



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are already over halfway through this half-term – time really is flying by. Everyone is learning a lot and enjoying this term’s interesting topics. We hope you’ve enjoyed hearing about them at home too!

## Curriculum

We will continue to be regularly sharing what the children have been doing in school. Here are some examples of what has been happening at Bishopswood in the last few weeks....

### **Miss Russell, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Bellemere say...**

In Year R we have had great fun learning about different artists and explorers. The children have particularly loved exploring the outside world during our outdoor day, especially spotting birds for the RSPB bird watch. Lots of muddy fun was had by all!



### **Mrs Boyce, Mrs Rolph & Miss Daly say...**

Year 1 have had an active and exciting time this term. In PE, we have been enjoying gymnastics,



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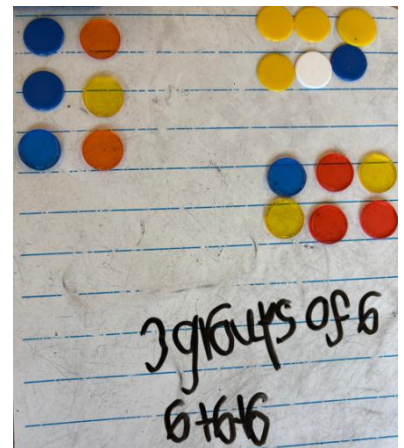
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using the wall bars and a variety of floor equipment. The children have practised climbing, balancing and travelling in different ways. In science, we have been learning about the human body and how to stay healthy. We learned about healthy eating and created our own healthy eating plates, helping us think about making good choices to keep our bodies strong.

### **Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...**

Year 2 have been super busy this term! We have been enjoying our Space topic and have had lots of fun learning about Neil Armstrong and the Moon landing. We had a debate to decide if Space travel should continue or not. In science we have been learning about food chains and had a go at making some using animals from different habitats. In English we read the book *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers. We designed our own aliens, described them using noun phrases and then wrote the story in our own words. In Guided Reading we have practised our inference and prediction skills and have been working on reading with fluency. In maths we have been learning about equal groups and how to apply these to our times tables. We will be practising our 2, 5 and 10 x tables over the next term!



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**Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say...** Year 3 have had a lovely couple of weeks carrying on our learning about Ancient Egypt. We have discovered what they used the River Nile for and have researched the Egyptian god Tutankhamun. In guided reading we have been looking at a book called *After the Fall* based on the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty. We have made predictions about the story and summarised the key events. In writing, we have written instructions for mummification using different vocabulary and grammatical features, such as adjectives, time conjunctions and imperative verbs.



**Mr Morris, Miss Feather & Mr Sargeant say...** Year 5 have really been enjoying their WWII topic so far this half term. We have been investigating how it would have felt to be evacuated as well as who the leaders were and what qualities they needed to be considered 'great'. In writing, we have continued to study the book *Letters from the Lighthouse* which follows the war through the eyes of two evacuated children. The children have been very inquisitive and respectful when discussing some of these mature themes. Finally, in art we have been studying the sculptor Henry Moore and have started to make our clay models inspired by him.



**Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...**

Year 4 have had a very busy couple of weeks. In Science, the children have been exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They particularly enjoyed making Oobleck and investigating how it behaves under pressure, before discussing how it could be categorised based on its unique properties.



In Writing, the children have been retelling the story *Bike Boy* by Jane Considine. They have impressed us with their thoughtful vocabulary choices and creative ideas, bringing the story to life in their own writing.



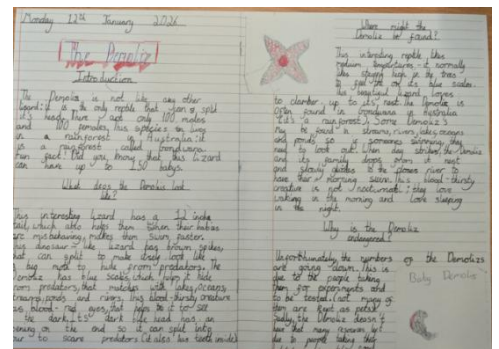
In Art, the children have truly impressed us with their developing sketching skills. They produced some fantastic drawings of London landmarks, including Big Ben, and should be

extremely proud of their efforts. We are very proud of the high-quality work they have produced.



**Mrs Ouazzani & Mrs Drelan say....**

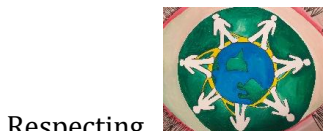
Year 6 have had a busy few weeks carrying on their learning in writing, based around the book *Holes*, by Louis Sachar.



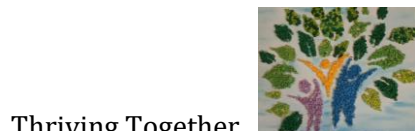
They have written fantastic non-chronological reports around the lizards they created and are now busy writing a survival guide for how to survive Camp Green Lake. In art, the children have been mimicking Frida Kahlo's style and have started planning out their own self-portraits. In writing, they have been learning all about Maya religion and gods. They really have produced some excellent pieces of work this half term.



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## The Hive

We have been busy exploring facts on Animals. We have been completing our own fact files and sharing them with each other. To end our topic the children and adults are having fun making a habitat for their animal. Photos to follow when complete!

Come and make a difference for our schools!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes  
Head of School

## Athletics Success

On Monday, Bishopswood took a team of 12 year 5 and 6 pupils to an indoor athletic event held at Costello School in Basingstoke. Ten teams from other local Basingstoke schools took part and it was an amazing team competition with the children competing in sprints, relay races and field events. Our children performed brilliantly, coming in 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to everyone who took part!

## Dates for Your Diary

**3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Year R Bedtime Stories Day

**5<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 5 WWII Day

**11<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 SATS revision parents' meeting

**12<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 1 Kings and Queens Day

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February** – HALF-TERM

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** – INSET Day

**24<sup>th</sup> February** – Book Fair arrives

**24<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents' Evening (All years)

**26<sup>th</sup> February** – Height and Weight checks – Year 6

**26<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents' Evening (Years R to 5)

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Year 6 Parents' Evening

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 5 STEM workshops

**6<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 STEM workshops

**30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April** – EASTER HOLIDAYS

## Parking Reminder

As a reminder, parents are not permitted to use the inner school car park at all, including at the beginning or end of the day or when dropping off/collecting from breakfast or after school club. Thank you.



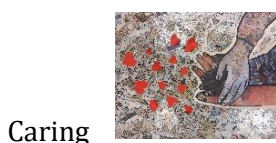
Please also be considerate when you are parking locally and never block access to driveways and/or vehicles. Thank you for your support in this.

## Message from the PTA

Our friendly PTA are working hard, organising fun events to raise much-needed extra funds for the schools. Information regarding future events will follow soon.



We are always looking for help so if any parents, relatives or grown-up can offer any time or assistance in anyway, or would like to join the PTA. please get in touch via Facebook or email [Bishopswoodschoolspta@gmail.com](mailto:Bishopswoodschoolspta@gmail.com)



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**FEBRUARY**

**Half Term Holiday Club**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February until  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

8:30AM to 5:30PM

£25 a day

**SCAN TO BOOK**

**NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MINT DAY**

**RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY**  
FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>

**NATIONAL Love YOUR PET DAY**  
FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>

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Explore - Discover - Record!

# BIOBLITZ

## TADLEY COMMON

### 6 JUNE 2026

**SURVEY WILDLIFE!**

**IDENTIFY SPECIES!**

**LEARN WITH EXPERTS!**

**FUN NATURE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!**

Hosted by **Turbary Charity** and **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF WILDLIFE DISCOVERY!**

**Sport In Mind**

**FREE!**

## Sport & Games - for Youth Mental Wellbeing

**Time** Tuesdays at 4.30-5.30pm (Ages 10-14)  
**Term-time session**

**Venue** Hall A, The Link, Newchurch Road, Tadley RG28 4HN

**Description** Fun, free and interactive session to enjoy different games & activities and help improve the mental wellbeing of young people. A great way to help build confidence and self-esteem and meet new people!

This group is provided **FREE** by mental health charity Sport In Mind for the benefit of local young people. Any questions email [youth@sportinmind.org](mailto:youth@sportinmind.org)

[@sportinmind](https://www.instagram.com/sportinmind) [info@sportinmind.org](mailto:info@sportinmind.org) [www.sportinmind.org](http://www.sportinmind.org) 03001021400

Supported by the **McGovern Legacy**

Working in partnership with **NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**

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**SPOTLIGHT UK** Creating positive memories

**RAFFLE £3 PER TICKET**

**WIN A WEEK FAMILY BREAK TO BUTLINS THIS MAY HALF TERM**

Scan here or email [activities@spotlightuk.org](mailto:activities@spotlightuk.org) to enter

The money raised will support local children affected by loss, children in care, young carers, children with long term disabilities or terminal illness, children affected by domestic abuse

Charity No. 1129258

# let's glow!

LIGHT TRAIL

**Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 February 2026**

**6pm to 9pm**

Follow a fantastic free light trail through War Memorial Park and the Top of the Town to see spectacular installations.

[www.LoveBasingstoke.co.uk/lets-glow](http://www.LoveBasingstoke.co.uk/lets-glow)

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## Holiday Activities

HAMPSHIRE MUSIC EDUCATION HUB

### Easter 2026

#### MUSIC PRODUCTION

The Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh  
Mon 30th & Tues 31st March  
9:30am – 3:30pm  
Suitable for children in Years 5,6,7 and 8  
£85 (both days) including lunch



*Dive into the world of music creation using iPads and GarageBand. Explore remixing, sampling, and live DJing with hands-on experience using professional gear. Discover how chords shape songs, experiment with different genres, and learn to build your own tracks from the ground up. Whether you're into beats, melodies, or mixing, everything you need is provided - just bring your creativity!*

[Click here to watch a video about the enrichment days](#)  
[Click here for the sign up form](#)

## ROCK 2 THE BEAT

The Rose Theatre, Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh  
Mon 30th & Tues 31st March  
9:30am – 3:30pm  
Performance Tues 31st at 3:30pm  
£85 (both days) including lunch



*Suitable for all Years 3-10 currently playing in a Rock 2 the Beat band, or who currently learn voice, guitar, bass, keyboard or drums at Grade 1 (or above) and are able to read basic notation.*

*Come and join other Rock 2 the Beat musicians from around the county and learn a song from start to finish, building confidence through collaboration and creativity. Limited places for each instrument, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.*

[Click here for the sign up form](#)

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## Breast Walk Ever Hampshire 2026

**Walk for life saving research into secondary spread breast cancer. Choose from a Marathon, Half Marathon or 10K.**

Following in the footsteps of King Charles after his escape from Worcester in 1651 on “The Monarchs Way”. Take on the half marathon to enjoy the Clarendon, Itchen and Pilgrims way too. Enjoy the riverside on the edge of Historic Winchester and St Catherine's Hill too. Take on the full marathon and you will be rewarded with the splendour of the South Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**Activity:** Walking

**Date:** 14th June 2026

**Location:** IBM UK Labs, Hursley Park, Hursley, Winchester SO21 2JN

**Distance options:** Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K

**Prices:** £10-£40 depending on distance.

*Snapshot of what to expect: Event village with refreshments, toilets and free on-site parking throughout the day. Fully signposted routes with well-stocked feed stations throughout as well as medical support. Medal and massage at the finish. Dogs welcome.*

**Event Website:** <https://breastwalkever.org/>

[Sign up here!](#)

## Volunteers

This event relies on the generosity of willing volunteers. If you would like to support Against Breast Cancer with the marshalling of Breast Walk Ever Hampshire, we have plenty of roles available on the day. Please email [events@againstbreastcancer.org.uk](mailto:events@againstbreastcancer.org.uk) to let us know and we can provide you with options. You will be given a full briefing as well as refreshments throughout the day. No experience necessary.

*Against Breast Cancer funds pioneering research into new treatments, tools for earlier diagnosis and advice to reduce the risk of recurrence and secondary spread. Working with expert scientists we want to increase the survival rates of all breast cancer patients and ultimately, discover a vaccine against breast cancer.*

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