



# Newsletter

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Newsletter  
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## Dear families,

The children have been showing our values really well. It is lovely to see so many raffle tickets in our Values Tombola already this term. Here is some of the learning we have been doing.

### Willow

Website class page:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/willow/223508>

This week we have read *Can I Build Another Me?* and imagined everything we would have to teach a robot to do to get them to pass for us. We are now designing our own robots to take over from us. We spoke and wrote about our likes and dislikes, rights and responsibilities. We mixed and painted our own skin colour, observing carefully with mirrors as part of our work on portraiture. We celebrated National Poetry Day and listened to and joined in with Macavity the Mystery Cat. We played games to encourage turn taking and listening and talked about how to be a friend and acts of kindness. Year 1 are continuing to revisit phase 3 phonic sounds that we have found tricky to remember and have been noticing missing numbers in sequences in maths and counting backwards and forwards.



We had another Mum visit us to read to us in Spanish. We were delighted to see so many parents visit Willow class last week. The children loved sharing their learning with them.



### Beech

Website class page:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/beech/223509>

Beech class have been busy bees these past two weeks! We have been: exploring symmetry – looking at the properties of 3D shapes using the correct vocabulary; partitioning numbers into tens and ones; thinking about our likes and dislikes and what makes us similar but different; collecting verbs ahead of writing a class book based on a book called 'Wonder'; learning where in the world Haiti is ahead of filming a mini documentary about Bolney to share with our friends at Hope House and planting spring bulbs. We also managed to find some time for a spot of baking – delicious apple crumble! Thank you Mrs Halliwell.



### Holly

Website class page:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/holly/223510>

We have had a fun filled 2 weeks. In English we have been reading the Escape from Pompeii story. We have written settings of Pompeii before and after the eruption. We have tried to include noun phrases, prepositional phrases and our senses. In science we have been geologists and learning all about rocks and minerals. We found out that there are 3 main types of rock; please ask your child what they are!



We have been busy grouting mosaics in art and using technology to design a mosaic online. We tried hard to use repeating patterns.



In maths we have been using dice to generate three digit numbers and look for patterns when we round them to the nearest hundred. In Forest School we made Roman pots and used Roman numerals to

write our birthdays on wooden discs which we also sawed ourselves!



We are also loving reading books and we all enjoy the reading corner where we share our favourite book.



### Silver Birch

Website class page:

[https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/silver\\_birch/223523](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/silver_birch/223523)

In Silver Birch we have continued focusing on Shackleton's Antarctic expedition. We have role played applying for the crew, completing tasks before setting off and debating what to do when the ship became stuck in the ice. We had lots of discussions about whether to abandon the mission, camp and wait out for the ice to melt or carry on the journey on foot. We considered the risks and rewards and most children were keen not to give up. We also imagined what it would have been like hunting for penguins and played a penguin hunting game on the 'ice' (spots on the playground).



In English we have been using those experiences and our key text 'Shackleton's Journey' to write our diaries in the role of crew members. The language

and descriptions of the Antarctic have been brilliant and the children have empathized with the crew so well.

In maths we have focused on primes, factors, multiples and BODMAS. The children have investigated number so well, asking lots of questions and have challenged themselves. After finding out which numbers between 0 – 100 had the most factors, we were then able to work out which numbers up to 1,000 had the most too. There has also been lots of competition during times tables warm-up games. In science we have investigated how rust occurs and considered which liquids could speed up or slow down the process. We have also continued to consider the beliefs of Humanists and have held respectful and detailed discussions in RE.

### Parent/Carer Teacher meetings

Thank-you for meeting with your child's class teacher this week. We hope you found it helpful.

### New Chair of Governors

Following our recent Full Governing Body meeting Mrs Rebecca Harrison is now our Chair of Governors with Mrs Faye Heath-Lay as Vice Chair. We thank Mrs Heath-Lay for all of her hard work and commitment as the outgoing Chair of Governors of our lovely school. Mrs Harrison has two children in school in Year 3 and Year 5.

### Parking

There seems to be lots of congestion in the car park. Please **only** use the car park if you have preschool children with you. We ask all other families to park elsewhere.

Please do not park in the reserved space.

### Children going home with other families – being safe

Please inform the office if your child is going home with another family.

### Jumpers – Lost Property

Please can all items of clothing and bags be labelled, we seem to have lots of unnamed items in lost property. A few children cannot find their jumpers – please can you check your child's jumpers to ensure it is theirs.

### HELLOYELLOW! Young Minds – Mentally Healthy day - TODAY

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/#HELLOYELLOW>

Huge thanks to everyone for helping us celebrate World Mental Health day on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Harvey and Harley – our Wellbeing Ambassador - have exciting plans for raising awareness of the importance of keeping both physically and mentally healthy over the next year so watch this space! Thank you for your generous donations for Young Minds.

### Gardening Club

This week we have made origami seed packets from our recycled 'Happy Newspapers' as well as packaging our seeds for the Bolney Horticultural seed swap. Our onion sets have been planted and the garlic is already sprouting through thanks to the recent sun and rain.

There are some great ideas for young gardeners on the RHS website, including making a hedgehog hotel! Why not have a look...<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Info-Sheet/Gardening-club-calendar>



### Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week has been Dyslexia Awareness week and whilst we have not formally celebrated this in school, we will be raising awareness later in the term through our 'Unique Week'. The British Dyslexia Association has a range of resources to support professionals and parents and I highly recommend watching this short clip if you want to know more about what Dyslexia actually is.

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyslexia/about-dyslexia>

### After School Football Club

(Tuesday with Mr Pitt) is cancelled due to the match taking place on Thursday.

### Help please

#### We are Vegas Night - TONIGHT

Please support the Friends of Bolney by having fun at the fabulous Vegas Night fundraiser at the Rawson Hall tonight from 7.30. Tickets are available via [friendsofbolney@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbolney@gmail.com)

### Church Repairs

There will be further repairs starting on the south side of the church tower from Monday 11th October for five weeks. There will not be any disruption for those walking to school as the scaffolding will be on the grass and well protected. The parking area by the churchyard will be taken up by the contractor's vehicles and other facilities so we would be grateful if we could avoid trying to use this area.

### Covid-19 preventative measures

Please continue to be vigilant for any possible COVID symptoms. **If your child has any possible symptoms please do not send them to school and arrange for them to have a PCR**

**test.** Only send them to school if this test is negative.

### Showing our values well

The values trophies were presented to:



Henry for showing love and James for showing respect.



Amber and Larna for showing love and respect.

### Diary Dates:

#### Open days for new YR families for September 2022

9.30-11.30

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

6-7pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

### 150 years - We need your help

Please help in the week of 18th October with sewing and fabric printing in school to create our 'heirloom embroidery'.

### Open classes

2.15pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October for Y1, Y2 (surnames from A-L), Y3 and Y5

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November for YR, Y2 (surnames from M-Z), Y4 and Y6

### Holly Class trip

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### Bolney U5s Bonfire Night

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – more details to come

### Year 6 Bikeability

Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### Flu Spray

YR – Y6 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Sports Morning

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
(15<sup>th</sup> June is our reserve day)

### INSET days 2021-22

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Additional holiday day

In lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee extended bank holiday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**Thank- you for your continued support with all that we do and we wish you an enjoyable weekend.**

**Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School**

