



# Newsletter

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Autumn  
Term  
Newsletter  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
June  
2026

Dear families,  
Change makers and critical thinkers are our two new values for this term and we have been considering these in worship and in classes. We have also been learning the meaning of The Lord's Prayer and how it links to our lives today.

The last two weeks seems to have been divided between beautiful sunshine and torrential rain but the weather hasn't stopped us from getting into the summer spirit with Mrs Green and Zoe valiantly battling the rain to ensure that the children were able to take part in their field events for sports day.

Your child/ren may also have mentioned our exciting day of orienteering. We now have a set of trail markers permanently installed in our school grounds and following training for the teachers, the children are now able to access these resources too. We plan to use them to support all areas of the curriculum and the children were full of enthusiasm when a representative from Commandor Joe's led our recent orienteering day.

## Willow Class

In Willow Class we have watched the animation Whistleless and made our own scene from the story, made character puppets and written our own stories based on it. We have also read The Very Hungry Caterpillar and imagined the feast the caterpillar could enjoy and talked about the lifecycle of butterflies. In PE, we have practised throwing a beanbag underarm, throwing a

howler overarm, 2 handed basketball throw over head and 2 footed jump. We then took part in our field activities as part of Sports Day. In Learning for Life, we have talked about our bodies and about healthy and unhealthy foods. We have recapped all the sounds we have learnt so far. In maths, we have been practising addition and subtraction up to 20. We have been on a Minibeast hunt around the school and have painted minibeasts for our class display.



## Beech Class

We have had a lovely two weeks in Beech Class.

In English, we experienced a 'blast from the past' and took part in drawing club! We have not taken part in this since Willow Class. We read the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We had a great time creating secret codes and drawing our own hungry bugs. The best part was the gold dust that was sprinkled on our page when we successfully completed our codes! It was great to revisit something we did when we first started school.

In music, we are learning a new song called It's okay (please just say). It is a song about being honest about our feelings and suggests strategies to make us

feel better. Additionally, we learnt some sign language to accompany the song. We are looking forward to learning the whole song.

In RE, we are learning about Christian communities and why they are so important to Christians. This week we learnt about christenings and baptisms. It was exciting to see full submersion baptisms and we had lots of questions such as 'Why does their whole body go under?', 'What if they bump their head?' and 'Do you need to have training to baptise someone?'. All of these questions demonstrate how deeply Beech Class think about their learning.

## Holly Class

Holly Class have had a busy start to the term, enjoying lots of sports and the orienteering. They have planned and written some fantastic stories based on the book 'Journey' and their top copies show just how proud they are of their writing.

In Maths, Time is the new unit of learning and the children are getting to grips with 'to' and 'past' as concepts.

In Science, another new unit of learning starts which is Electricity - the class are looking forward to investigating circuits!

## Silver Birch Class

We have had a busy first week back of our last half term. We have continued with our Ancient Greeks project but our new characteristics are: Change Makers and Critical Thinkers.

In English, we have started planning our own Greek myths with our newly designed God/Goddess. We started by exploring famous Greek myths such as Perseus and the Gorgon. We are in the process of deciding our plot and focused on our setting descriptions.

In PE, we have been practising throwing skills in preparation for our Sports morning. We also took part in an Orienteering day- it was amazing! The children had to use many skills- map reading, team work, resilience and maths!



In maths, as a result of the Maths Magician Andrew Jeffrey visiting us, we had a go at a task called Perfect Pentagons. The children really enjoyed spotting patterns and other shapes. We have moved into drawing and making 3D shapes too.

Arabella decided she would use hers as a basket!

In science, we started a new project: Classifying living things. We started by researching Carl Linnaeus- ask your child what he is famous for. We will be investigating yeast this week.

In History, we learned all about where the word Marathon came from. We discussed the battle and the famous runner- ask your child if they can remember his name! We explored seven versions of evidence and we had to decide which one we felt was the most likely and a true account.



In learning for life, we started Puzzle 6, Changing Me. We discussed statements such as, 'If I

had an hour to spare, I would...' and 'If someone gave me some money, I would rather...'. The children had to move to the answer they felt they agreed with the most out of a choice of 4. It was interesting to discuss these and how the children made their decisions.



In art, we started to make our Greek pots using Modroc! Messy but fun, pictures to follow...

#### Change of Hot Meal provider

From September 2026, school meals at **BOLNEY CEPS** will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Great news on price too, meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is **25p less than the current charge**. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today [www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/). To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit [www.feedwestsussex.co.uk](http://www.feedwestsussex.co.uk). If you have any questions in the

meantime, please contact Zoe in the office.

#### Community Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the Rawson Hall on Tuesday and enjoyed coffee and cakes, kindly donated by parents, and heard Silver Birch rehearsing for their end of year production.



#### Rights Respecting Article 12:



**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.**

#### Summer Safety

West Sussex County Council have produced a padlet full of information around keeping your child safe over the summer period:

[Key Public Health Information: Advice and support for parent and carers](#)

#### 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')
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Village Pram Race
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Get Active event Yr4/5 - email
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 12:30-3:15
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day afternoon
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Mixed cricket event Yr3/4 - email
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Bushcraft morning AP – email Afternoon – Beech Yr 5 Science day - email
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Beech Class Cake Sale
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Bushcraft morning AP – email Afternoon - Beech

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>

**FOB UPCOMING EVENTS**  
SUMMER TERM 2026

Be the Best You Can,  
Guided by God

- 9 JUNE** • COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING - RAWSON HALL 10:30-12:00
- 13 JUNE** • VILLAGE PRAM RACE FROM 1PM
- 17 JUNE** • SPORTS DAY DRINKS FROM 12:30
- 13 JULY** • MEET THE NEW INTAKE PARENTS SCHOOL HALL 9:30-10:00
- REGULAR EVENTS** • LOLLY SALE EACH TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
END OF TERM BAKE SALE - 17 JULY  
TERMLY HAMPER RAFFLE

For More Information: [www.bolneyschool.org.uk](http://www.bolneyschool.org.uk)

**The Bolney 13th JUNE PRAM RACE 2026**  
& Village Day  
THE RAWSON HALL, RH17 5PF  
12 - 4pm

5 RACES - FOOD - STALLS - LICENSED BAR - COCONUT SHY- BOUNCY CASTLE- ENTERTAINMENT - TUG OF WAR - RAFFLE - TOMBOLAS & MORE...

for further information, register for the race or to sponsor  
[www.thebolneypramrace.org](http://www.thebolneypramrace.org)

