



Newsletter

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Summer
Term
Newsletter
Friday 10th
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Dear families,
Thank you to those of you who joined us for our **Harvest Festival**; it was lovely to see so many families in church. Your donations to the Food Bank at Haywards Heath were much appreciated.
Thank you also to those who have signed up for a **parent/carer consultation** slot on 21st and 22nd October between 3:30-6pm. There is still time if you haven't. It has been lovely to see Willow parents and carers coming in to meet with Mrs Cheney this week too.
Our **Open Mornings** are on the 21st and 22nd too between 9:30-11:30. If you know anyone with pre-school children that might be interested, do invite them to come and take a look around our lovely school!

Football success

Well done to the football team for winning the NEARS Football tournament this week, taking them through to the Sussex small schools finals in January.



Willow Class

In Willow Class we have shared stories like 'Good Knight Sleep Tight'. We talked about our bedtime routines and imagined soft materials we would fill pillows with. We shared the story of 'Rama And Sita' and had

fun acting the story out. We have drawn Rama And Sita and Ravana the demon King, drawn Ravana's castle and drawn the diva lamps and fireworks used in celebrations. In Maths, we have been sorting sets and explaining our reasoning, talked about measures such as capacity, mass and height and continued patterns and made our own plates of our favourite foods, celebrated our Harvest Festival and enjoyed Buddy Time and read books with our buddies. We started our Phonics Journey, sharing wordless books, using the pictures to tell the stories.



This week, we have made clay diva lamps, talked about Autumn and hibernation and made clay hedgehogs. We have talked about Paul Klee's 'The Castle' and noticed the shapes in his picture. We are making our own castles using paint and shapes. We have talked about the people who lift us up and make us happy as part of World Mental Day.

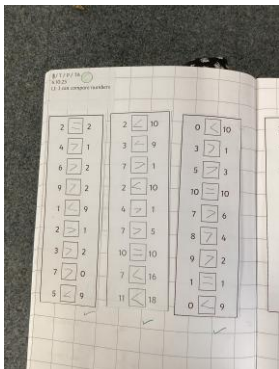
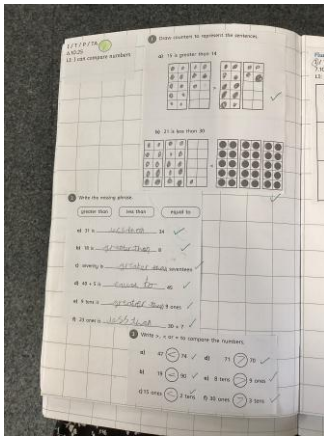


Beech Class

We have had a very exciting two weeks in Beech Class. To celebrate the harvest, we made pieces of art based on the autumnal book 'Fletcher and the falling leaves'. We used paint for the trees, crayons for the leaves and pencil for the fox. We then presented our art work in a walking gallery at the Harvest Festival.



In maths, we have been exploring the 'greater than' 'less than' and 'equal to' symbol. It has been so much fun comparing the numbers! We used our arms to show the crocodile eating the biggest number!



Holly Class

Holly have been reading 'The Roman Soldier Handbook'. We've been learning about the rules, pay and conditions the soldiers had. We've begun planning and writing applications to become a soldier. We have thought about persuasive writing, paragraphs and sentence construction and we're building up to our final letters.

In maths, we have finished place value with a focus on rounding. We worked really hard on this tricky skill and we have finally cracked it.

In science, we have been investigating properties of rocks – firstly using the Mohs scale to investigate hardness of minerals. This has been a fun hands on activity and we are looking forward to investigating porosity and reactions to acid in the next lessons.



Our art focus on volcanoes finished with an eruption. We used papier mache to make working volcanoes and used bicarb and vinegar to bring them to life!



We have also been working really hard on dribbling skills in hockey – which is a completely new skill for lots of us!

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had a busy two weeks after their amazing experience at Windmill Hill. The children demonstrated our values brilliantly and were excellent team leaders and supportive friends.



As Harvest was vastly approaching on our return, we used our English lessons to research our given country to find out about Harvest around

the World. We learned so many new things.

We then moved onto starting our text, 'Shackleton's Journey'. The first writing task was to write a fact file, firstly about ourselves then about Shackleton. We have learned a lot about him through our geography and art lessons. We are then looking at how Shackleton recruited his crew for such a dangerous mission and we will look at persuasive writing techniques.

In maths, we have been continued exploring Place Value. We are now using numbers up to 10,000,000, reasoning about these large numbers and focusing on methods for multiplication and division. We had some fun separating materials in science. We discussed magnetism, filtration, evaporation and sieving as possible methods for separating and the most effective. Ask your child what we observed while heating both salt and water and sugar and water!



Our learning for life lessons have been about setting goals and the steps to achieve these goals. Our week at our residential was a great opportunity to try new things

and to step outside of our comfort zone- all skills discussed in learning for life lessons. In P.E, we have focused on ball skills in preparation for netball. The children have improved immensely over the half term.

Rights Respecting School

If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of our RRSA steering group (made up of children, staff and parents) then do make yourself knowm. We will be holding our first meeting on Thursday 23rd October at 2:30 to look at our Pathway to Silver Action Plan.

Cycle to School Week 2025 takes place from **Monday 13 – Friday 17 October.**

The Bikeability Trust are asking schools and families to **make a pledge** to swap the school run for pedal power, and have the chance to win cycling prizes! Make your pledge here, and please share this with your families to give them the opportunity to make a pledge and win a prize too....

[Cycle to School Week - Bikeability](#)

Birthdays in school

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.

Spare underwear

If anyone has any spare girls/boys underwear for when our little ones have a little mistake, we would be grateful. Our stock has diminished over the years. If you have any other school items, please return them. Thank you.

Bolney CEP Bees



Be the Best You Can,
Guided by God

Come and join Bolney Bees before or after school for lots of fun:

Halloween Themes
Autumn decorations
Festive decorations for Christmas and loads more...

Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability.

Families can visit the Best Start in Life website to check if they are eligible.

TFC can be saved up on a parent's/carer's accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school term, there is still the option to save up funds.

Best Start in Life has a catalogue of guidance and promotional resources that you can utilise to promote the scheme. Also check out the Family Information Service (FIS) Facebook page. The FIS share useful information on help paying for childcare and other topics that may be useful to families.

Hope House Haiti News

Ensure your year 7 application form is submitted by 31st October 2025

Diary Dates:

Christmas Dates:

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>

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**

Friends of Bolney NEWS:

We're delighted to share that we've received an additional **£396.54** from **The Bolney Pram Race**, bringing our total fundraising from this fantastic community event to **£1,681.54!** A huge thank you to the organisers for including Friends of Bolney on the day and choosing us as one of the charities to support — we're so grateful for your continued generosity.

Dates for your Diary:

**FOB Meeting: Tuesday 14th
October - 7pm - The Eight
Bells**

Come along and join us for a drink and a chat at this informal meeting. Please let us know if you can make it or if you would like any further information about Friends of Bolney - friendsofbolney@gmail.com

**FOB AGM Meeting:
Wednesday 12th November -
7pm - The Eight Bells**

**Saturday 22nd November -
The Rawson Hall 10th
Birthday Party!**

Join the celebrations for this milestone event, featuring live music, delicious food and a **raffle and silent auction** organised by FOB with lots of amazing prizes to be won! Book your tickets now by emailing - crocksk@aol.com

Enjoy your weekend!
Friends of Bolney

