



Newsletter

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Term
Newsletter
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Dear families,

It is always so lovely to see the children learning outside in the warmer weather and there has certainly be plenty of that lately. The Year 5 group did well to gain their Bikeability Level 1 certificate last week and everyone has started practicing for sports day too.

Year 6 have worked hard this week on their SATS and we are all very proud of them. They have demonstrated our value of resilience in abundance!

It has been really nice to see such a range of talents celebrated in our Friday worship this term, from actors and dancers, to motorcross and golf. Our 'unique board' in the main corridor showcases some of this and it has been fun to try and work out everyone's quote! Come and have a look and see if you can find your child's brick.

Willow Class

In Willow we have read the book Yucky Worms about a little girl visiting her grandmother and talking about the importance of worms. We have drawn the grandmother, a worm and added labels to our picture. We read the book Bloom about a beautiful flower and a little girl. We watched an animation, Zahra, about a girl, growing up in a very hot country and trying hard to nurture a tree with very little access to water. We drew both girls and their homes, the tree and flower and wrote a speech bubble.



In maths we have been counting to 20 and beyond in maths and looking for patterns. We have also been using the language of addition and subtraction. We have recapped all the phonics we have learnt so far and are trying hard with our sentence writing. We have talked about words that are unacceptable at school and how these make us feel and we have agreed rules for allowing toy cars in school. We have painted self portraits and talked about the jobs our families do. We have enjoyed looking at the baby and toddler photos some of us have brought into school and talked about growing. Our Caterpillars are growing we and we have named them; Monster Truck, Miller, Lollipop, Rosie and William.



Beech Class

We have had a very exciting week in Beech class! We have pets! Welcoming to the Beech class family we have... Crystal, Super Timmy, Hammer, Squirmy and Jonny!

We will be observing the growth of our caterpillars over the coming weeks. At the moment, measuring them in the most exciting part of our day!

Caterpillar Measurements

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1				Brum	
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4					
Week 5					
Week 6					
Week 7					

Meet the caterpillars!

1. Crystal
2. Super Timmy
3. Hammer
4. Squirmy
5. Jonny



In science, we have been looking at natural habitats and

what that looks like for different animals. We see how animals need to adapt to their climates and we discussed how climate change is impacting certain animals such as polar bears and Asian elephants.

Holly Class

In Holly we have continued to focus on the rainforests as part of our key question. We switched from the Amazon to Borneo as we begun to look at orangutans. We researched and read information pages in our VIPERS lessons and then we made our own. We have enjoyed finding out how intelligent they are and we've watched some documentary footage to learn more. We will be continuing our English lessons with the orangutan theme.



In maths, we've been learning decimals. We have mastered fractions and we are increasingly confident applying our equivalent fraction skills to compare tenths and hundredths. This has been a step up in difficulty but the children have shown a great attitude and desire to challenge themselves.

For science, we have begun by recapping parts of a plant and their function. We are going to learn the parts of the flower next.



Sports Day preparations have continued and there has been a good progression in our shot put and javelin throwing. We have practised long distance running as well as relays and sprint starts. In RE we are learning about the Pentecost. The children have recalled details from our Godly Play calendar work earlier in the year as well as making good links to the Stations of The Cross work and Easter story from last half term. For art, we have designed new insects that could be at home in the rainforest. This will also inspire some writing in a few weeks!

Silver Birch Class

In English, we have completed our unit of writing about Birthday Boy and have started our new text 'The Arrival', a

wordless picture book. So far, we have used colour to describe emotion in the illustrations and will be writing a farewell letter next week.

In maths, the Year 5's have been completing their area work and moved onto line graphs and timetables. The Year 6's completed their area, perimeter and volume work to pie charts and statistics to SATs! They have worked hard and we are looking forward to learning about Shape and Algebra next. Another fun activity was to use pictures in maths and so the children had to choose from a range and find the maths. They could find patterns, ratio, shapes, use all four operations and it highlighted that maths is all around us.



In computing, we have continued to look at Excel and we have used the AutoSum function to add data for us. We can see the importance of using spreadsheets particularly from the maths that we have been doing.

Science has been about mammals and reproduction. We learned about asexual, sexual and gametes. The children had some images of the process of reproduction and had to write their own description. We will be learning about Jane Goodall this week.

In learning for life, we have continued with Puzzle 4 and this weeks' discussion was about asking for help and what being exploited meant. We also discussed drugs (prescribed and unprescribed).

Another amazing event we were lucky to partake in, was a visit from Natalia, a Ukrainian

refugee, staying in Bolney. We had given Mrs Glew (Mary, Natalia's sponsor is Mrs Glew's neighbour) some questions and Natalia came in to share her responses.



It was very emotional. We shared our art books to show how we have considered displacement in our school.



Hotline to Heaven

Each week we have a theme in worship and Mrs Glew creates a beautiful interactive reflection area for the children to visit. She also runs our very popular hotline to Heaven lunchtime club. Can you spot the themes?





Recycled Book & Game Sale

Eco Council have been working on our Peace Garden, adding new plants and replanting the grass bank with support from Bolney Nursery. They would like to run a Recycled Book & Game Sale on Tuesday 20th May at 3:15 to support this project. Please give good quality donations to Mrs Cheney.

Packed lunches and snacks

We are noticing some unhealthy snacks at breaktimes and in lunch boxes so would like to politely remind families to consider healthy options. These are some ideas.

FRUIT (2 PIECES)	
SANDWICH, WRAP OR ALTERNATIVE	
DAIRY	
VEGETABLES (2 PIECES)	
FIBRE/GRAINS (Wholegrains)	
WATER	

School Uniform

Great News from Monkhouse!
For a limited time, enjoy 20% off all orders online and in-store – perfect for getting a head start on back-to-school shopping and saving money!

Offer Dates:

20% Off All Orders

- **Start Date:**
Monday, 19th
May – Limited
time Only!

Extended Returns

- **Start Date:** 6th
May
- **End Date:** 12th
September



Bushcraft

The children and staff are developing a really special area next to the cricket pavilion for their Friday bushcraft sessions but sadly some of the resources have been broken outside of school hours. Please can you help us by being vigilant and ensuring that this area is used safely and appropriately and spread the word to other members of the community.

Year R and 1 Football trials

Next week on Thursday evening Charlie from Tollo Academy is holding an open trial to play in an Under 7s age group for the 2025/26 football season (CURRENT YEAR 1 and RECEPTION) SIGN UP LINK: <https://forms.gle/aXKDKFYs5VG Ba8Ho9>

AGE current Year 1 or Reception children who are keen footballers who may want to compete in matches from September.

REGISTER please register your

child using the link above if you wish to attend next Thursday!
COACH Charlie is UEFA LICENCED and works with a lot of talented footballers regularly. He will be the manager of the team in the 2025/26 season.
QUERIES message Charlie on 07837870475 if you have any questions!

Friends of Bolney NEWS:

A huge thank you to Zoe Belton for organising a fantastic **Music Quiz** last Friday evening. It was a brilliant event and everyone had a great time! It raised **£384**, which is amazing, and we really appreciate all Zoe's hard work.

If you have a fundraiser that you would like to organise we would love to hear from you!

FOB Meeting - Wednesday 21st May 8:45am

We hope you can join us for our next meeting which will be taking place in the school library. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation about upcoming fundraisers and a way forward for Friends of Bolney

Bolney Pram Race - Saturday 21st June

Thank you so much for your generous bottle donations today for our Bottle Tombola stall, they are very much appreciated and will help us raise vital funds for the school.

Game Stalls:

In order to raise more funds for the school we would like to have a couple of games stalls at The Pram Race alongside our Bottle Tombola. FOB has the equipment for some games we have run in the past such as a Nerf Target Game, Poo in the Loo, Bucket Ball or you could come up with your own game idea! We also have glitter if someone would like to run a

Glitter Tattoo stall. Thank you to the parents who have come forward so far. If anyone else is able to help with this please get in touch we would love to have a couple of game stalls at the event -

friendsofbolney@gmail.com

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**

