



Newsletter

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Dear families,

Firstly, thank you to all the parents and carers who came to meet with class teachers this week. Hopefully you had a chance to look through books and see how hard the children have been working on their handwriting and presentation across all subjects.

We had two busy open mornings for new families and our Year 6 group did a fantastic job of leading tours around the school. It is hard to believe Willow Class have been in school for a whole term – they have settled so beautifully!

Thank you to everyone that has offered club ideas and requests, we are doing our best to accommodate these both in-house and with outside providers. We are currently pursuing piano lessons, an acrobatic arts club and a Lego club in addition to those already in place. We are also offering bespoke 'clubs' during Bolney Bees too following your suggestions. Please see info further down.

We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to a busy, fun-filled Term 2 leading up to Christmas.

Willow Class

Willow Class have shared the animated story "Caterpillar Shoes", where the Caterpillar gives away all their shoes before becoming a cocoon. We drew the caterpillar, noticed the setting of the story, designed shoes that the Caterpillar might like and thank you gifts for the Caterpillar. We also read Jack And The

Beanstalk and talked about Jack, The Giants Castle and how we could destroy the Beanstalk. We have learnt our first 4 sounds in phonics; *s a t p*. In Maths, we have concentrated on counting and reading the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and working out 1 more and 1 less. We painted our clay diva lamps ready to celebrate Diwali. We loved having 2 of our mums in to lead our Diwali celebrations. In Expressive Arts, we have talked about Paul Klee's 'The Castle' and noticed the shapes in his picture. We are making our own giant Castles using paint and shapes. In Learning for Life, we have talked about how we help people at school. In Science, we have talked about hibernating creatures. In RE, we have talked about how the word God is precious to Christians.



Beech Class

Beech class has had a super two weeks.

In science, we tested what material would make the best shield for a castle. We tested



paper, wood, metal, plastic and fabric.

In English, we have been writing as if we were a King or a Queen for a day. We spoke about all the things we did such as walk around our moat, laugh at the jester and watch the knights jousting.

In DT, we finally finished our castles, they have a drawbridge, arrow slits and thrones for Kings or Queens to sit!

Holly Class

In Holly we have finished writing our Roman soldier job applications. We tried hard to be persuasive and comment on our suitability for the job. We exaggerated our skills and abilities with some gory details about how brilliant we are at sword fighting etc. In art, we have redesigned our mini mes to Romanise them. Next half term we will continue to focus on the life of soldiers and we will be using the mini mes to help us. In maths, we have been using different addition methods. We've focused on the column method for difficult questions, including ones that involve regrouping but we've tried to think back to rounding, estimating and other useful strategies like using number bonds when working mentally. Our RE unit on Creation and the Fall has asked us to consider some different stories and parables from the bible. We noticed the common theme of forgiveness running through all of them.

Our history lessons have focused on the early days of Roman

involvement in Britain. We've learned about the different tribes in Britain and how they responded to the Roman threat. We particularly enjoyed learning about Boudica and her rebellion. In computing, we've learned about computer networks including how the school system works and enables us to share useful information on a shared drive.



Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had another busy two weeks. We have been able to use our characteristics of Friends and Team Players through several activities. The Year 6's completed their Bikeability course and through Learning for Life and P.E lessons, we have shown team work and unity, a word mentioned in Ms Lofthouse's worship. Firstly, in Learning for Life, the children had to work in teams of at least three. Then one member of the team had to choose a mystery object from Jez's mystery bag (Blindfolded). Their mission was to make up a game for us to play using the object. The children impressed me with so much creativity and confidence.



We have written several pieces in English. Our fact files, our recruitment posters/adverts and this week we completed our letters as Crew from the Endurance, back home to a loved one. After half term, we will start our journey across to Antarctica and write diaries and a news report. In maths, we have been continued exploring Place Value. We have completed this and we ended with calculating with negative numbers and dividing fractions. After half term, we will revisit methods for addition and subtraction. In Science, we moved onto irreversible changes and we had fun investigating plastic milk! Ask your child what that is and why milk is white!



Bolney CEP Bees



Be the Best You Can,
Guided by God

During the winter months, Bolney Bees Wrap-Around Childcare will be based in the school library and each day there will be a different focus. Come and join our after-school club and enjoy the following activities:

Monday: Homework

Tuesday: Indoor Sports

Wednesday: Arts and Crafts

Thursday: Lego and games

Friday: Free-choice

Birthdays in school

Just a reminder that we politely request that from now on, no sweet treats (or any gifts) are bought in to mark a child's birthday. This is for multiple reasons including cost, allergies, potential pressure on parents and healthy eating. We plan to celebrate birthdays in assembly on a Friday in future and in class for individuals. No doubt there will be celebrations out of school too, often with classmates where treats can be shared. We hope that you understand and will support this decision. Any sweet treats that are bought in will be returned to be enjoyed at home. Many thanks for your understanding with this.

Diary Dates:

Mon 3rd Nov: INSET day
Tues 4th Nov: Children start back
Fri 21st Nov: non uniform for
sweets/choc tombola
Tues 25th Nov: non uniform day
for bottle tombola
Fri 5th Dec: School Fayre 2:30-
4pm
Mon 15th / Weds 17th Dec: KS1
Nativity 2pm
Weds 17th Dec: KS2 Carol Service
6pm

See the website calendar for
important dates:

[https://www.bolneyschool.org.
uk/web/calendar/223211](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](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209)

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

Friends of Bolney NEWS:

Don't miss the **Rawson Hall
10th Birthday Party** on
Saturday 22 November!

**This event is raising funds
for Friends of Bolney** so we
really hope that lots of parents are
able to come along and support.
Please invite friends & family,
everyone's welcome!

Enjoy a delicious dinner cooked
by Michael Notman-Watt – a
very talented Bolney School Dad
and MasterChef: The
Professionals semi-finalist. Plus
live music, dancing, and lots of
amazing prizes to be won in our
silent auction and raffle!

FOB are working hard with the
Hall organisers to make this a
fantastic event and raise as much
as possible for **Bolney School**.

To book your tickets please contact
- Karen crockska@aol.com or
Helen - 07810 467003

If possible please try to order your
tickets with your friends, so we can
sit you together. If you come as a
smaller group/couple/single, don't
worry, we will find you a good seat!

If you're unable to attend the event
but would still like to support, we're
selling **raffle tickets** with lots of
brilliant prizes up for grabs!

Tickets are available from **the
school office** for **£1 each** or you
can contact us at
friendsofbolney@gmail.com,
and we'll be sharing the full list
of prizes after half term.

**Thank you so much to everyone
who came along to our Friends
of Bolney meeting last week!**

It was great to see some new
faces and hear fresh ideas — we
really appreciate your time and
input. We're hopeful that we'll be
able to appoint some new
members soon to take on key
roles and help keep FOB running
strong.

