



Newsletter

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Newsletter
Friday 6th
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Dear families,

It has been such a blessing this week to have blue skies and dry days. The daffodils have bloomed and there is definitely a feeling of Spring in the air!

The first two weeks of term have sped by with busy classrooms and some fantastic work taking place.

Don't forget to sign up for a consultation meeting with your child's class teacher and check the upcoming diary dates on the website or at the end of this newsletter – there is lots going on!

Thank you to all of those who supported the community coffee morning by attending, baking or helping – it was a lovely event and the children who represented the school were a credit. It was nice for the leadership groups to have a role. The eco-team have lots of plans with Mrs Cheney to develop our outside spaces which is also very exciting.

Willow Class

In Willow Class, we finished our self portraits and continued with our Cherry Blossom pictures. We have been learning more about Pop Art. In Maths we have been comparing heights and length of objects and talking about making number 9 and 10, how to count them quickly and what 1 more and 1 less would be. We have started to look at the Easter Story through Godly Play and talked about Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem. We have shared an animation, The Black Hat about a boy who finds a magic hat. We drew the imaginary animals that

come from the hat and the woodland setting where the boy lived and imagined where the hat had come from. We watched a Superhero animation, Bananaman Meets Dr Gloom. We drew the boy who turns into Bananaman, we drew the Villain – Dr Gloom, we drew Eric's house and imagined what Bananaman could be turned into by Dr Gloom. We invented transport for Dr Gloom too. We finally enjoyed our Marble Jar Treat and said goodbye to our Student Teacher, Miss Williams. In Learning for Life we have talked about how to stay Healthy. This week we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and enjoyed playing outside in the lovely weather!



Beech Class

We have had a lovely two weeks back in Beech Class. We started the half term with a maths challenge. We were given 100 numbers to put in a number square as a class. Some of us found the 30's, others found the 90's. It was a fun team building

challenge!



In RE, we are looking at the Easter story, we spent time answering questions about the story and then sequenced the events leading up to the crucifixion. It was interesting to learn about.

In computing, we have been exploring how to use google image searching. This week, we researched pictures of animals. We needed to be specific in our research, for example instead of just typing 'cat' into the search bar, we typed 'big, scary, yellow cat'. This allowed us to find a more specific image.



Holly Class

In Holly, we have been enjoying Kensuke's Kingdom. We are using it as inspiration for our own stories and have begun working

on the skills needed for effective story writing.

In maths, we are continuing to focus on fractions, with lots of work on equivalents and adding and subtracting. We will soon be moving on to decimals and dealing with money!

We are lucky to have started golf lessons! We had our first session this week and learned about putting. This has been a completely new sport for some of us and has been an exciting change to the usual PE we do. In our other PE lessons we are doing gymnastics and we are enjoying jumping, rolling and developing sequences – especially when we can use the equipment and challenge ourselves.



In science, we are continuing to work on states of matter and we are now learning about the water cycle. We have investigated evaporation and discussed how evaporation and condensation can be a lifesaver – when you need to separate water from salt – something that Michael in Kensuke's Kingdom could have done with knowing!

In art, we created earthquake proof buildings – by designing and making strong structures. We then tested them with Mrs Booty's seismograph – which measured tremors as we rocked them.

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch has had a busy and fun two weeks to the start of this last part of the spring term.

First thing I need to mention is a thank you to our student teacher Mr Baker who has now left us.

We were lucky to have him help with our excellent trip to Newhaven Fort and we will miss his drama and quizzes. One exciting event was making pizzas and eating them!



Regarding our trip, we wanted to make the most of the last 4 weeks of our project of WW2 so in our English lessons, we posed questions to take with us for the Fort staff or the exhibitions to help us answer. I was really impressed with the variety of questions the children thought of.



In maths, we have been exploring fractions, percentages and decimals. We are trying to make maths more fun so we have been playing some games such as countdown, bingo and number of the day. We are also trying to make the maths we are learning explicit in how it links to real life. Offers in shops with statements like, what is the better offer, 3/5 of £400 or 50% of £500.

In science we have completed our solar systems and there are more photos on the science page of the website, the children showed great creativity and knew exactly what materials they needed to be successful.



In art, we have started to explore the work of Van Gogh, an artist mentioned in our VIPERS text, 'Flamingo Boy'. We will be trying to recreate a famous painting of his- ask your child about this. Dance has been fun and we have learned street dance techniques!



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:

Positive communication – Monday 16th March 2026

My digital child – Monday 11th May 2026

Supporting children to understand a change in family dynamics – Monday 6th 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.

St Mary Magdalene

Everyone is warmly invited to join us at St Mary Magdalene parish church for our Mothering Sunday worship on the 15th March at 9.30am. There will be posies prepared for all the Mums and other ladies which we would love the children to hand out. There will be refreshments after the service including traditional Simnel Cake!

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School

Diary Dates:

Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
WB: 9 th March	Science Week
Tuesday 10 th March	Maths Magician am
Thursday 12 th March	Netball 2:30-4:45 - email
Friday 13 th March	Celebration worship Group Bushcraft - email Holly Bushcraft pm
Monday 16 th March	Parent workshop 2pm – Positive communication
Tuesday 17 th March	Yr 5/6 Table Talk am Consultations 3:30-6
Weds 18 th March	Consultations 3:30-6
Friday 20 th March	Celebration worship Willow Bushcraft am

	Holly Bushcraft pm
Monday 23 rd March	Yr3/4 netball festival pm -email
Weds 25 th March	Easter Service in Church 9am – all welcome
Thursday 26 th March	Willow healthy child programme 9am Yr5/6 Cross Country @Crawley -email
Friday 27 th March	No Bushcraft No celebration worship Easter Trail pm – all welcome Last day of term

See the website calendar for important dates:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211>

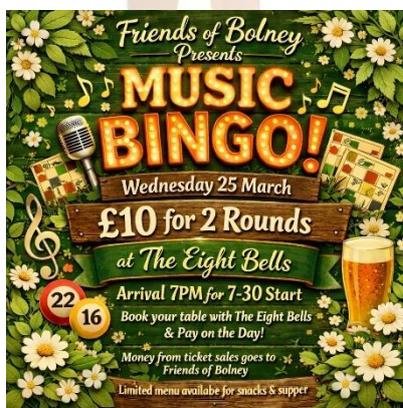
Please also take time to look at our website, which has a lot of information that you may wish to see, including class pages.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209>



FRIENDS OF BOLNEY NEWS:

FOB Music Bingo – The Eight Bells – Wednesday 25th March 7/7.30pm



World Book Day 2026

