



# Newsletter

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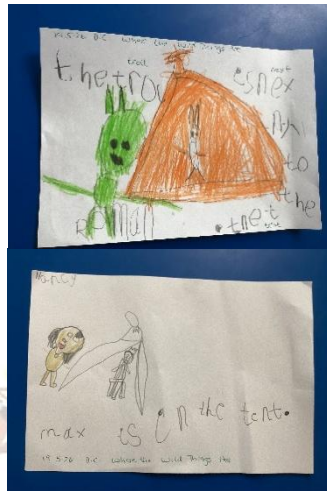
Dear families,  
Thank you to those who came to look at your child/ren's books this week during work sharing. The children are very proud of their efforts and love being able to share their work with you! Following the half term break next week, we have much to enjoy as we round off the year. Do look out for events on the school website and join us when you can. In addition to the two Leavers' Services and sports day, we also have an Olympic athlete's visit to look forward to and a new orienteering trail that is being installed around the school grounds. Silver Birch have started rehearsals for their summer show and there will be transits sessions for all children as we look towards the end of the year.

## Willow Class

Willow Class have continued with their work on dinosaurs and have created some fabulous art work.



The children have also impressed us with their writing this week during drawing club where they have been helping Max to find a cave and have designed and written about his new crown!



In phonics, the children have been tackling some of the tricky trigraphs and in maths, they have been making patterns with shape and colour.

All of Willow Class have been so helpful and resilient whilst Mrs Cheney has been all and we all send her our love and look forward to seeing her after half term.

## Beech Class

We have been very busy over the last two weeks.

It has been amazing to see the growth and resilience in the children as we finish the term. To finish off the history unit, the children wrote their own diary entries about the Great Fire of London. They spoke about water squirts, fire hooks and leather buckets!

In maths, we have been learning time! We have had so much fun learning about the hour hand and the minute hand. We have been using our class clock to call out when it is an o'clock time or a half past time!



In music, we have been learning some new songs. Ask us to teach you 'who stole the cookies from the cookie jar' song!

## Holly Class

In Holly, we've been continuing to read some great books. We're really enjoying Varjak Paw in our VIPERS lessons and we're making lots of great predictions about the mysterious Vanishings affecting the gangs of cats. In English, we're continuing to use Journey as inspiration. The idea of a magic pencil led us to look at Bear Hunt by Anthony Browne too. We've looked at the images and rewritten the text. We'll be comparing to the original and deciding if our version is as good! We also wrote some creative poems about different colours and things we would draw with magic pencils.

We've focused on times tables and finished off our money unit in maths. We're playing lots of games to learn times tables and have been very competitive. However, it has been great to see the children acknowledging the effort others are making and congratulating them for their scores.

In art, we're focusing on a new artist – Rachel Jones – who uses lots of bright colours to create beautiful abstract art. We've used oil pastels to practise our



own versions inspired by this. In PE, we're learning how to play tennis games. We're working on building up rallies and accuracy to return to our partner. We've been able to start having some small games and use different types of shot.

In science, we're finishing off our sound unit. We have considered volume and pitch and how we can affect this with different materials and variables. We're going to finish by investigating how far sound waves can travel.

#### **Silver Birch Class**

The SATs went brilliantly and we are extremely proud of the children's attitudes during a challenging week. We are definitely ready for half term! In English, we have written our top copies of our tour guides about Ancient Athens. As previously mentioned in the last newsletter, the children would when completed, I will email you when we have a date and time. They have been a challenge to write and I am really impressed with the quality of the finished work. After half term, our learning journey in English will be to write our own Greek Myth with our own God/Goddess. In PE, we are going to focus on sports day practise. We also had a fun afternoon working with Willow Class when we did the Joe Wicks Big School Work out together.



In science, we shared our information page about the eye with Beech Class and the children were fantastic; Beech Class were good listeners and Silver Birch acted responsibly and proudly showed off their work.



In History, we learned all about the role of women in Ancient Greece. We found out a lot- ask your child something they learned. Also, how do we know about the role of women in these times? We have also started to plan our God/Goddesses in readiness for our myth writing. In art, we finally finished our Van Gogh inspired paintings. They are truly amazing. The many skills the children have learned have resulted in an excellent finished piece- we will be displaying these in the class but we will also show you these when we invite you in to share the tour guides. Another fabulous event we were lucky to partake in was Bushcraft. We celebrated the end of SATs by having a feast of hotdogs, marshmallows and cake!

#### **Uniform**

Thank you for your support in complying with the uniform policy - the children look smart on both PE and non-PE days.

There are still a few different coloured trainers being worn, so a polite reminder that only plain black or white trainers are acceptable and also please ensure that only stud earrings are worn as hoops or larger patterned studs can get caught and cause injury or get lost which causes upset.



**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.

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

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 half term 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')
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1st day of term
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Holly trip to Herstmonceux
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Big Sing - email
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform for chocolate donations Morning Bushcraft -email Afternoon - Beech bushcraft
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Rawson Hall Coffee Morning – email
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Orienteering Day
Frid 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning bushcraft - email Afternoon - Beech Bushcraft
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> 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>

