



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are halfway through this Spring 2 half-term already, as it is such a short half-term – only 5 weeks long! The children have been very busy..... starting new topics and learning new skills, as well as practising their all-important reading and times tables. Keep it up! That practice will definitely pay off!

Spring definitely feels like it is on the way, and it's been lovely to have some warmer, sunnier days at times. However, the weather can still be very changeable, so please do remember to send in a coat each day.

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 been enjoying the wonderful world of food. We been exploring different recipes including pancakes and voting for our favourite flavour of milkshake. We have been exploring



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vegetables and learning where food comes from. This exploration is helping prepare us for when we sow our own seeds and hopefully grow some food ourselves.

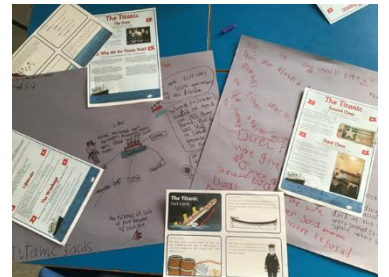
Mrs Boyce, Mrs Rolph & Miss Daly say...

Year 1 started the new half term by creating artwork inspired by the artist Vincent van Gogh and the book Our Big Blue Sofa. The children then made their own creations called Our Big Blue Bus, linking their work to our current topic. They explored how Van Gogh used different types of lines in his artwork and applied this technique when creating their own pieces. We have also been busy learning about Tadley and our local area, comparing it to larger towns such as Basingstoke. We then used this information to write letters in English, and we took a walk to our local post box to send the letters.



Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have been continuing our learning about the Titanic over the last few weeks. We have been researching what life would have been like on the Titanic for both a 1st class and a 3rd class passenger. In science we have been learning about life cycles and the different stages of life for living things. In maths we have been learning to add 2-digit numbers on a number line and how we can use this to solve problems. In English we have been learning about suffixes and the spelling rules needed when using these in our writing. We also had a great time celebrating World Book Day last



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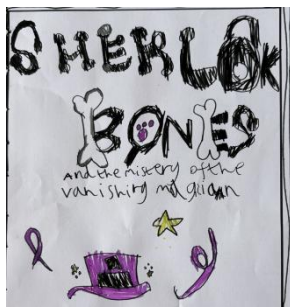


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week. We did lots of book related activities, read with a year 5 class and played musical books. It was lovely seeing the children enjoying the day!

Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say

Year 3 have had a great time learning about the Mediterranean. We have learnt all the different countries surrounding it and have compared the climate of the Mediterranean and the United Kingdom. We had a great time celebrating world Book Day last week. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed designing



bookmarks, front covers (such as the one in the picture) and their class crest for the reading race competition. Finally, in writing we have been writing a persuasive letter based on the book

Charlotte's Web using lots of persuasive vocabulary and modal verbs.

Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...

Year 4 have been travelling back in time, preparing for their Roman Day experience (news to follow soon). We have been learning to march like a Roman soldier. Also, we have been learning the skills needed to make a perfect testudo, to defend from oncoming barbarian attacks (no children were



harmed in this lesson). Once the physical side of our training was completed, we had to make sure we knew

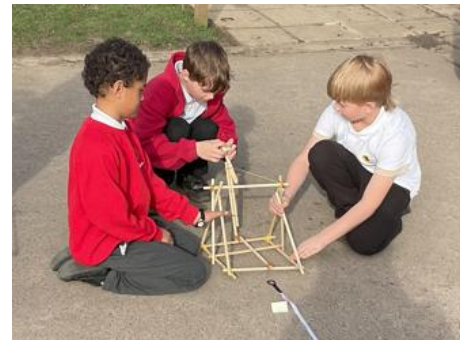
what equipment we would need to take into battle to grow the Roman empire. We have been making

sure we know our Pilus from our Gladius and our Scutum from our Galea.

We're not quite ready for front lines of battles yet, but we are ready to arm ourselves for Bishopswood's Emperor Armes!

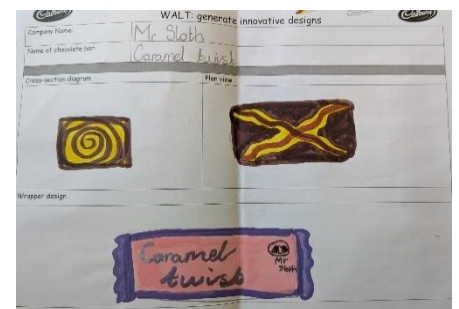
Mr Morris, Miss Feather & Mr Sargeant say...

Year 5 have been busy learning all about forces this term, and how they affect the world around us. So far, children have investigated whether gravity affects items of different masses in a different way, and which surface has the most friction and why. They also enjoyed a brilliant STEM workshop led by two amazing women from AWE, who taught the children how to use levers and pulleys to make a working catapult. The children then took them out into the playground to see whose could fire a projectile the furthest.



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

Year 6 have started their Macbeth topic in writing this half term, travelling back in time to Scottish war and treason! They have written fantastic story openings, describing the witches and introducing the main characters. In topic, the children have begun a DT project, based around designing a new chocolate bar. They are working in small groups to



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complete 'The Apprentice' style activities based around market research, flavours and wrapper designs. At the end of the topic, they will have to pitch their ideas to the year 6 team! They are working really collaboratively and have come up with some fantastic ideas and designs already.

The Hive

We have had a busy couple of weeks in the Hive. Our topics have been Friendships and enjoying World Book Week!

The staff enjoyed listening to all the fun activities the children enjoy doing with their friends.

During our World Bood Week, we listened to several Julia Donaldson Books and used the character toys to act out the stories together. The favourite part of the week was when we all got comfy with cushions, beanbags and blankets and were able to watch one of the stories on a laptop.

World Book Day 2026

Thank you for all your support you have given to

Bishopswood around all the World Book Day events. All the children (and staff) looked fantastic dressed up and it was



an incredibly positive atmosphere around the school. It was lovely to hear all the discussions that were taking place about reading and books.

Also, thank you to everyone who has kindly raised money for our sponsored reading event. We will be keeping the competition open over the weekend if anyone else wants to contribute and will announce the winners next week.

Sporting Events/Competitions

Recently, the girls football team played in their quarter final knockout match at St John's School. After an excellent performance, which was a very tense goalless draw, the match went to sudden death penalties which Bishopswood unfortunately lost. It was a fantastic team effort from the team.

We also took a team of Year 5 and 6 children to a cross-country event in Basingstoke. The weather conditions were very tricky and the children put in a huge amount of effort to complete 1.5km course. A special mention to Ed in Year 6 who came 3rd out of over 150 boys.

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.



Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School

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Dates for Your Diary

17th March – YR Allotment Walk

19th March – Y4 trip to Legoland

20th March - Y2 Football Festival

24th March – Y2 Titanic Day

24th March – YR Seed Delivery Walk

24th March – RockSteady Concert

25th March – Y1 Phonics Talk

26th March – Y1 Minibus Trip

30th March – 10th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS

14th April – Y4 Swimming starts

23rd April – Y1/2 Tennis Roadshow

4th May – Bank Holiday

7th May – Fraser Class Photos

11th – 14th May – KS2 SATs Week

18th – 22nd May – Walk to School Week

23rd -31st May – **HALF-TERM**

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Easter Holiday Club

Monday 30th March to
Friday 10th April
(Excluding Bank Holiday)
8:30AM to 5:30PM
£25 a day

SCAN TO BOOK

Flip Out

Friday 13th March
5-7PM

£6.50 per person

Festival Place, Basingstoke RG21 7QU

To book or to find out more about Spotlight Gold membership for discounted activities please email activities@spotlightuk.org not Flip Out
www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

Family Ice Skating

£8 per person
including skates

21st March 2026
3-4pm
ages 5 and over

Planet Ice, Basingstoke Leisure Park

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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

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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

We warmly invite you to Tadley Band's

150th Anniversary Concert

Celebrating a century and a half of local music making!

Sunday 15th March, 2:30pm
Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, Tadley RG26 3TQ
FREE Entry on the door
Retiring Collection | Refreshments & Raffle

Scan to reserve seats online, or just turn up on the day!

Featuring a special presentation by Tadley and District Historical Society



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Congratulations

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised...**£746.85**.....
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

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You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1st Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Here's what parents have said:

'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the past year - Jo (parent)

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise (parent)

You can request the **Zoom link** on our website

<https://youarenotalone.community> or you can send an email to

team@youarenotalone.community



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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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