



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers,

It does not seem possible that we have reached the Easter holidays already, yet here we are! As we approach the Summer term, we can look back on all the children have achieved so far. They have been working really hard, and I'm sure are ready for their break from school.

From all of us at Bishopswood, we wish you a very Happy Easter, and hope you have a relaxing two weeks. We will look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**.



## 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....



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

In Year R we have been learning about bees and how important they are. We have found out about different types of bees and decided to create bee corridors: one inside school using our own art work and another in our local community. We have also written to residents to tell them how important insects are and



sent some wildflower seeds for them to grow. We have also been lucky enough to visit the local allotments and see what is growing there. We have planted our own seeds so that we can grow wild flowers and vegetables.



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

Year 1 have had a fantastic half term! Over the past few weeks, we have been working hard in Maths, exploring different ways we can measure. We have learnt how to weigh objects using scales, rulers, and cubes. In Science, we carried out an experiment to answer the question: Do plants need water and light to grow? Each class grew their own cress in different classroom environments to discover the results. Lastly, to complete our topic, we created our own towns using junk modelling. We also enjoyed an exciting mini-bus trip around Tadley to explore our local area!



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## Miss Wright & Miss Okey say...



Year 2 have really enjoyed our learning this half term. Over the last few weeks, we have been

working hard to learn how to add on a number line in maths and use this to help solve problems. In English we wrote a fact file about the Titanic to show off all the amazing things we have learnt. To finish our topic, we have a brilliant Titanic day! We learnt a 1<sup>st</sup> class and 3<sup>rd</sup> class dance, tried different foods from each class, made a junk modelling Titanic and tested to see if it would float and had fun playing some old games. We all looked amazing in our costumes and had such a fun day!



magnets. We conducted an experiment to see which magnet was stronger: a bar magnet or a horseshoe magnet. The results caught everyone by surprise! In our Geography lessons, the children researched human and physical geographical features of two different Mediterranean countries. They also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of living in a Mediterranean country.



## Miss Price and Mr Mahony say ...



What a couple of weeks it's been ... from Legoland laughs to Roman re-enactments for our Roman re-enactment day.

Last week, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Legoland, with the focus of our trip linking to our topic of London. Throughout the day, we improved on our map reading skills, having to locate different buildings in Miniland based on coordinates. We also spent time sketching our favourite monuments close up, which was far more interesting than seeing it on a screen! However, we did sneak a little bit of time for a few rides here and there ... a lot of children enjoyed getting to share the special moment with teachers that didn't embarrass them in public!



## Mr Dale & Mrs Lamb say



Last week, Year 3 came into their classrooms to discover a crime scene! We have been investigating whether The Big Bad Wolf has

been wrongly imprisoned for destroying the Three Little Pigs' houses. The children have been writing a newspaper article showcasing each side of the story. In science, the children have been continuing their learning about



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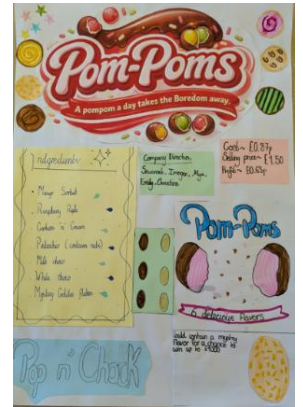
In our final week, we have been building up to our Roman experience day. We have been grappling with Roman numerals as well as getting into soldier mentality understanding and mastering the skills in which to form a variety of shield walls. Who knows, Emperor Armes may even get to see us on the glorious battlefield!

However, we do want to assure you that no children will be hurt in the making of this.



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

Year 6 have had a great few weeks and have really got into the swing of their SATs revision homework. In writing, the children have been continuing their work on Macbeth, this time writing persuasive letters from the point of view of Lady Macbeth to Macbeth, persuading him to kill King Duncan! They have done fantastically well at getting into character. In the afternoons they have continued their creativity, both with their final Frida Kahlo inspired self-portraits using pastels, and their amazing chocolate bar projects! We are incredibly proud of how well Year 6 are working and we hope they all have a restful Easter break!



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



Year 5 have had a great half term looking at forces, carrying out experiments to test the effects of gravity, friction and air resistance.

We finished off the term by using our knowledge of pneumatics to create monsters with mouths that open and close. In writing, the children have created fantastic pieces of writing based on the story The Journey, and the short film The Piano. In music lessons, we have looked at how music is able to evoke certain images and moods and used that to create our own compositions on the keyboard. The children worked incredibly hard to create music that represented the sounds and feelings of the Arctic.

## The Hive

We have had fun times, exploring Spring and Easter. We enjoyed going for a walk into our woods, looking for signs of Spring. We made Easter baskets, and baked chocolate goodies to go inside them! Some of us have also started independent TEACCH Tasks, which we have managed to do, and enjoy.

## Sporting Events/Competitions

A very well done to the group of Year 2 boys and girls who represented our school brilliantly last week, during the KS1 Football Festival. You showed excellent teamwork and resilience, and you should be proud of the way you played! We are definitely proud of you!



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## Easter Hunt

This week, the children have enjoyed an exciting Easter Hunt in school. They had lots of fun, received some treats and showed brilliant teamwork, working together to make sure everyone was successful. A lovely time was had by all! A huge thank you to all the staff, and especially to Mrs Renfrew from the Infants, who made the event happen in the first place. Thank You!

## Wedding Congratulations!

Miss Feather is getting married over the Easter holidays, which is wonderful news! She will be staying as "Miss Feather", as her new husband is called "Mr Morris", and she felt it would be very



confusing to be called "Mrs Morris" in school. Just for clarification purposes, she is not marrying our Mr Morris – he is already married! I know you will want to join me in wishing Miss Feather and (other) Mr Morris a wonderful wedding day, and every happiness in their married life!

## Fond Farewells

In less happy news for us, we are saying goodbye to two much-valued members of support staff. Miss Hall and Miss Schaeffer are both off to explore new avenues in their careers, and while we are immensely sad to see them go, we are excited for them and their adventures to come. I know you will want to join me in wishing them Good Luck, and saying a huge thank you for all they have done for the schools.

## 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

## Dates for Your Diary

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

**13<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer Term.**

**14<sup>th</sup> April – Y4 Swimming starts**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April – Y1/2 Tennis Roadshow**

**28<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Hockey competition**

**4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Walk to School Week**

**21<sup>st</sup> May – Y5/6 Girls' Tag Rugby Competition**

**23<sup>rd</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> 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

**Sport & Games - for Youth Mental Wellbeing**

**FREE!**

**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)

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**RAFFLE £3 PER TICKET**

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

**Butlins**

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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  
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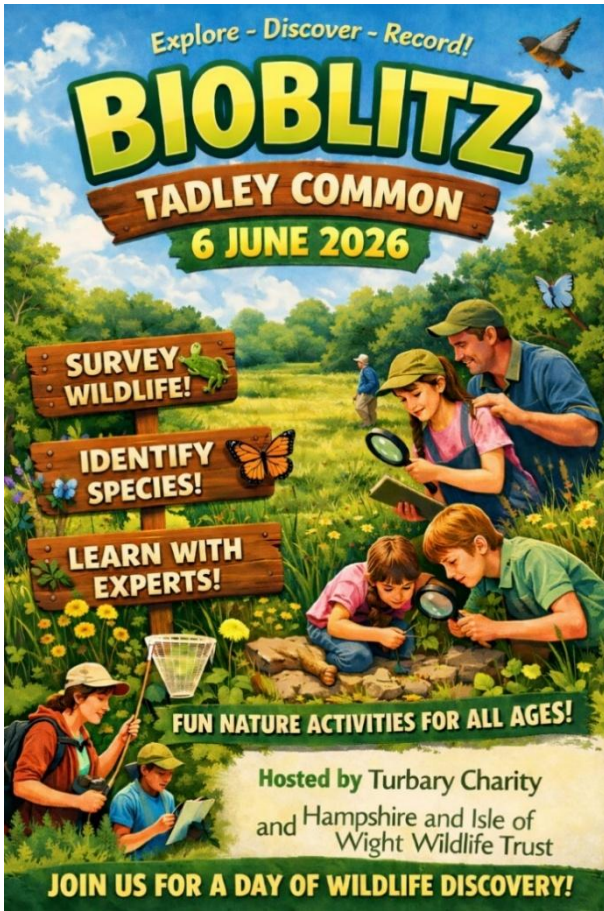
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## You Are Not Alone Drop-in

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:team@youarenotalone.community)



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