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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

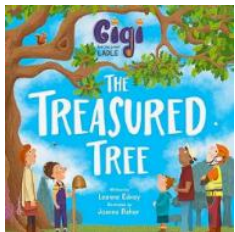
Suddenly the half-term break has arrived and if you can believe it, we are somehow already over halfway through the 2025-2026 academic year! I hope you have a great week away from school – fingers-crossed that the weather improves and we also get a much-needed break from all the rain!

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Monday 23rd February - we look forward to seeing you back at school on **Tuesday 24th February**.

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 enjoyed the last few weeks finding out about authors, illustrators and planning changes to our own learning. Bedtime stories was a particular favourite day, being able to come in our PJs and meet a real life author



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Leanne. She shared one of her 3 books with us, and brought in a giant ladle from the story.

Chestnut class have enjoyed forest school so far, and this week the children toasted their own marshmallows. They were yummy.



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



Year 1 have had a busy finish to the term! In computing, we have been learning about algorithms and how to program Beebots. In science, we have been learning about how to stay healthy, and we did some exercise to test our heart rates. In DT this week, we made jam tarts and evaluated our process, although the best part for us all was eating them! Finally, we finished off the half term with our 'Kings and Queens Day'. We enjoyed dressing up as kings, queens, princes, princesses and knights and spent the day doing 'royal' activities such as writing with quills, drawing castles, learning a royal dance and, of course, enjoying the bouncy castle!

Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...



Year 2 have had a busy but great couple of weeks. In art we have been printing our alien designs in the style of artist Andy Warhol. We had great fun pressing our designs into the tiles then printing them in bright colours. In English, we read the book Beegu by Alexis Deacon. We thought about what Beegu might be saying throughout the story, and used a range of punctuation such as speech marks, exclamation marks and question marks. We also created a LOST poster using noun phrases and

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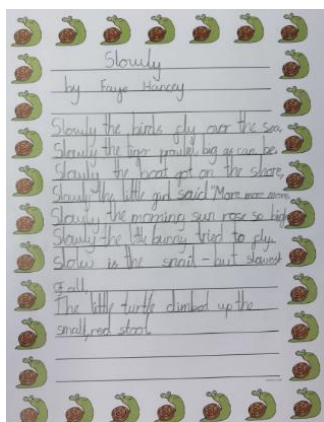


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adjectives to describe the character. In Maths we have been practising our 2, 5 and 10 x tables and applying these to problems to solve!

Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say...

Year 3 have finished off their Ancient Egypt topic, learning about all the different Egyptian Gods and creating some fantastic sketches of Tutankhamun. We have been learning different sketching techniques, such as shading, creating patterns and



holding the pencil at different angles. In writing, we have been creating some poems about things that are slow using personification and rhyming words. In science we finished our topic on light, learning about how to stay safe in

the sun. We designed some sunglasses for people to wear to protect their eyes and discussed how light from the sun can be dangerous.

Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...

Year 4 have been developing their art skills by sketching some of London's most famous landmarks, including Big Ben and Tower Bridge. They then created beautiful London skyline artwork, using watercolours to paint vibrant backgrounds. We have been very impressed with



their effort, creativity and resilience throughout the project. In our topic lessons,

we have also been developing our geography skills. The children have been learning how to use four-figure grid references to accurately locate features

on a map. They have enjoyed the challenge of finding different landmarks and understanding how maps help us navigate the world around us.

Mr Morris, Miss Feather & Mr Sargeant say...

Year 5 have finished off their topic this half term with a bang, enjoying their World War Two day. Children dressed up in a



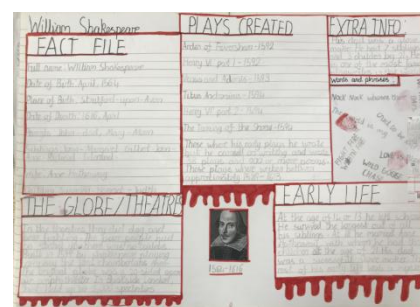
range of amazing costumes, and we were so impressed with your creativity. During the day, children had an amazing talk from a special guest and were able to touch and try on items from the war, including some uniforms. They learnt to



decipher morse code, made artwork inspired by the Blitz, and lined up to buy their rations using their ration books. The children also

recreated an air raid, with specially appointed air raid wardens ensuring that everyone was prepared and was able to get to safety when the siren sounded in the classroom. It was a great day, and we have really enjoyed learning all about this topic with the children.

Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein & Mrs Dreelan say....



Year 6 have continued learning about Mayans with a jigsaw project bringing together their knowledge of

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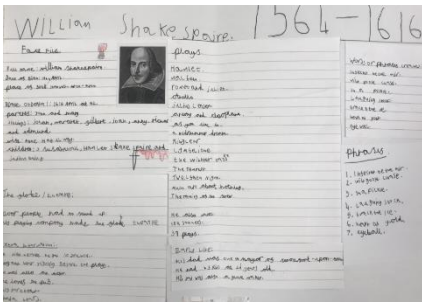
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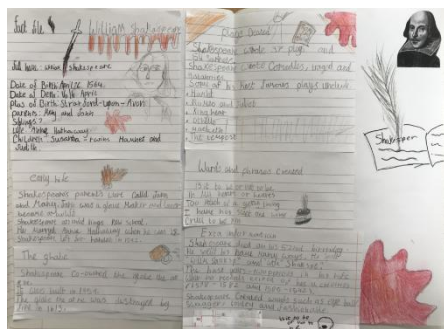
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Mayan life. The children have completed their Camp Green Lake Survival Guides which were very entertaining to

We have had complaints from local residents in Hythe close where the parking has become a major issue. There is a main car park and a small car park, and residents have accepted parents using the small car park. However, they are increasingly finding parents filling the whole car park and are unable to park in their own spaces. This MAIN car park is for residents only, so please do not park in there unless you are a resident. Thank you.

read; the children clearly understood this style of writing. This week, to prepare the children for their Macbeth writing learning journey after half-term, we introduced the children to Shakespeare and they have created fantastic information pages about him.



Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School

Dates for Your Diary

16th – 20th February – HALF-TERM

23rd February – INSET Day

24th February – Book Fair arrives

24th February – Parents' Evening (All years)

25th February – Year R Parents' Evening

26th February – Height and Weight checks – Year 6

26th February – Parents' Evening (Years 1 to 5)

2nd March – Year 6 Parents' Evening

3rd March – Year 5 STEM workshops

5th March – World Book Day

6th March – Year 6 STEM workshops

19th March – Y4 trip to Legoland

30th March – 10th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS

The Hive

We have had an exciting end to this half term, enjoying Chinese New Year and Valentines Day. The children made Chinese Lanterns and enjoyed tasting noodles and prawn crackers. For Valentines Day, we made cards and baked biscuits to share with our loved ones.



Parking Reminder

As a reminder, parents are not permitted to park on the zig-zags, or double yellow lines outside school. Additionally, parents are not permitted to use the inner school car park at all.



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FEBRUARY

Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 16th February until
Friday 20th February 2026

8:30AM to 5:30PM

£25 a day

SCAN TO BOOK

NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MINT DAY

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY
FEBRUARY 17th

NATIONAL Love YOUR PET DAY
FEBRUARY 20th

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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

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

Supported by the McCreesh Legacy

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

supported by **Basingstoke and Deane**

Attendee sign up

Scarlett's Smiles
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 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

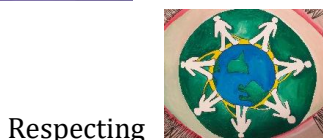
6pm to 9pm

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

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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 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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