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Newsletter

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Autumn Term Newsletter Friday 27TH November 2026

Dear families,
It is beginning to feel a lot like Chirstmas at Bolney! The children had an enjoyable Christmas arts morning where they produced some lovely decorations for the church tree and to take home! The school is filled with the sound of Christmas carols being learnt (which you may also be experiencing at home) and KS1 are getting very excited about their nativity.
Information about the Christmas fair has been sent to you and the FoB have created a novel idea for the Christmas raffle. See below for the link for that too! We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December from 2:30pm.

Willow Class
We have had a lovely two weeks in Willow Class. We are excited for the build up to Christmas!
In drawing club, we watched a clip based on the book The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers. It was fun to design our own rockets and make our own aliens.
In science, we have been noticing the changes in autumn and the days getting shorter. We have learnt about nocturnal animals and did an experiment to find the best insulator for a hibernating hedgehog. We made predictions and tested our ideas, imagining warm water bottles are sleeping hedgehogs!
We have been investigating windmills in DT, we have tested wind sails and axles and we are looking forward to making our own windmills next week.
In music, we have begun practising our nativity songs in preparation for our upcoming performance. We have been learning the words and actions to each song and enjoying singing together as a group.
We enjoyed buddy time this week. This is when Silver Birch class come down to us and we explore with them!

Beech Class
In Beech Class, we have been reading non-fiction books and websites and noticing features of this genre. We have been reading facts about Toys From Around the World and writing them in our own words. We have had a go at writing our own non-fiction texts about toys and games from around the world.



In VIPERS we have continued with Rapunzel, another Beth Woolvin book and described the character Rapunzel. In Science, we have talked about Season and suitability of materials to a purpose. In Design Technology. we have designed and made our own puppets and evaluated our makes. In Maths, we have been practising addition and subtraction of number facts to 10 and 20, adding multiple addends in the most efficient way. In Music, we have been practising for our Nativity! In Art, we have been making our own Art using natural materials.



In Learning For Life, we have talked about bullying and what we can do if we feel we are being bullied. In PE, we have been playing netball.

Holly Class
Holly class have been busy writing fact pages about the Stone Age. We're experts at this point so our focus has been succinctly writing up our facts in a way that engages the reader. We're trying to use similes to help describe things to our readers.
In maths, we're working on multiplication. We're focusing on connections between times tables. We've begun by looking at the 2x, 4x and 8x table. We're learning them well and keen to earn certificates for each table we can confidently recall.
Our Stone Age themed dances are nearly finished. We've worked effectively in our groups to tell a story within our routines. The children have enjoyed recording the routines and watching them back to notice any areas to change and improve. Next week we'll be performing them to the other half of the class.
For RE this term, we're learning about the Trinity. We've

discussed the concept and looked at how God is portrayed as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We wrote prayers inspired by the Grace prayer.
In art and DT sessions, we've turned our focus to the Christmas Fair. We have designed and made snowmen out of clay which will be needed for one of our stalls.

Silver Birch Class
Silver Birch have definitely been working hard and have already planned and created our stalls for our Christmas Fair next Friday. In English, we have finished our newspaper articles and have started writing job adverts for the Ancient Egyptians. This writing is non-fiction, but we can elaborate the truth (a little!) The children have had to research various jobs such as: Pharaoh, Dancer, Goldsmith, and Farmer. The children will use this information to form an advert/poster for children in Holly Class to apply for. We also finished our lovely book, Secrets of a Sun King. We have really enjoyed this text. In maths, we have been continuing to explore decimal fractions and revisiting times tables. We will be continuing for one more week looking at comparing and ordering decimal to up to three decimal places. I have been assessing the children on their times tables every Friday too. In geography, we have continued to look at Egypt as a country; settlements, climate, location in the World and rivers/seas. In RE, we have created a WANTED poster for a Messiah, and we used texts taken from the Bible to find evidence of Jesus coming as the Messiah to save us. We looked at a panel of the Big Freize, and the children have made links to our Worship this term and Christmas.

Sign in system
We now have in place an electronic visitor/staff/student sign in system. Please ensure if your child is late or is taken out during the school day, they must check in/out using the iPad that is located near the school office window.

Friday Celebrations
Class leaves went to:



Values certificates went to:



TTRS certificates went to:

Lots of children in Holly Class gained certificates for knowing their 2x,5x and 10x tables and some for their 4x table too.

Annual Admissions Consultation 2028/9
Further to the closure of Twineham CE Primary School, West Sussex propose to combine what was the catchment area for Twineham CE Primary School, with the catchment area for https://friendsofbolneyadvent.lovable.app/
Bolney CE Primary School. Further information and a chance to voice your opinion, can be found here.

Rights Respecting Team
The team continue to work hard to keep everyone safe around School Lane.





Spring Term Club – Bookings Now Open! We're delighted to announce that our Premier Education extra-curricular clubs are returning for the Spring Term 2027, and bookings are now open! Give your child something exciting to look forward to after the Christmas holidays. Premier Education clubs are a fantastic opportunity for children to try new activities, learn new skills, build confidence, make friends and, most importantly, have fun! All sessions are delivered by qualified, experienced and DBS-checked coaches in a fun, safe and inclusive environment, welcoming children of all abilities.

Wraparound Childcare
Do you need extra time in the day for Christmas shopping – why not use Bolney Bees for breakfast and/or after school club for a one-off session! Please see the website on how to book in! Bolney CE Primary School - Wrap-Around Childcare for BOLNEY CEPS Pupils

Friends of Bolney Christmas Fair
Please purchase your child's wristband before Friday 4th December so that we can hand them out on the day. Any children not taking part will be in the library or helping with stalls until their parent picks them up

at 3.15pm. The QR code is also on the noticeboard for easy purchase.



FOB ADVENT –buy your tickets now, fantastic prizes!
https://friendsofbolneyadvent.lovable.app/





Ms Lofthouse and all the staff at Bolney CEP School

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

Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
Friday 4th Dec	Christmas jumper day School Fair 2:30-4pm
Friday 11th Dec	KS1 Christmas show at Holy Trinity, Cuckfield - email
Tues 15th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Weds 16th Dec	2pm KS1 nativity 6pm KS2 carols
Thurs 17th Dec	10:45 KS1 community nativity 2pm KS1 nativity
Friday 18th Dec	Celebration assembly open to families followed by work sharing. Last day of term