



Be the Best You Can,
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Newsletter

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Dear families,
It is incredible to think that we are already half way through the school year! The children collectively have earned over 1500 team points for going over and above in their work and play. The dedicated effort in handwriting is apparent in all books and the Brilliance Boards have been amass with fantastic cross curricular work, inspired by the exciting big questions and careful, engaging planning by the teachers. Thank you for your support with homework – we appreciate all the extra efforts you go to with the children on this.

I am delighted to say that this week, we have been awarded our **Rights Respecting Silver Accreditation**. Our RR council were able to share all the exciting things that the school is doing as we now work towards our Gold Award.

Willow Class

In Willow Class, we are at the end of our Big Question, What's Your Superpower? We enjoyed our Superhero Day last week by making our masks and dancing like Superheroes. We have read My Mum Is A Superhero and drawn Supermum and imagined what her superpower could be and thought about which Superhero she could meet up with. We then thought about who our own Superheroes would be. We have read Elliot Jones Midnight Superhero. We drew Elliot, where he lived and invented a machine for blasting meteors to save the Earth. In Maths, we have talked about

measures and compared heights and length of objects including our feet. We have been adding numbers together to make numbers 5-9. We have shared Superhero poem, "If I Was A Superhero" and worked together to write our own version. We have painted self portraits this week. In Learning for Life, we have talked about how we support others who are facing challenges and jobs we would like to do in the future. We are finishing the half term celebrating Chinese New Year and doing Bushcraft.



Beech Class

In English, we watched a short film about beavers building dams. This sparked our imaginations and we decided to write instructions for new beavers, telling them how to build a dam. We have been learning all about bossy verbs such as 'put', 'move' and 'push'.

To start off the unit of learning, we made our own dams out of resources in our classrooms, such

as paper and multilink! It was fun to try and stop the water.



To finish off the week we have had outside phonics lessons! In teams, we ran to Mrs Martin who showed us a sound, then we went back to our team and told them the sound to write down. Once we had 3 different sounds we wrote down words that incuded the diagraphs. We had so much fun!



In maths, we have been adding equal groups. Year 2 extended this by using and understanding the multiplication symbol.



Holly Class

In Holly, we have really enjoyed learning about natural disasters. We have learned more about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. Tornadoes were the

most interesting for lots of us and we enjoyed designing and making disaster proof houses. We watched clips of 'storm chasers' following tornadoes across the USA and questioned why anyone would do this!

In our writing, we have been inspired by Kensuke's Kingdom. At the beginning of the story Michael falls overboard his yacht and washes up on the island. We considered what a news report about this incident would say and wrote in role as reporters.



In maths, we have been learning about fractions. There has been lots of impressive explanations and questioning and we have enjoyed looking at shapes and working out fractions shaded. This has led us on to equivalent fractions and noticing other ways of saying the same fraction.

In science, we are learning about states of matter. We have learned about particles and density of solids, liquids and gases. We have discussed properties and how to define them. We also made oobleck – a non-Newtonian fluid and lava lamps using oil, water and fizzing tablets!



Silver Birch Class

We have had another amazing two weeks but are definitely ready for a rest.

In English, we have started the next part of our learning journey using the fabulous book, 'The Lion and the Unicorn'. We have used drama (Conscience Alley) to help



us with our writing. We are trying to incorporate lots of skills as we write setting descriptions and narrative.

In PE, we continued our dance unit- great fun!

In maths, we have been exploring area and perimeter with some fractions, percentages and decimals thrown in! We will be continuing with fractions, decimals and percentages after half term. In science, the children have shown some great teamwork again this week and have produced some brilliant 3D planets. They are not quite finished but we are nearly there and hope to show you soon.



In geography, the children researched countries who were axis and allies during WW2 and worked in teams to create a poster all about it. In computing, we had Safer Internet Day and the theme was all about the use of AI and how you can't always trust all what you see online. We watched an online lesson and designed an avatar for a chatbot. We looked at some documents such as blogs, adverts, websites and emails to establish how trustworthy they were.

In learning for life, we used an



activity from UNICEF to talk about children's rights and we designed a board game. Discussions were thoughtful and the children could see how children's rights, although they are the same, are not always seen or heard elsewhere in the world.

In RE, we learned about Mount Hira and the Night of Enlightenment. Ask your child if they can tell you about this story. We started reading Flamingo Boy and this inspired us to use our newly acquired skill of continuous line to draw a flamingo using Picasso as an example! We will be starting a new project in art based around a famous painting mentioned in the book too, very exciting!

Community Coffee Morning

The school council, eco council and Rights Respecting group will be hosting a community coffee morning at the Rawson Hall on Tuesday 3rd March 2026. They will be sharing work and their current projects. Do come along for a cuppa, a cake and a chat.

No TOLLO Multiskills Wednesday club after half term! Use Bolney Bees wraparound childcare instead 😊

Bolney Bees After School (3.15-5.30pm) Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45am)

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/wrap-around-childcare-for-bolney-cep-pupils/712320>

Please use it or lose it...Many parents don't realise that you can apply for subsidised childcare, which can be used towards Bolney Bees – see information below. There is a 3 day cut off to book places, but if you need urgent care, contact the office and we can see if there is space.

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Families can visit the [Best Start in Life website](#) to check if they are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme by clicking [here](#). Many parents and carers do not realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds.

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School

Diary Dates:

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.

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



FRIENDS OF BOLNEY NEWS:

FOB meeting Thursday 5th March, 7pm, The Eight Bells
Please come along and support us.

Holly Class Bake Sale – we made £184.50 so thank you for all your donations and purchasing!

Chartwells Easter Menu – Thursday 26th March

