



# Newsletter

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Dear families,

Firstly, can I extend my thanks to everyone that joined us for our Easter Eucharist in church this week. I know that it is hard to juggle work, home and school events so we do really appreciate it when you can join us. The children showed awe and wonder, sang beautifully and performed their roles during the service with thought and care. Our thanks to Father Peter for leading this service, something which we plan to repeat in the Summer Term.

We are praying for fine weather for Friday afternoon's Easter Trail – the rehearsal was bathed in sunshine and again the children acted respectfully and enthusiasm. It does feel a fitting end to the term in preparation for the Easter holidays.

## Willow Class

In Maths we have been talking about making number bonds to 10 and talking about odds and evens. We have been talking about 3d shapes and learning their names and identifying their features. In Drawing Club, we shared a book, Super Duper You and How Can I Build Another Me and have written sentences about ourselves. We shared the



book, Not Now Bernard and drew Bernard and the Monster. We drew Bernard's house and imagined what the Monster could eat to take away the taste of Bernard, we wondered where the Monster could have come from and what the mum and dad could do to get him out of the house!

We have shared a new animated story, Trapdoor – Breakfast Time. We drew the character, Berk, the spooky castle he lives in and imagined a new monster that could be living under the Trapdoor and what he would serve up as breakfast.

In Art, we finished our Cherry Blossom pictures and have been exploring the work of Andy Warhol.

In Learning For Life, we have talked about healthy foods, the sports and exercises we like to play and do to stay healthy, the importance of sleep and what helps us to sleep.

In RE and Godly Play sessions, we have shared the Easter Story and talked about Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We have talked about why Christians place crosses in an Easter Garden and we placed our crosses in the class garden.

## Beech Class

We have had a fantastic two weeks in Beech Class.

In maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We made different things out of 2D shapes and it was fun. We made flowers, busses and towers!

In RE, we have been learning about the build up to Easter. It has been eye opening discussing how we think the disciples would have felt when they saw Jesus after his resurrection. We said



they might have felt shocked, excited and happy.

In computing, we are learning how to insert pictures into powerpoint. It has been fun choosing photos and cartoons. Some of us even added writing to our slides.

## Holly Class

In Holly, we have finished reading Kensuke's Kingdom. It has been a great read and it was lovely to see some (happy) tears at the end of the book! We will be enjoying the film version for our marble jar treat on the last day of term.

We have also finally finished our stories we've written that were inspired by the book and our learning this term about disasters. We are really proud of them and have been able to demonstrate lots of the story skills we've worked on this term. We have finished our golf lessons which were a brilliant introduction to a new sport for lots of us.

In our PE lessons, we've loved doing gymnastics and created an obstacle course for our final lesson.

Our maths work on fractions has been very impressive. All the adults working in our maths lessons have observed lots of confidence and deep understanding and the children have worked really hard to develop this.

In science, really enjoyed British Science week. Our task was to investigate paper aeroplanes. We started by comparing three designs – the classic plane, a helicopter and a glider. We then adapted and made our own designs to enter into two competitions. We tested overall distance flown and amount of time in the air. It was extremely close but Alex won the best distance competition and



Manuela's helicopter design was in the air for the longest.



In RE, we've enjoyed preparing for the Easter trail and Easter service. We've written prayers and planned out our parts of the trail, ready to perform on the last day of term.

### Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had another eventful two weeks.

In PE, we have been considering fitness and as this links to our

learning for life Puzzle 4: Healthy Me, we decided to try the bleep test- everyone tried their hardest!



In maths, we have continued exploring fractions, percentages and decimals. We have also focused on our reasoning skills. We had a visitor called Andrew Jeffery, a 'Mathmagician' and we really enjoyed his magic tricks regarding number, we did think we had been given a million dollars but it's turned out to be not legal tender!



In science, it was British Science Week so as a class we watched a live lesson from Earth Watch, all about Fresh Water and what is in our fresh water.

The children took notes and are keen to take part in the:



In art, we have created a strip of tone and shade, using blue, white and black. The children have started to explore the techniques used by Van Gogh.



Lastly, we enjoyed our last session of Table Talk, where we became kitchen staff, waiters,



meet and greeters, bread makers and customers! The children loved it and some were keen to eat their dough uncooked, it smelt so good!

### French Café

Holly Class invited Silver Birch to their French Café where both classes were all able to practice their French greetings and enjoy some food and drink.



## Ducky Duck Sale

Congratulations to Sophia Booty in Silver Birch Class who raised £107.80 for the school and £107.80 for PDSA, a charity that supports sick animals.



**Gardening Club** – starts again on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April for those who attended in the autumn term.

**Comic Relief** – Thank you £21.28 was raised.

## 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.

Each workshop will run at **2:00pm in the library** on the following dates:

**My digital child** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026, including Parental Controls

*Apps Young People are using*  
*Family Agreements for Online Use*

*School's Safeguarding Policy*  
*around Social Media*  
*Further Resources*

**Supporting children to understand a change in family dynamics** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026

If you would like to attend, 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.

## Our Universal Offer to all children

The SEND Code of Practice (2015) states that 'all teachers are teachers of SEND'. Therefore, within each class, all our teachers make specific adaptations to suit all the learners in their class.

They use a range of approaches to meet different learning styles, give clear explanations, check understanding often and adapt lessons when needed:

Breaking learning into manageable steps;

Using visual, practical activities and clear examples;

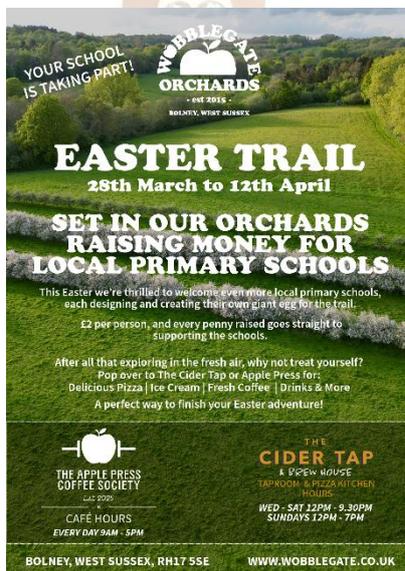
Providing extra prompts or challenges where appropriate;

Creating a calm, supportive classroom environment where children can take risks;

For many children, especially those who may need a little extra support, **high-quality teaching makes the biggest difference**. It helps children feel confident, included and ready to learn.

If you ever have questions about how your child is supported in class, please speak to their teacher - we're always happy to talk things through.

**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School all wish you a very happy Easter break.**



Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 3:15-3:30	Phonics Screening Workshop Yr1 families
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 3:15-3:30	Phonics Screening Workshop Yr1 families
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	FoB EGM 3pm @school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Group Bushcraft am – email Silver Birch Bushcraft pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	No Bushcraft

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>



## FRIENDS OF BOLNEY NEWS:

Thank you to everyone that supported the Music Quiz at the 8 Bells raising money for the school – a fun evening was had by all and there were a few winners amongst the staff and parent teams too!

📅 Dates for the Diary – Friends of Bolney (April Meetings) 📅

We have two important meetings coming up in April and would love to see as many of you there as possible:

📅 Thursday 16 April, 15:00  
Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at Bolney School  
To discuss proposed changes to committee roles

📅 Thursday 30 April, 7:00pm  
General Meeting at the Eight Bells

👏 Everyone is very welcome to join us! Whether you'd like to get involved, share ideas, or just see what we're about, we'd love to have you there.

💛 We are truly grateful for any support you can offer – every little bit makes a big difference for our school.

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