historical knowledge (own research) about their chosen place, describe it effectively using ambitious vocabulary and our five senses, as well as try to write in the style of a tour guide leading tourists around these places.



In PE, we are continuing with tennis, working on our serve, backhand and forehand techniques. Miss Etherington has been working on team games, ready for our sports day.

In maths, we have been busy as usual; arithmetic, reasoning, position and direction, shape and statistics! We also played the 1% club which many got to the 25% question, Robbie got to the 1% club! The children have been using Century a lot as early morning work to practise any other areas they feel are a challenge.



In science, we started our information page about the eye; how it works and the function of the parts. The children are deciding how to present this for an audience (Beech Class). In History, we learned all about the Agora. We got in role as visitors and we all realised how



vital this place was back in Ancient Greece- ask your child what it is and how we found out about this. This leads nicely to our next project in Art; designing our own Greek pots. Firstly, we spent time researching terracotta pots through technology and books, following this, we will sketch our own image to then transfer onto the pot (which we also need to create).

Holiday requests

There have been a run of medical appointments and holiday requests lately which have meant disrupted learning for the children. We have tried to offer flexibility of travel by attaching Inset days on to half term weeks because we are unable to authorise holidays in term times. Whilst we understand the cost implications of holidays, there are 175 non school days every year in which to go away and make appointments which mean that children then get uninterupted learning in school. Where planned medical appointments are needed, please complete a [withdrawal from learning form](#) so that teachers can plan around these absences in advance. Whilst we recognise that there may sometimes sadly be emergencies, as a general rule please try to make appointments out of school hours where possible.

Gardening Club from September 2026 – we are looking for volunteers to take on gardening club from September 2026, as our current amazing team are finally 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.

See the website calendar for important dates:

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

Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
Mon 11 th - Thurs 14 th May	SATS week – Year 6
Fri 15 th May	Morning bushcraft - email Afternoon Bushcraft -Silver Birch
Thurs 21 st May	Olympic Athlete visit
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of term Willow Bushcraft
Monday 1 st June	INSET
Tues 2 nd June	1 st day of term
Thurs 4 th June	KS2 Big Sing - email
Fri 5 th June	Non uniform for chocolate donations Morning Bushcraft -email

	Afternoon - Beech bushcraft
Tues 9 th June	Rawson Hall Coffee Morning – email
Weds 10 th June	Orienteering Day
Frid 12 th June	Morning bushcraft - email Afternoon - Beech Bushcraft
Sat 13 th June	Village Pram Race

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

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209>



FUSE YOUTH CLUB

**GAMES : MOVIES : DINNER : CHILLOUT
SAFE SPACE FOR AGES 10-16**

AT THE OLD SCHOOL CUCKFIELD £3.00 PER CHILD

FUSE IS A WEEKLY FRIDAY EVENING YOUTH CLUB FOR ANYONE AGED 10-16. RUN BY TRAINED ADULT VOLUNTEERS.

IT'S A FUN, RELAXED SPACE TO EAT, PLAY, WATCH MOVIES, AND HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS.

WE RUN EVERY FRIDAY FROM 6:00-9:00 PM AT THE OLD SCHOOL IN CUCKFIELD.

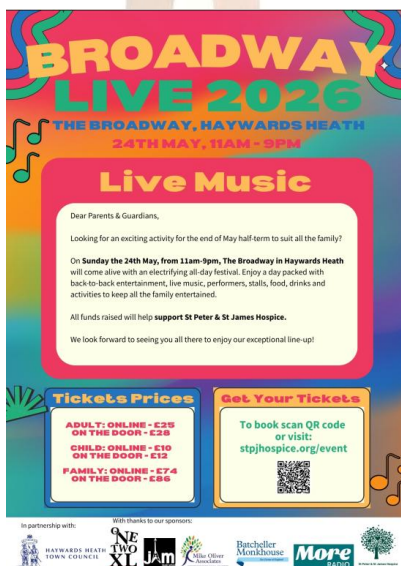
JOIN US ON THE DAY, OR BOOK IN ADVANCE

DINNER IS INCLUDED — NO NEED TO EAT BEFORE YOU COME YOU CAN JOIN IN WITH GAMES, CHILL WITH FRIENDS, OR JUST ENJOY THE SPACE

ACTIVITIES CHANGE WEEKLY — COME WHEN YOU CAN FULLY SUPERVISED AND OPEN TO ALL YEAR SIX AND ABOVE STUDENTS

[HTTPS://OLDSCHOOLCUCKFIELD.COM/FUSE-YOUTH-CLUB](https://oldschoolcuckfield.com/fuse-youth-club)

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BROADWAY LIVE 2026

THE BROADWAY, HAYWARDS HEATH
24TH MAY, 11AM - 9PM

Live Music

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Looking for an exciting activity for the end of May half term to suit all the family?

On **Sunday the 24th May, from 11am-9pm, The Broadway in Haywards Heath** will come alive with an electrifying all-day festival. Enjoy a day packed with back-to-back entertainment, live music, performers, stalls, food, drinks and activities to keep all the family entertained.

All funds raised will help support **St Peter & St James Hospice**.

We look forward to seeing you all there to enjoy our exceptional line-up!

Tickets Prices

ADULT: ONLINE - £25
ON THE DOOR - £28

CHILD: ONLINE - £10
ON THE DOOR - £12

FAMILY: ONLINE - £74
ON THE DOOR - £86

Get Your Tickets

To book scan QR code or visit:
stjshospice.org/event

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