



Newsletter

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Newsletter
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Dear families,
Last week was busy with our sports afternoon, a visit from Yvrose (Hope House Haiti) and the Pram Race. All that during a particularly hot week and the children as always did themselves proud. During the sports afternoon, the children showed such resilience and kindness towards each other and it was lovely to see so many families supporting too. Thank you!

This week has been a relatively quiet week but we still have lots to look forward to before the end of term. Check out the website calendar (and the tagline at the top for weekly updates).

Willow Class

In Willow Class we have read the books *Commotion in the Ocean* and *Hooray for Fish* and chosen fish we would like to find out more information about. We have read facts about sea creatures from the internet and written sentences about them. We have been writing lots! We have also recapped all the phonics we have learnt so far. In maths, we have been counting on and back from numbers and been making and continuing patterns. We have learnt about Haiti and met Yvrose. We have enjoyed our first school Sports Day. We have collected more raspberries and made more sorbet ready for our marble jar treat. We painted our own fish. We have been talking about how we have



grown and naming parts of the human body.



Beech Class

It has been a very exciting two weeks in Beech Class! In design technology, we were learning about the importance of hygiene when working with food. In two weeks, we will be making our own smoothies and drinking them! Last week, we watched Mrs Martin make a smoothie and wrote down instructions as she made it. Our step 1 was 'wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds' and step 2 was 'wash the fruit with water and don't use soap!'. In Computing, we are exploring how to input data. We went

hunting for minibeasts this week as this is the data (tally chart). We will then input into an online pictogram. In maths, we have been looking at telling the time. Specifically the O'clock and half past times. On Tuesday, at every O'clock time we had a one minute dance party; it was fun to stop what we were doing and have a boogy! This helped us watch the clock and examine when it hit an o'clock time!

Holly Class

In Holly, we have finished our letters to our local MP about deforestation and palm oil. We are now eagerly awaiting a response. We have moved on to writing short stories inspired by *Honey I Shrunk The Kids!* We made mini terrariums earlier in the term and have used them to inspire us and think about what would happen if we were to shrink down. There have been some brilliant starts to our stories and we will be developing them further next week.

In maths, we have been mastering time. We are now confident with telling the time to the nearest minute, using analogue and digital time and we are working towards 24-hour time next. In computing, we have continued to edit images. We have learned how to duplicate parts and erase parts of an image and there have been some interesting outcomes. We particularly enjoyed taking our photos from

our Stanmer Park trip and making changes to them. We have enjoyed trying to make subtle changes and getting others to spot what's changed.

We were very fortunate to be visited by 3 Buddhist monks who live in a monastery in Northern Thailand! Thanks to Kiki's family for facilitating a very interesting talk with them. The children were very engaged and interested to find out about beliefs and daily lives of our visitors which was shared through a translator. We had lots of questions and it was fascinating to learn about a very different lifestyle from ours.



Silver Birch Class

Another busy two weeks in Silver Birch.

In English, we have been writing new creature descriptions, new place setting descriptions and most recently, buddy letters and

memories as we approach the last few weeks of our time together. We are still reading Boy 87, an emotional book which we desperately hope to finish in the three remaining weeks!

In maths, we have all been continuing to investigate angles; drawing angles and finding missing angles in shapes. In computing, we have continued tinkering with TinkerCad, a 3D modelling program. The children have managed to create their own 3D images and even some coding like Scratch but more complex. We have been rehearsing our production as often as we can and the Year 6's are also having to learn songs for their leaver's service on the 4th July.

One stand-out amazing event we were lucky to experience was the skateboarding workshop! The children learned how to use a skateboard and many tricks- the instructor was brilliant.



Sports Festival

A group of children from Year 5/6 enjoyed an afternoon of Multisports at Twineham this week.



Gardening Club

Many of you comment on the pretty pots that are around the

front of the school; we have Gardening Club to thank for that. We are lucky to have an enthusiastic group of children, led by some incredibly talented gardeners (and friends of our school) who tend to the planters and the vegetable garden and who are currently creating a pond area in the Peace Garden.





Rear Playground

Thank you to the Friends of Bolney for applying for a grant for partial payment (£1500) towards our new play area. It looks fantastic and is now open for the children to use.



Sports Day

Thank you for joining us for our afternoon of sports last Wednesday. It was beautiful weather and the children shone too in their abilities and also in their resilience and appreciation of each other's achievements. Well done to Petworth (blue team) for winning Sports Day

2025!



Hope House Haiti

It was so lovely to welcome Yvrose into school last week. She was as inspirational as ever and the children led worship and sang beautifully for her. Thank you to everyone that supported the the craft and bake sale, raising £119! There are still a few birds that Holly Class made which can be purchased from the school office.



Wraparound Childcare

We are looking to offer on-site wraparound childcare between 7:30am-8:35am and 3:15pm-5:30pm, Monday-Friday, from September 2025 and are in the process of **recruiting staff** members. If you are interested in this role (either breakfast/after school or both) and would like further information, please speak to Ms Lofthouse or pick up an application form from the office.

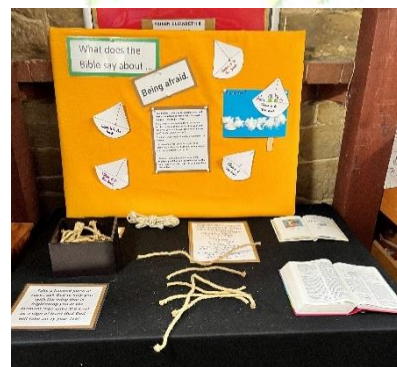
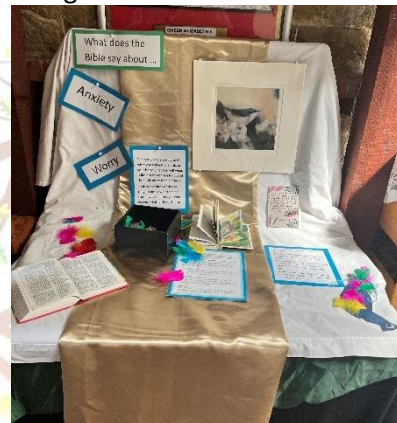
If you wish to show an expression of interest for the Wraparound care, please complete the preliminary booking form - <https://forms.office.com/e/aqEhV19ayg>

Healthy Snacks

A reminder that snacks for breaktime need to be a healthy option of fruit or vegetable.

Hotline to Heaven

Thank you as always to Mrs Glew for linking Hotline to our weekly theme. This week it is: 'What the Bibles says about being afraid'.



Bolney Pram

A huge thank you to the FoB volunteers who manned and ran game stalls and the tombola. A full summary of winners and funds raised will be in the September Bolney Magazine.



Friends of Bolney NEWS: Bolney Pram Race

A huge well done to everyone who took part in the Pram Race last weekend, it was a really fun afternoon! Friends of Bolney had a successful day with our two stalls, thank you to everyone who came along and supported them.

We would like to thank Jill Doddington and Hannah Edwards for all their hard work organising and running the games stall, which was very popular with the children! A big thank you to Clare Pope for all her efforts organising the bottle tombola stall and to Nanya and Laura for volunteering on the day. We wouldn't have been able to run both of these stalls without all of your support.

We managed to raise £800 for the school, which is brilliant, and this total should increase once the organisers split the day's fundraising between their three named charities. Thank you to the organisers for including Friends of Bolney CEP again this year. We're also incredibly fortunate that Jill has generously

offered to apply for matched giving through a scheme at her workplace—an invaluable contribution that will significantly boost our fundraising efforts.

Autumn Raffle & Auction - November 2025

We have been invited to organise a raffle and auction at a celebration to mark the 10 year anniversary of The Rawson Hall in November. If you or your company could donate a prize, we would be very grateful.

Please get in touch at friendsofbolney@gmail.com

Community Coffee Morning - Tuesday 1st July 10:30 - 12pm

This is a wonderful opportunity for some of the children to show their work and chat with villagers, parents and carers whilst enjoying some delicious homemade cakes. We hope you can join us!

Have a great weekend!
Friends of Bolney



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>

**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at
Bolney CEP School**